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Ops Group Receives an
OUTSTANDING on
Aircrew Stan Eval Visit
Base Improvements
Guardian Angels at USS
Intrepid on Vets Day



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 6** *Wing Holiday Party*
- January 9** *Wingman Night/1630/Trolley Barn*
- March 6** *St. Patrick's Day Party*

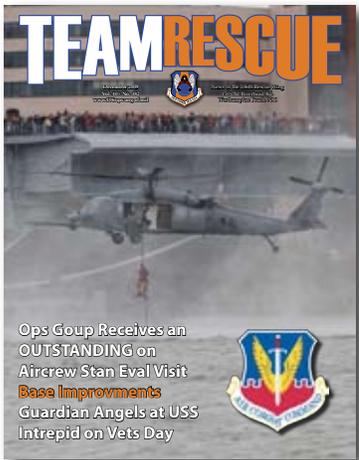
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Saturday
 Boxed Lunch

Sunday

Holiday Roast Beef, Baked Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Holiday Pies and Deserts and Assorted Salad Bar



On the Cover:

Main: The GAs performed a rescue demonstration in front of the USS Intrepid on Veteran's Day. Photos by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Inset: The hill across from the headquarters building was leveled and paved. Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Outstanding!

by Colonel Thomas J. Owens II

Team Rescue – the 106th RQW received an OUTSTANDING on our recent Stan Eval visit! Congratulations goes out to the Operations Group for achieving the highest rating for an Aircrew Stan Eval Visit (ASEV). The inspection which occurred over several months involving our partners from other units along with higher headquarters evaluators from Air Combat Command (ACC) demonstrates that we are the best in the business. The Operations Group really showed their expertise through exemplary checkrides, ground evals, testing and a superior Stan Eval program. Our “Outstanding” rating in the Operations Group ASEV forges the way ahead for the Wing in our focus on compliance. To Lt. Col. Reilly and the Operations Group, thanks for leading the charge, and thanks to the entire Wing for your outstanding effort. Nice teamwork– this is a team win!



Remember - that is our job – to fly, fight and win! I trust you all have been able to take in President Obama's address from West Point the other evening. Indeed, as members of the military community, it is our responsibility to understand and know our mission and

our future missions. The call for 30K more troops will undoubtedly provide a continuing dynamic that is inherently a part of the Personnel Recovery (PR) mission – Our Mission – provide a trained and equipped rescue force and expeditionary combat support (ECS) force capable of responding to and sustaining our Federal and State missions. And any Outstanding unit is always ready to execute, as we did two weeks ago during a challenging Civil SAR, as we did throughout 2009, as we will today, tomorrow, in 2010 and beyond so “That Others May Live.” We need to be strong in compliance because doing so saves scarce resources, increases our safety margins and most importantly, saves lives! There should be no doubt that an “Outstanding” ASEV translates to effective and efficient mission

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Memorial Calls for Photos of Vietnam Vets

WASHINGTON (AFRNS) --

The National Call for Photos, a campaign to gather images of the more than 58,000 men and women whose names are on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, was launched recently at a Newseum event here hosted by the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund and Fed Ex Office.

Fed Ex Office will use its locations across the country to help in gathering photos.

Established in 1979, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund is dedicated to preserving the legacy of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial here, promoting healing and

educating people about the impact of the Vietnam War.

The fund's latest initiative is The Education Center at The Wall, an underground facility near the memorial that is being designed to help visitors discover the stories of those named on The Wall and celebrate the values embodied by servicemembers from all of America's wars.

Exhibits will include a wall of photographs of people whose names are on The Wall, a selection of the more than 100,000 items that have been left at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, a timeline of key military events of the Vietnam

War and a history of the memorial.

The center also will celebrate the values embodied by America's servicemembers: loyalty, duty, respect, service, honor, integrity and courage, officials said. An exhibit will show images of those who have served in America's conflicts, from the Revolutionary War to Iraq.

More than \$20 million has been raised for the education center, including a \$10 million gift from Time Warner. It is

estimated that the center will cost \$85 million to build.

Other Memorial Fund initiatives include educational programs for students and teachers, a traveling Wall replica that honors veterans and a humanitarian and mine-action program in Vietnam. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)

For more information, visit the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund site: <http://lyris.dmasa.dma.mil/t/2291225/5972709/6996/0/>

Alumni News

Federal Benefits for Veterans, Dependents and Survivors

The 2009 Edition of the VA's booklet is available online at http://www1.va.gov/opa/vadocs/current_benefits.asp. The booklet provides the rates for certain federal payments and outlines many programs and services provided by VA and other federal agencies. It also includes toll-free phone numbers, Internet addresses and a directory of VA facilities throughout the country.

Honor Flight Network

is a non-profit organization, whose sole purpose is to honor veterans by transporting them free of charge to Washington, D.C. to see their memorial. Priority

is given to terminally ill and WWII veterans, who are provided medical necessities and other amenities to make their visit possible. You can help by registering a veteran with a simple application, or you may register to be a Guardian to assist the veteran at the airport, during the flight and at the memorial. For more information call (631) 702-2423 or visit www.honorflightlongisland.org.

The next meeting of the alumni board will be on Thursday, 19 November 2009, at 1730 hours in the old Wing Conference room, building 250. Any past or present members with military ID are welcome to attend the meeting.



The Secretary of the Air Force
Chief of Staff, United States Air Force
Washington, D.C.



MEMORANDUM FOR ALL AIR FORCE PERSONNEL
SUBJECT: Holiday Safety

Happy Holidays! Whether you are deployed, stationed overseas or living in the U.S., each of you should enjoy the season and celebrate in your own special way. However, we encourage you to celebrate responsibly. The Air Force needs you back at work, but more importantly, your friends and family need you in their lives. As the Air Force observes the Year of the Air Force Family, we ask you to consider how the results of your personal risk-related decisions and actions might affect your family and friends. What better gift can you give than to arrive home safely for the holidays?

The Air Force typically loses seven Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps during the months of November and December. Last fiscal year, we lost 47 Airmen to personal motor vehicle mishaps with 68 percent of those fatalities involving reckless behavior (not wearing a seatbelt, drinking and driving, or speeding). Many of you will travel during the holidays. Evaluate the hazards in your travel plans (fatigue, weather, pressing to get to your destination), then use sound risk management principles and discuss mitigation strategies with your commander or supervisor. Be responsible and remember the goal is ZERO preventable mishaps.

Enjoy the holidays and thank you for your service and your commitment to the Air Force!

TRAINING FOR INSPECTION

*Story by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy,
Photos by Senior Airman Chris Muncy*

Members of the 101st Rescue Squadron, 103rd Rescue Squadron and the 106th Security Forces Squadron (SFS) worked together to conduct a search and rescue exercise at F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG) Westhampton Beach, N.Y. on November 3, 2009. The scenario involved a downed HH-60 with four individuals on board. Three of the individuals played the role of injured personnel while one acted as an ambulatory victim. The Guardian Angles deployed to the region and made their way to the simulated downed aircraft while members of the 106th SFS acted as security for the Guardian Angels (GA).

The GAs task was to treat the

wounded and get them out of the area and back on the HH-60s. The most critical would be transported first while others, with less life threatening wounds, would be transported on a second, simulated, HH-60. The main goal of the exercise according to an unnamed GA is to make sure that the GAs are proficient in their skills related to aircraft communication, proper planning, mission planning, patient treatment and movement, as well as maintaining a tactical presence. Although this was just a training exercise, the team made sure to maintain a tactical element while working to be as quiet and as quick as possible.



A Guardian Angel from the 103rd Rescue Squadron makes his way to the simulated downed aircraft during the exfiltration exercise on November 3, 2009.



The Guardian Angels make their way to the simulated downed aircraft after exiting the HH-60.



Smoke is used by both Security Forces and the Guardian Angels to alert the HH-60 where to land. Smoke also has the secondary benefit of alerting the HH-60s pilots to which way the wind is blowing.



A Guardian Angel provides rear support as the other GAs make their way to the simulated downed aircraft.



Far Above and Above: Guardian Angels work to treat the simulated injured during the exfiltration exercise.

Left: After securing the wounded, the Guardian Angels take the victims to the HH-60, starting with the most seriously wounded.

Below: Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Legotti, 106th Security Forces Squadron, assisted the Guardian Angels in their duties by providing security so that they can do their job. The Security Forces Squadron provided security for the Guardian Angels during the entire exercise.



CHUTES AND LADDERS

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Guardian Angels from the 103rd Rescue Squadron worked with members of the 101st and 102nd Rescue Squadrons in order to conduct essential training on November 7, 2009. The training event, which was intended to prepare the Operations Group for an upcoming Staff Assisted Visit, included free fall and static live jumps from an HC-130 in addition to fast roping and rescue exfiltration training with the HH-60s.

All the training paid off because the Operations Group received an outstanding during their last inspection.



Guardian Angels static line jump from an HC-130.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Callise



Above: Guardian Angels climb a rope ladder to get into a hovering HH-60.

Far Right: A Guardian Angel attempts to get a handle on his parachute after jumping from an HC-130

Right: A Guardian Angel watches as two HH-60s hover overhead.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Callise



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Callise

A Guardian Angel makes a perfect landing after performing a static line jump out of a HC-130.

Chaplain's Corner

by Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

There was a store that had a sign "Puppies for Sale". A little boy saw the sign and asked the owner how much the puppies cost. The owner replied, "\$35.00," the boy said, "I only have \$2.50 but can I see the puppies?" The 5 puppies came out but one of the puppies had a noticeable limp. "What is wrong with that puppy?" asked the boy. The owner explained that the puppy did not have a

hip socket and so he would always limp. The little boy said, "That is the little puppy I want to buy." The owner replied, "you don't want to buy that puppy. He will always limp. I'll just give him to you." The little boy became upset and said, "That puppy is worth every bit as much as all the other dogs. I'll give you \$2.50 now and 50 cents a week until I have him paid for." The owner responded,

"O.K. but I don't know why you want to buy that puppy. He'll never be able to run or jump or play with you like the other puppies."

At that the boy reached down and rolled up his pants leg to reveal a badly twisted left leg supported by a heavy metal brace. He said to the store owner, "Well, I don't run so well myself and this puppy will need someone who understands."



Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara



Above: Col. Owens greeted members of each team before the game.

Below: Col. Owens speaks to Hans Luhmer, who helped make the event happen and who also goal tends during the game.



Soccer for Charity

Story: Staff Sgt. David Murphy Photos: Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

On November 8, 2009 Col. Thomas J. Owens II made an appearance at the 2nd annual benefit soccer game between the Center Moriches Fire Department and the Suffolk County Police Department. The game, held at Dowling College in Shirley, N.Y., was meant to raise money and other items for the deployed members of the 106th Rescue Wing and their families.

The event was organized

by Hans Luhmer, who has organized previous soccer matches to promote Relay for Life and the American Cancer Society. Luhmer, 65, goal tends for the fire department team and got the idea for the charity soccer game from a friend of his daughter, Sgt. Dana Russo, a military police officer for the 106th. "This is fantastic support for our troops," said Major Scott Williams, executive officer for the 106th RQW.



Members of the Suffolk County Police Department and Center Moriches Fire Department played in a charity soccer game on.

GUARDIAN ANGELS AT USS INTREPID

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Members of the 106th Rescue Wing participated in a Veteran's Day event in front of the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum in New York City on November 11, 2009. The event included multiple rescue demonstrations featuring the HH-60s from the 101st Rescue Squadron and Guardian Angels from the 103rd Rescue Squadron. After the event the HH-60s flew over the Veteran's Day parade route and landed on the deck of the USS Intrepid.

Members of the 101st and 103rd Rescue Squadron were on hand to answer questions from the visitors after the event. The HH-60 stayed on the Intrepid until the Sunset Ceremony, where it flew back to the 106th Rescue Wing.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Two HH-60s were used during the performance in front of the USS Intrepid on Veteran's Day.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

The New York City Police Department as well as the Coast Guard were both on hand to assist the Guardian Angels and to prevent unwanted boat traffic from passing through the area.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Guardian Angels wait in the water in front of the USS Intrepid for their T-Duck, inflatable boat, to be delivered by the HH-60s.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Guardian Angels attempt to start their T-Duck, an inflatable boat, during the performance in front of the USS Intrepid on Veteran's Day while two HH-60s fly overhead.



A crowd formed on the deck of the USS Intrepid in order to view the Guardian Angels performance on Veteran's Day.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

After performing for the audience and flying over the Veteran's Day Parade route in New York City, one of the HH-60s landed on the USS Intrepid to act as a static display.



Children and adults were able to get up close and personal with the HH-60 and the Guardian Angels after the demonstration.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy



Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

Guardian Angels get hoisted up to a waiting HH-60 during a performance in front of the USS Intrepid.

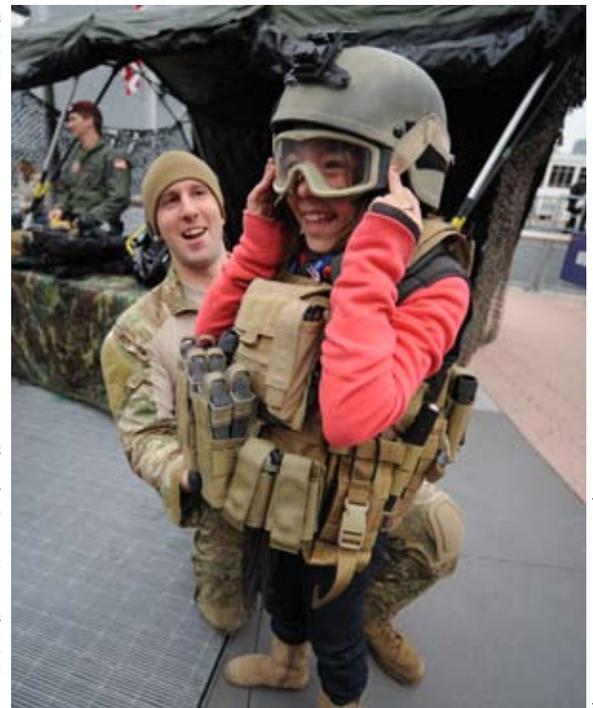


Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Kelly Meyer tries on some of the Guardian Angel gear at a booth set up at the entrance to the USS Intrepid.

Guardian Angels Deploy to Nassau Coliseum

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

For the third year in a row the Guardian Angels (GA) have made their way down to the Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, in Uniondale, N.Y., for the Islander's Military Appreciation Night on

November 7, 2009.

The event featured the GAs repelling from the rafters of the stadium, down to the ice, while the National Anthem was sung. They repelled carrying the American Flag, the New York State Flag and

the POW/MIA flag.

Cheerleaders and hockey players also brought out an oversized flag onto the ice during the ceremony as well.

After reaching the ice the GAs folded the American flag and presented that night's

game puck to the referees.

A GA with the 103rd RQS, said that the event allowed the GAs to practice their skills, rub elbows with members of the community and spread the word about the 106th Rescue Wing.



Photo courtesy of the New York Islanders

Guardian Angels from the 103rd Rescue Squadron hang from the rafters of Nassau Veteran's Memorial Coliseum on November 7, 2009 during the Islander's Military Appreciation Night.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Murney

GAs pose with members of the Islanders after the ceremony.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Murney

A member of the Guardian Angels hands the game's official puck to the referee before the start of the game.

CAREER NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

Aerospace Maint Appr (C-130)

Little Rock AFB, AR

Airman 1st Class Robert Witters
Senior Airman Mister W. Phillips
Tech. Sgt. Scott D. Devine

Air Force Combat Dive Course

Panama City, FL

Staff Sgt. Matthew F. Zimmer

Air Transportation Appr

Lackland AFB, TX

Senior Airman Michael A. Mungavin

Aircraft Fuel Systems Appr

Sheppard AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. James W. Campbell

Airman Leadership School

McGhee/Tyson ANGB, TN

Senior Airman Richard M. Altamirano

Aviation Resource Mgmt Appr

Keesler AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Michael C. Pennolino

Basic Military Training

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Julio C. Alvarado
Airman 1st Class David J. Farley III
Airman 1st Class Shaw P. Fitzgerald

Airman 1st Class Keith R. Gibiser

Airman 1st Class Gerard T. Jr.

Airman 1st Class John J. Seus III

Airman 1st Class Dominic M. Surinaga

Combat Arms Supervisor Course

Lackland AFB, TX

Master Sgt. Brian J. Candreva

Tech. Sgt. Francis A. Didomenico

HVAC

Sheppard AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Steven A. Jones

Interservice Mechanic Appr Course

Port Hueneme, CA

Airman 1st Class James E. Colina

Key Staff

Kirtland AFB, NM

Lt. Col. Brian J. Reilly

Loadmaster Initial Qual

Little Rock AFB, AR

Senior Airman Erik Cedano

Logistics Readiness Officer

Lackland AFB, TX

Capt. Michael J. Parisi

Airman Leadership

McGhee/Tyson ANGB, TN

Airman 1st Class Robert Witters

Maintenance Mgmt Prod Appr

Sheppard AFB, TX

Tech. Sgt. Nathan S. Dean

Operations Intelligence Appr

Goodfellow AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Christopher Arbolino

Primary Combat Systems Officer

Randolph AFB, TX

Edward R. Leahy, Jr.

Security Forces Appr

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Carlos A. Buitrago

Airman 1st Class George Liandrakis

Security Forces Craftsman

Lackland AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. Paul W. Clementi

Supt (Helo), Phase 3

Ft. Rucker, AL

2nd Lt. Sean F. Gavin

Supt (Jet) Training, Phase 1, T-6a

Laughlin AFB, TX

1st Lt. Cemocan S. Yesil

New Members

Adam Feller
David J. Forrester
Michael A. Gallo
Christopher F. Gee

Patrick J. Gonzalez
James A. Higginbotham
Christopher R. Landsiedel

Scott C. Michalowski
Acquilla U. Nelson
Derick R. Singh
Anthony Torres

Recent Promotions

to Staff Sgt.
Anthony J. Petretti
Michael J. McDougall
Jason M. Diaz
Frank C. Segreto
Gregory C. Glover
Rocco Piccolo III

to Tech. Sgt.
Joseph Perrone
Shane D. Tiberia
Christopher M. Ferreria
Jordan A. Miles

to Senior Master Sgt.
James A. Dougherty
James Storan

106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

Chaplain

Nationwide

Open Until Filled

Aircraft Maintenance Officer

Nationwide

31 Dec. 2009

Full Time Vacancy Announcements

To apply see: <http://www.dmnna.state.ny.us/jobs/jobs.php>

WING PHOTOS



An Airman performs CPR on a practice dummy in the Wing Auditorium on Sunday Nov. 7, 2009, as part of training required by his AFSC.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy



Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Eleven members of the 106th Rescue Wing graduated from the Air Combat Command Production Superintendent Course on Nov. 20, 2009. This is a historical achievement for the 106th Rescue Wing because this is the first time a course of this kind has been taught on the base. Master Sgt. Clark Ritter, from Hill Air Force Base, taught the eleven members of the Wing. The Production Superintendent fills a very important need for the 106th according to Capt. Jesse J. Fritz, Maintenance Operations Flight Company Commander. Fritz said that the course taught the Airmen "mission critical skills" such as the "launching and recovering of aircraft and an overall responsibility for aircraft readiness." This position, which is new to the base, will act as a force multiplier and better prepare the members involved for future deployments.



Master Sgt. William J. Tammone received a Wing coin in recognition at the Mission Support Group formation on November 6, 2009, for his 39 years and 8 months of service with the 106th Rescue Wing.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy



Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Members of the 106th Security Forces Squadron take part in an active shooter scenario at the base auditorium on November 8, 2009.



Members of the 106th Rescue Wing's Family Readiness Group marched in the annual Veteran's Day Parade in New York City on Nov. 11, 2009. The group, made of family and friends of the 106th Rescue Wing, was lead by Family Readiness Group coordinator Lisa D'Agostino.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

BASE RENOVATIONS

Parking Lot Leveling

by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Guardsmen coming in this drill weekend might notice something different about their parking space. The space across from Building 345, known by many as “the hill,” has been lowered by five and a half feet and paved in order to make it safer for those using it, and provide security forces a clear view of the entire base.

“The hill,” which has been a feature of the base since the 1950’s, has been in a state of disrepair for some time, according to Major David K. Carrick, commander of the 106th Civil Engineering Squadron. “The pavement was collapsing, potholes were forming, and the asphalt was falling apart pretty quickly,” Carrick said. It was also inaccessible for those with disabilities, with a steep walkway that resulted in several slips and minor injuries. When the construction work is finished, the area will be in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

The construction has also provided security forces a clear view of much of the base, a major concern for Senior Master Sergeant James M. Storan, the 106th Security Forces Squadron Operations Superintendent. “Line of sight is incredibly important. The sooner we can see trouble coming, the sooner we can stop it.” Several buildings

The 106th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) hired contractors to replace the roof of building 204 on Thursday, November 19, 2009. The building is being renovated in order to house the 106th CES Readiness and Emergency Management facility.

and trees on base have been razed in order to give SFS an unobstructed field of view.

With \$125,000 in funding from the National Guard Bureau, Civil Engineering has lowered the terrain, and laid

down a base level of asphalt. As part of the first phase of construction, CE will add parking stripes and wheel stops. The second phase will include a final layer of pavement and curbs.

As for the rumors of buried Cold War mementos and debris beneath the hill, Carrick said that “there’s no truth to that. The only things we found were a length of chain link fence and fence fabric.”



The 106th Civil Engineering Squadron worked with contractors to replace the “hill” parking lot with a much lower one.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

New Roof

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

RECRUITER NEWS

Do You Need \$2000 or \$4000?

Become a member of our G-RAP Team

The G-RAP program was designed for drill status individuals and retirees who voluntarily apply to serve as part-time Recruiter Assistants (RA). The G-RAP program is not open to AGRs or Technicians, however, the satisfaction of bringing a member into our Wing is rewarding and very valuable to the overall mission. Recruiter Assistants will be paid for non-prior and prior service enlisted accessions. To become

a Recruiter Assistant log onto www.guardrecruitingassistant.com and follow the prompts.



You will go through a brief acceptance and training program leading to your RA certification.

Once certified you will be able to refer qualified applicants

to 106th recruiters leading to payment. As a Recruiter Assistant you will receive \$1,000 for any non-prior enlistment and

another \$1,000 upon shipment to Basic Military Training. For prior service enlistments you will receive \$1,000 after enlistment and another \$1,000 upon recruits completion of third drill. Air National Guard Recruiting Assistants, can now earn \$4000 dollars for appointing a prior or non-prior officer to join the 106th Rescue Wing. Contact the recruiting office for more information or program guidance (631)723-7339.

\$\$\$ 106th Airman have earned \$220,000 dollars to date! \$\$\$

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Tech. Sgt. Katie Knoebel (631)723-7198

Tech. Sgt. Laurie Perno (631)723-7184

Tech. Sgt. Matt Repp (631)723-7458

Staff Sgt. Antonio Fonseca (631)723-7197

Staff Sgt. Robert Hoffman (631)723-7343

Mrs. Sally Cassella (631)723-7339

**THE FOLLOWING ARE THE RECENT
CAREER OPENINGS:
(CALL A RECRUITER FOR THE LATEST
INFORMATION)**

AIRCRAFT HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS

COMM/NAV

GUIDANCE & CONTROL

PARARESCUE

AIRCRAFT FUEL SYSTEMS

MUNITIONS SYSTEM APPRENTICE

S.E.R.E

VEHICLE AND VEHICULAR

EQUIPMENT

AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT

AIRCRAFT METALS TECHNOLOGY

GROUND RADIO

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

AVIATION RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

UTILITIES

**AIRMAN BATTLE
UNIFORM (ABU/
BDU MIX)
COLD WEATHER
OUTER GARMENT
POLICY WAS
EXTENDED TO
1 MAY 2010.**

COMMANDER'S COLUMN (CONT.)

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accomplishment equals lives saved! So does the President's message change the way we do things? Of course, we need to be more focused than ever, more efficient than ever and more flexible than ever. Fortunately, that's our nature, our culture, what we strive for – that's why we do what we do -remember that we are the world's PR experts!

I also want to recognize the exceptional efforts of all our 106th family in honoring and contributing to this year's Veteran's Day activities. I

was extremely fortunate to have a "front row seat" to view the day's events from the side door of our HH-60, what a ride, what a view. We could see

the parade route from above as all our Family Readiness Group participants proudly carried a bright yellow 106th RQW banner in the parade – thank you all! And of course the crowd on the Intrepid and the USS New York was awesome as the HH-60 2-ship conducted an incredible rescue demonstration showcasing our Guardian Angel weapons system employing and plunging into the mighty Hudson for all to see. You will certainly enjoy the amazing work

of our wing Public Affairs, Recruiters, Visual Information specialists and many others as you peruse the pages herein. Noteworthy are the 106 RQW partners and partnerships, established and developing, that are the content of this month's Team Rescue articles and of course the accompanying superior quality photographs.

Your service in defense of our nation to secure peace and prosperity around the globe is heroic and demonstrates the selfless dedication you and your

“We need to be strong in compliance because doing so saves scarce resources, increases our safety margins and most importantly, saves lives!”

families have with regards to protecting our liberties and freedom. Please ensure our future strength in this endeavor by protecting one another through

thinking and promoting safety. Keep an eye on one another, especially this holiday season. We can all start with a basic requirement – the law – buckle your seatbelts wingmen! Please read the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force's message in this issue of Team Rescue. We need everyone back safe and healthy to move out into the New Year!

Thank you for all you do and Happy Holidays!!

WING NEWS

Safety at the Gate

by Senior Master Sgt. Joe Kruk

With the holiday season upon us the Wing Safety office has staged a reminder to all drivers about the hazard of driving during this holiday and winter season. Two vehicles that have been involved in mishaps have been placed by the front gate to remind each person to think about the many dangers on the roadways.

Texting and cell phone has lead to an increase in the number of vehicle mishaps. People continue to die every day from vehicle mishaps that they could have survived if they had only worn a seat belt. Drinking While Intoxicated continues to be a problem which not only changes the life of the drunk driver but also the lives of many innocent people. Speeding, fatigue, and distraction while driving continue to be factors in many

vehicles mishaps. Before starting your vehicle always think about not only your own safety, but the safety of all of those who you share the roadways with.

This holiday season please buckle up before starting your vehicle and always drive responsibly. Check out the following links for safe driving tips.

<http://www.safeny.com/holiday.htm>

<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/planners/thanksgiving09/index.htm>

<http://blogs.consumerreports.org/cars/2009/11/safe-driving-tips-for-the-thanksgiving-holiday.html>

<http://www.stopimpaireddriving.org/planners/Holiday2009/index.cfm>

You can also find these links at www.106rqw.ang.af.mil



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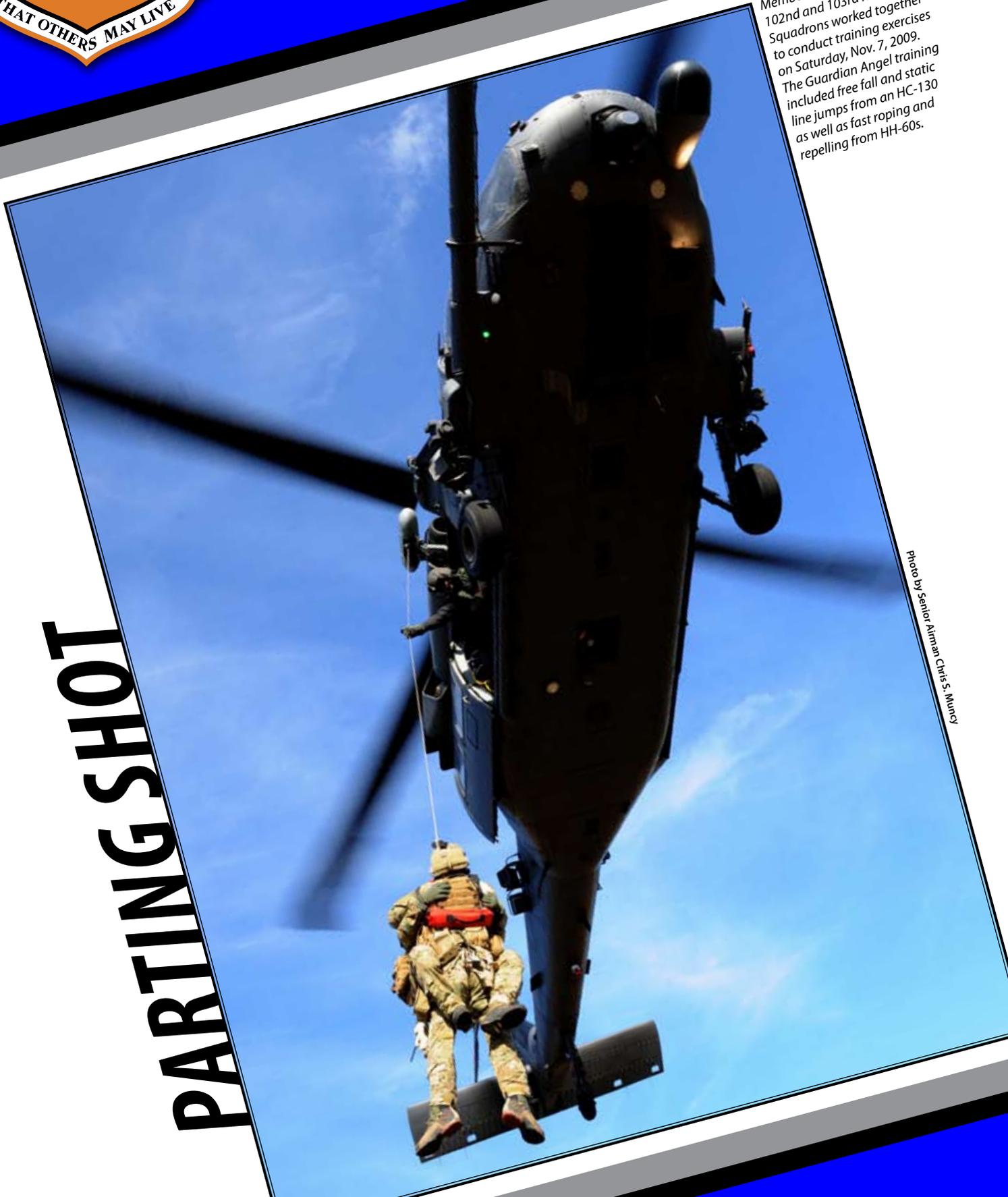


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Members of the 101st, 102nd and 103rd Rescue Squadrons worked together to conduct training exercises on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009. The Guardian Angel training included free fall and static line jumps from an HC-130 as well as fast roping and repelling from HH-60s.



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