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End of Year Formation

Christmas Party

2009 Year in Review

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6	*St. Patrick's Day Party*
March 20	*Breakfast with the Easter Bunny*
March 27	*Family Fun Day for Children of the 106th*

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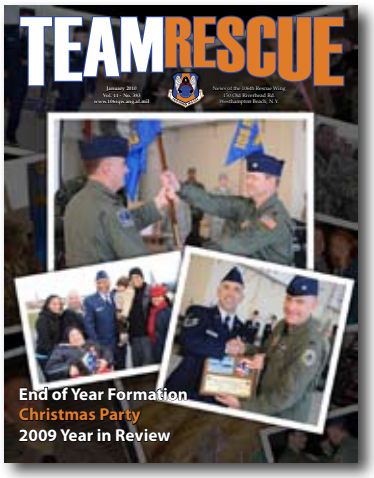
Feb Menu

Saturday	Sunday
Broiled Catfish	Pork Chops w/ mushroom gravy
Baked or Southern Fried Chicken	Pasta Primavera
Baked Macaroni and Cheese	Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Rice	Steamed Rice
Vegetable Gravy	Brown Gravy
Corn Bread	Mixed Vegetables
Collard Greens	Salas Bar
Black Eyed Peas	Desert Bar
Salad Bar	
Desert Bar	



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Photos from the December 6, 2009 formation and Christmas Party featuring photos by *Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste.*

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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

New Year - New Challenges New Opportunities to EXCEL Team Rescue!

by Colonel Thomas J. Owens II

I hope Team Rescue had a safe and joyous holiday; welcome back and Happy New Year! The beginning of a new year and a new decade is a good time to assess and renew our commitments along with our energy levels. I suggest we start with a review of our mission and for the purpose of this issue, let's hone in on our Federal Mission Statement:

Federal Mission – Provide trained and equipped personnel, capable of augmenting active duty forces in time of war, national emergencies and increased national security.

I've mentioned that we would keep the mission statements in view and at close range as Personnel Recovery (PR) evolves in this dynamic world. We are at war and we need to enter the new year with renewed energy and drive in doing our part in the fight! The new surge in effort in OEF will undoubtedly influence our Ops Tempo. The recent and potentially catastrophic air event over the skies of Detroit on Christmas day should serve to jolt those of us in uniform into a higher gear in 2010. We need to be ever improving in our creation of efficient and effective COMBAT AIR POWER for the defense of our nation at a time when national security threats come from myriad approaches.

How do we become more efficient and effective with our resources as we advance Air Power for the nation? Through continually assessing how we do business and then making it better – through Continuous Process Improvement (CPI). 106th RQW themes for the months of January and February have CPI or in USAF terms, Air Force Smart Operations 21 (AFSO21), embedded throughout as we fine tune our unit Logistics Compliance Assessment Program (LCAP). "The LCAP" is not just a HHQ evaluation of our Maintenance Group and Logistics Readiness Squadron, it is an evaluation for the entire Wing – a challenge and opportunity to EXCEL!

- **MAJOR THEME for the January 2010 UTA is LCAP PREPARATION**
  - Sub-themes
  - SAFETY FOCUS AND COMPLIANCE

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Snowstorm 2009

by Anthony J. Vasell

The blizzard on the 19th and 20th of December, 2009, dumped a record twenty-five inches of snow on F.S. Gabreski. The initial snow removal was very difficult due to sustained winds and gusts up to 50mph. The Snow Team battled this first storm of the season with all intensity and action of most military operations. The snow team, comprised of Federal and NYS CSEA employees from Civil Engineering, was augmented by group personnel who made their initial assessment during the early stages, priorities are always based on the flying mission. Runways, taxiways and parking ramps must be cleared first. Personnel arriving for work on Monday were no doubt amazed at the sheer height of the snow that had been blown by the winds or even by the snow removal equipment sometimes over 20 feet high.

The learning curve associated with some of the new pieces of snow removal equipment can't be rushed in this high intensity environment. Pushing white stuff on the ground while the same amount of white stuff is in your windscreen is intense. During the summer and autumn months personnel assigned to the snow team typically get familiarization training on the equipment that they will be using. It is this trial by ice that tests the operators and taxes their stamina. Perhaps you can recall traveling down a snow covered roadway and experiencing white knuckle anxiety prior to reaching your destination. Just imagine driving on miles of runway in what some have observed as a beautiful ballet, snow blowers and plows in echelon formation throw snow in arcs that sometimes travel over 100 feet. It is exhausting and you can see it on the team members faces.

There is a cost to any battle, and snow removal, is no different, straight and overtime alone for the state workforce was over $10,000. Then there is the personal costs, members away from their families during the holidays and even staying in austere conditions. Sleeping on cots and sleeping bags for a few hours, a quick bite to eat, and then back out to fight the battle, these team members often can be heard saying cliché things like you would hear in an old war movie. Things like; "I can do it sir," "we're not going to let a few flakes stop us," and "we got to get a jump on them before it's too late."

So perhaps when we find that our favorite parking spot has not been cleared yet after the next snow event, we can recall all the hours of intensity that allowed our mission critical runways to be opened and perhaps we will be a little more open to picking up a shovel or maybe just getting some hot coffee or cocoa to these operators.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Story by Lisa M. D'Agostino
Photos by Senior Airman Adam Rich

On December 12th, 2009, The Family Readiness Group (FRG) hosted its annual "Lunch with Santa" event in the Dining Facility. The event was well attended to the point of being packed. The festivities kicked off at 1100 hours and included lunch, games, face painting, a photo with Santa as well as a magic show. The FRG volunteers were all on-hand as well as Suffolk County Home Front to assist with the activities. The Patriots of Long Island supplied the face painter as well as the magician. Suffolk County Home Front and the Patriots of Long Island have been outstanding supporters of the Wing for a few years. Many thanks go to all of the vendors that donated the food for the event; IGA, Entenmann's Bakery, Boswells' Deli, Zorn's Deli, Busco's, Ivarones's Italian and Centerport Deli. I wish to thank the following because without them this event and many others would not be possible; The 106th FRG, 106th Services Flight, the 106th Officers Club, the Chief's Council and the 106th Junior Enlisted. It takes a TEAM and TEAMWORK and I have that here at the 106th Rescue Wing. Until the next event…….

Everyone who participated in the "Lunch with Santa" event poses for a photo in the sleigh with Santa and Mrs. Claus.

A festive holiday cake greeted those who attended the "Lunch with Santa" event.

Santa shares a moment with Samantha Walsh and her son Mason, 10 months.

Magician, Ivan Stratienco, entertains children during his magic show.

1st Lt. Bryan J. Walsh and his daughter Makayla, 2, enjoy the "Lunch with Santa" event.

Children of all ages came out to the "Lunch with Santa" event at the base dining facility.

Cherie Gadman and her daughter Grace, 2, poses for a photo.

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* February 4, 2010 at Whitetail Resort

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Chaplain's Corner

by Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

There are two seas in the Holy Land, both fed by the River Jordan. The Sea of Galilee is lush with trees and plants on its banks and its waters teeming with fish. One can hear the sound of children playing and birds chirping.

But as the Jordan River heads south, it flows into another sea. There is no vegetation here, no trees, no plants, no fish. There is no sound of children playing or birds chirping.

Why the difference? The Sea of Galilee receives water from the River Jordan but does not keep it. For every drop of water that flows into the Sea of Galilee, another drop flows out. The Sea of Galilee gives and lives.

The other sea, however, is different. Like the Sea of Galilee, this sea receives water from the Jordan River but unlike the Sea of Galilee this sea keeps every drop of water it receives from the Jordan River; no water flows out from it. This sea gives nothing. It is named the Dead Sea.

There are two types of people in the world. One type receives and gives; the other receives and does not give. For those who give, their lives will be lush with love and friendship. For those who do not give, their lives will be dead, with no life, no love, no friendship. During this special and holy time for so many people of various faiths, we all have to ask ourselves a question: What type of "sea" do I want to be?

Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

GA Christmas Parade

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy, Photos by Lt. Col. Emily Derosier

Guardian Angels, from the 103rd Rescue Squadron, participated in a parade on base at the 106th Rescue Wing. The event was attended by members of the 106th and was meant to be a morale booster.

Maj. McElroy had the idea for the parade and quickly organized the squadron. The parade included GAs as well as support members from the squadron.

The parade started from the boat barn and meandered through the OPs parking lot, past the headquarters building, made it's way up Smith St., reversed course and went back to the boat barn. The parade lasted about 20 minutes.

103rd Rescue Squadron members were on unicycles, mini-bikes, quads and a 27' Boston Whaler fashioned as Santa's Sleigh with caroler's on board.

Support members of the 103rd Rescue Squadron also participated in the parade, here the are offer their service as carolers.

The 27-foot Boston Whaler was the key attraction during the parade.

Master Sgt. Jules Roy shows off his unicycle skills.

Maj. McCauley rides a mini-bike during the parade

FINAL FORMATION OF 2009

As the 106th Rescue Wing held its last formation for the calendar year 2009, the Wing's long and strong history continues with the change of command ceremony as Colonel Kevin F. Reilly took the command position as the Assistant Wing Vice Commander; Lt. Col Brian J. (Rex) Reilly took command of the 106th Operations Group and Lt. Col James W. Nolan assumed command of the 102nd Rescue squadron.

Immediately following the change of command was the recognition of the 34 Air Medal recipients from the 101st and 103rd Rescue Squadrons, followed by the awarding of the Meritorious Service Medals to winners Maj. Scott Stenger and Master Sgt. Richard Edmiston and continuing on to the farewell to two retirees, Senior Master Sgt. Charles Parker and Master Sgt. Richard Edmiston.

The Wing commander then ordered an informal group formation for a concept called Wingmen's Words. This was when care-giving professionals on the base shared their knowledge and wisdom with the wing to promote and preserve healthier, safer lives for all the Wing members. From this informal formation the Wing commander was dismissed directly into its post-ORE/holiday party, with words of thanks and holiday wishes for all.

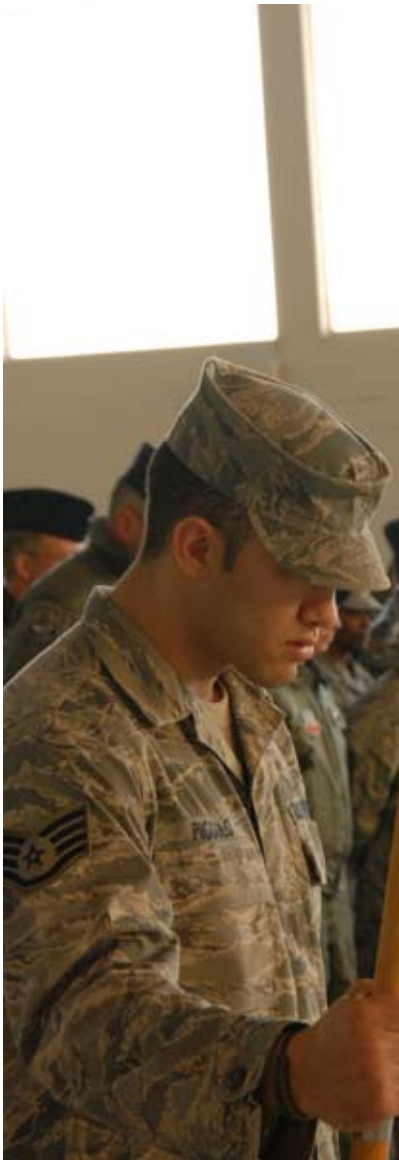
Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

Master Sgt. Harry J. Watson, 106MXS, salutes Col. Owens during the awards presentation portion of the Wing Formation. Master Sgt. Watson received the award for Senior NCO of the Quarter. Airman 1st Class Dennis W. March, 106AMXS, was awarded Airman of the Quarter and Staff Sgt. William H. Nobel IV, 106MXS, was awarded NCO of the quarter.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Doris Libby

Maj. John T. Law, 106RQW Safety Officer, gives the Wing members their safety brief.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Doris Libby



Above: *Lt. Col James Nolan assumes command of the 102nd Rescue Squadron.*
Right: *Senior Airman Rocco Piccolo III carries the guidon for the 106th Rescue Wing's Medical Group.*

Photo by Tech Sgt. Frank P. Rizzo

Col. Thomas J. Owens II speaks to the assembled members of the 106th Rescue Wing about the accomplishments of two newly retired members Senior Master Sgt. Charles Parker (left) and Master Sgt. Richard Edmiston (right).

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Doris Libby

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby

Master Sgt. James A. Vella, 106CES, helps support the raffle event by holding up extra tickets.

Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby

Tech. Sgt. Matt Infante, Flight Engineer for the 101RQS poses for a photo with his son Matthew, 2.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

106th Rescue Wing Commander, Col. Thomas J. Owens II, speaks to the assembled members of the Wing during its last formation for the year.

106TH FAMILY READINESS GROUP PRESENTS

"BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY"

20 March 10 from 9:00 am—11:30 am
Bldg 345 Dining Facility

NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER 26 FEB 10

TAKE YOUR PICTURE & BREAKFAST WITH THE EASTER BUNNY!

$2.00 for adults (13 yrs and older includes breakfast)

Member Name _____ Unit_____

# of People Attending 13 and Over (including self)_____

PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD *12 YRS AND YOUNGER* TO PARTICIPATE IN THE EASTER EGG HUNT.

Identify all children 12 Yrs and younger below:

Child #1	Child #2	Child #3	Child #4	Child #5	Child #6
Age____	Age____	Age____	Age____	Age____	Age____
Gender___	Gender___	Gender___	Gender___	Gender___	Gender___

CALL LISA D'AGOSTINO FOR ANY QUESTIONS AT 723-7133

Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

Airfield Management Craftsman Course
On-line
SSgt Dawn M. Bancroft
SSgt Shelia N. Bencosme
Tech. Sgt. Scott D. Devine

Basic Military Training, USAF
Lackland AFB, TX
A1C Jamari A. Barnes
A1C Mark T. Dethloff
A1C Nicole M.Willis

Combat Arms Apprentice Course
Lackland AFB, TX
SSgt Michael Branch
SrA Ryan M. Garcia

Financial Management Officer
Keesler AFB, MS
Cpt Brian P. Johnson

Instrument & Flight Control Systems Apprentice
Sheppard AFB, TX
A1C Jacob D. Stringfellow

Interservice Mechanic Apprentice Course
Port Hueneme, CA
A1C James E. Colina

IT Fundamentals Basic
Keesler AFB, MS
A1C Julio C. Alvardo,
A1C Shawn P. Fitzgerald,
A1C Mikhiel Kabbabe

Knowledge Operations Management
Keesler AFB, MS
A1C Anthony J. Darden

NCO Academy
Tyndall AFB, FL
TSgt Andrea H. Scott

Pararescue Emergency Medical Technician (Basic)
Kirtland AFB, NM
SSgt Matthew F. Zimmer

Quality Assurance (Aircraft)
Sheppard AFB, TX
MSgt Paul J. Duit

Security Forces Apprentice
Lackland AFB, TX
A1C Sarah E. Ashraf

Traffic Management & Collision Investigation
Lackland AFB, TX
MSgt Louis Csabon

Weather Forecaster Apprentice
Keesler AFB, MS
A1C Leonard Alvarez

New Members

Barry Wood
Mahoney,Christine
Kineta Medina
Andrew Chase
Nancy Jameson
Gregory Funaro
Victor Tom
Dennis Hemmingway
Juan Ledger
William Bishop
Dominic Amaturo
Robert W. Karten
Laura Longo
Patrick J. McCarty
Michael S. Zullo
Marie L. Lebron

Enlisted Vacancies

Comm/Nav	2A5X3A	Vehicle And Vehicular Equipment	2T3X1
Guidance & Control	2A5X3B	Aerospace Ground Equipment	2A6X2
Ewar	2A5X3C	Aircraft Metals Technology	2A7X1
Pararescue	1T2X1	Ground Radio	2E1X3
Aircraft Fuel Systems	2A6X4	Utilities	3E4X1
Munitions System Apprentice	2W0X1	Operations Intelligence	1N0X1

Reenlistments

SMSgt Matt D. Morgan
CMSgt Edward J. Reiter
MSgt Jason R. Cooper
SrA John Quiroga
SMSgt Harold L. Erickson
TSgt Cheran A. Cambridge
SSgt Wayne A. Doran
SSgt Keith W. Goss
SrA Kristen A. Smith
SSgt Douglas P. Kechijian
SSgt Michele M. Dragotti
TSgt Michael G. Merced
SrA Brian V. Corso
SMSgt John F. Bellissimo
SSgt Dana R. Zuckerberg
CMSgt Kenneth M. Clausman

106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

Please contact Master Sgt. Dickie Lochren or Tech. Sgt. Lauris Perno at x7339 for more information.

Full Time Vacancy Announcements

To apply see: http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/jobs/jobs.php

2009 YEAR IN REVIEW

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice, who spoke to the 106th Rescue Wing, appeared at the beginning of the year on January 10, 2009.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Anna Glod serves spaghetti to Airman 1st Class Kathleen T. Ford on February 7, 2009 during the "That's Amore" event hosted by the Family Readiness Group.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Maj. Dwayne D. Xenelis fires the pistol on the firing range March 8, 2009. Maj. Xenelis was featured on the April issue with his civilian construction company.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Capt. Edward S. Boughal's wife, Donna, and child, Maiya, 1, wait for him to return from deployment to Afghanistan on April 4, 2009.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Members of the 106th Rescue Wing's Fire Department take part in training at a facility at Brookhaven National Laboratory on April 9, 2009.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Members of "King 2" watch the launch of Space Transportation System Mission 125 from Patrick Air Force Base on May 11, 2009.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The base underwent many renovations throughout this year, with new buildings going up and old buildings going down. This building was torn down by Classic Environmental Inc.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Staff Sgt. Joe N. Graziano drains fuel from a hose during Forward Arming and Refueling Point (FARP) training on May 6, 2009.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Col. Michael F. Cander's said farewell to the 106th Rescue Wing for his mission in Iraq and Col. Thomas J. Owens II took over the 106th Rescue Wing during the Change of Command Ceremony on October 4, 2009.

Photo by Senior Airman Jose Diaz

The HC-130 and HH-60 demonstrated their capabilities at the 2009 Jones Beach Air Show on May 23rd and 24th.

Photo by Senior Airman Chris S. Muncy

Members of the 101st and 103rd Rescue Squadrons took part in a Veteran's Day demonstration on Nov. 11, 2009, at the USS Intrepid in New York City, NY.

RECRUITER NEWS

GRAP is now done

Master Sgt. Richard P. Lochren

Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention leaders released this explanation for the ending of the G-RAP program.

The state of the ANG finances were reviewed. As a result each program and directorate were reviewed and evaluated, to include Recruiting and Retention.

Difficult decisions had to be made as to Recruiting programs, budget and expenditures.

With the ANG holding ground well above overall strength and your diligent working of precision recruiting initiatives, the decision was made to not fund the G-RAP program.

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

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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.

Master Sgt. James M. Storan poses with his daughter Shannon, 16, at Jets Stadium on January 3, 2010. Master Sgt. Storan participated in the flag opening ceremony at the final football game in Meadowlands.

COMMANDER'S COLUMN (CONT.)

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- CONTINUOUS PROCESS IMPROVEMENT (CPI)
- WING DOCUMENTATION: OI'S, TRAINING, FORM 55'S ETC.

• MAJOR THEME for the February 2010 UTA is NGB LCAP Evaluation

- Sub-themes
- Partnering: HHQ, ARC & AD Personnel Recovery Units, International Relations
- UCI Preparation
- Celebrate Black History Month

Cross-functional teams are a source of energy and knowledge to world class organizations and an important tool in the AFSO21 - CPI toolkit. I have chartered a group called the Environmental Safety Occupation Health Cultural Awareness Group (ESOHCAG), this is not a new concept as we are all familiar with the ESOHCouncil and the evaluation ESOHCAMP (Compliance Assessment Management Program). The ESOHCAG, with everyone's help, will be an interim team that will renew the energy and importance base-wide of ensuring the 106th RQW performs the mission in a safe, healthy and environmentally conscious joint battespace (Go Green!). The efforts of all members in combination with the ESOHCAG charter will create a stronger foundation of unit compliance and move us forward toward a more resource efficient culture = smarter future Air Power. Wing documentation will be an important part of this process as it will document how we do our business in a smarter way. Re-energized cross functional teams and working groups such as the ESOHCAG employing the valuable CPI tools of AFSO-21 will put us in great shape for a successful "LCAP" and are an outstanding way to further prepare for all upcoming inspections, especially the UCI.

> **"We need to be ever improving in our creation of efficient and effective COMBAT AIR POWER for the defense of our nation..."**

A solid foundation in compliance will translate into More Lives Saved! We are the foremost PR experts; we need to continue to be innovators and transform PR as forward inventing organization! As we enter a new decade, the third involving Combat Operations in Southwest Asia for our country, we need to not only take the fight to the enemy but also evolve as a fighting force faster than the enemy like never before. The freedom we all defend is ultimately the most highly valued of all human treasures, it is embodied in the Constitution of The United States – our mission is to defend and protect it.

Happy New Year Team Rescue – LET'S MOVE OUT!!

WING NEWS

IRS Helps Support Troops

Holtsville, New York – December 2, 2009 - In honor of Veteran's Day and to make the holidays a little brighter for soldiers stationed overseas, IRS employees located on Long Island and its sister site in Cheektowaga, New York collected almost 600 boxes full of personal supplies and food items that will be shipped to war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Employees in both locations coordinated the effort and collected personal care products, food and miscellaneous items such as DVDs, pens and insect repellent. Employees also collected boxes for military dogs and their handlers. They donated chew toys, food and blankets to these special and often forgotten members of the armed forces. Staff in Cheektowaga included letters and drawings from students in the local area.

On the day of shipment, Deerpark Postmaster Harry DiDio, postal worker Joe DiChiara and other members of the U.S. postal office assisted IRS by supplying two large postal trucks. Also on hand were three members of the U.S Air Force. Recruiters, Technical Sgt. Laurie Perno and Staff Sgt. Antonio Fonesca, as well as Visual Information Manager, Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy, and visited the facility to personally thank all those involved and help load the boxes for delivery. "It is overwhelming to see the kindness and generosity of the employees in the IRS. This is truly a wonderful feeling," said co-coordinator and Holtsville employee Linda Miller.

H1N1 IMMUNIZATIONS

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Airman 1st Class Rebecca A. Soto, 106MXS, receives her H1N1 shot on Jan. 10, 2010 in the old Wing club.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Syringes with H1N1 flu vaccine lay ready to be injected into members of the 106th Rescue Wing on Jan. 10, 2010 in the old Wing club.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Master Sgt. Douglas C. Foy, 106th Medical Group, fills a syringe with the H1N1 flu vaccine on Jan. 10, 2010 in the old Wing club.

DINING FACILITY

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Every drill weekend the 106th Rescue Wing Sustainment Services Flight (FSV) feeds up to 550 Guardsmen in an hour and a half. They do this twice a month, every month. But who makes this happen, and what goes on behind the scenes. Who prepares the food we eat and who cleans the dishes we drop off in the scullery?

The answer is that the 106FSV, along with members of the 106th Rescue Wing, who serve rotating KP duty, and members of the Civil Air Patrol. Their combined effort helps make the dining experience a seamless and pleasant one.

Master Sgt. Fran Giovelli, Prime Ribs Manager, said, "We do this along with our annual training for wartime tasks, we can't just close down and focus on training. The troops still have to be fed." In addition, 106FSV also supports the base Honor Guard among many other tasks.

Airman 1st Class Michael A. Cserenyi prepares dishes for the automated dishwasher in the scullery of the 106th Rescue Wing's dining facility.

Staff Sgt. Terrence Sykes, 106 Sustainment Services Flight, stirs pasta for members of the 106th Rescue Wing eating in the dining facility.

Members of the Civil Air Patrol work in the scullery on drill weekends, assisting in the dish clean-up procedures.

Staff Sgt. Gary D. Milner, 106th Sustainment Services Flight, gives Tech Sgt. Frank P. Rizzo, 106th Public Affairs, a peice of corn on the cob while other members of the 106SSV prepare plates of food for the Wing.

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PARTING SHOT

The currently under construction Guardian Angel building sits undisturbed after a record snowstorm on December 20, 2009 at F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG).

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy