

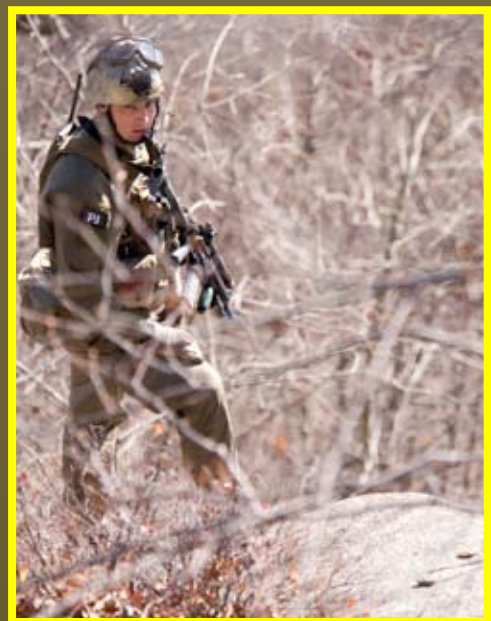
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Finishes in Top 3
for ANG
Pararescuemen
Train at Camp Smith
The Year in Pictures**



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Special Dates:

February 2009 - 106th's 100th Space Shuttle Recovery Mission

February 7, 2009 - FRG presents "That's Amore" in the All Ranks Club at 1600

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January UTA Menu:

Saturday

Roast Beef, Soup, Baked Potatoes, Steamed Broccoli
Shrimp Cocktail, Salad Bar, Desert Bar

Sunday

Creamy Chicken Primavera, Buttered Noodles, Garlic Bread
Soup, Grilled Cheese

On the Cover:

The 106 RQW Finance Office was rated the #3 finance offices in the entire ANG for FY08. That is #3 out of 88 Wings! This is the sixth year in a row they have finished in the top 3.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy.

Top Row from left: SSgt Brian Gardiner, SMSgt Vincent Stebbins, SSgt John Proetta, Lt Col William B. Phillips, A1C Devery Herth, 1LT Brian Johnson. Bottom Row from left: MSgt Mildred Aguilar, MSgt Holly Reycroft, MSgt James Mancuso, TSgt Eric Sanchez, SrA Sharon Cross. Not pictured are Capt. Keith A. Sumwalt, Tech. Sgt. Natalie T. Tabois, Tech. Sgt. Nivart Loben, Airman First Class Sulabh Mehta.

Lower-Right: Senior Airman Tony Yusup acts a team leader during a rescue scenario held at Camp Smith in Cortlandt, N.Y.

Photo by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy.



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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

2008: Year in Review

by Colonel Michael F. Canders

Another year for the record books! Our Ops tempo since 9/11/2001 has been (and continues to be) fast and furious, with this past year proving to be no exception. We focused on safely attaining readiness in all of our functional areas for possible deployments worldwide. And deploy, we did. Our Medical Group sent airmen to Baghdad, Kyrgyzstan, and Al Udeid. Our Operations Group sent deployers to the Horn of Africa and to Afghanistan. In addition, our aviation and ECS packages were packed quickly and efficiently to deploy to the Gulf Coast in relief support for hurricanes Gustav, Hanna and Ike, adding to our total lives saved, which now stands at an impressive 611. We currently have a significant force in harm's way as I write this and more are scheduled to serve. OPSEC practices prevents citing details, but you will learn of their service when they return.

We celebrated 100 years of service to state and nation reflecting on our heritage units that flew fighters, tankers, bombers, air lifters, even dating all the way back to our balloonist forefathers of 1908. A long overdue oversight from the Vietnam War was righted when CMSgt Dennis Richardson received the Air Force Cross in front of his immediate family and his extended 106th Rescue Wing family at a special formation for his heroic service. Our maintainers and flyers strutted their stuff at world class

air shows at Jones Beach, Atlantic City, and Greenport, NY. No doubt, these shows helped us to exceed previous recruiting records from last year making 2008 our best recruiting and retention year ever! Two recruiting specialists, TSgt Matt Repp and TSgt Laurie Perno, achieved the rare feat of recruiting over 50 members each contributing to our net gain of 62 members! Our 99th Shuttle Rescue

Mission was completed safely, and we rolled out a beautiful symbol of our rescue heritage, the HH-3E Jolly Green Giant, which has taken its rightful place at our main gate. Along with their deployment, our

Medical Group validated their world class status by scoring a very rare "Outstanding" on their grueling Health Service Inspection in September.

Last, but not least, we spent a great deal of time this past year preparing for our Phase I Operational Readiness Inspection. In December, we achieved a grade reflective of the high standards of combat readiness levied by the Commander of Air Combat Command. This Herculean effort strengthened us and enabled us to build a stronger Wing team. The inspection was grueling and tested our limits. I personally learned a lot from this experience. I learned that I failed to thoroughly "what if" our overly success-oriented plan with my senior leaders placing us behind the power curve early on, which added to our

"We move ahead knowing how we can make ourselves even stronger!"



Colonel Michael F. Canders

stress. We stumbled out of the starting blocks and were forced into the difficult position of playing "catch up" throughout the evaluation. But I also learned through this "trial by fire" that we have a "never say die" culture and many worked through the entire night to get us back on course. Thanks to the many individuals whose acts of heroism, particularly in cold and dark environments, got us through. While there were bright spots and we scored our fair share of outstanding and excellent ratings, we nevertheless have important work to quickly correct deficiencies. We move ahead, however, knowing how we can make ourselves even stronger!

Indeed, 2008 was another great year for our Rescue Wing Family. Please thank your families and employers for their support and sacrifice. The year 2009 will up the ante as we deploy overseas in the thick of the Global War on Terrorism and remain in a ready posture for service here at home. Be good Wingmen by staying safe and staying focused on our critical life saving work. I am proud to serve with you.

Lunch With Santa

Story by Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

On Saturday, December 13, the 106th Family Readiness Group (FRG) hosted a "lunch with Santa" event in the Dining Facility at F. S. Gabreski (ANG). Over 100 children from members and alumni of the 106th Rescue Wing attended this year's holiday celebration. Children participated in craft making activities, a Magic Show, and were photographed with Santa and Mrs. Claus before receiving a holiday gift. The event was funded, in part, by a generous

donation from the Patriots of Long Island organization, which serves to support local military members and their families. Wing Family Program Coordinator, Mrs. Lisa D'Agostino, members of the FRG, and Suffolk County Homefront, a military support organization, organized and supported the children's event, which is typically a part of the Wing's December UTA holiday party that could not be held because of our Operational Readiness Inspection.

Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste



8-month old Madison Fiebe-Soto and her grandmother, Lynne Fiebe, pose during the 106th Family Readiness Group's "Lunch with Santa" on Dec. 13. Madison is the niece of Staff Sgt. Jason Bennett 106th Communications Flight.

Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste



1Lt. Bryan Walsh of the 103rd Rescue Squadron poses with his wife, Samantha and daughter, Makayla, during the 106th Family Readiness Group's Lunch with Santa event.



Members and volunteers from the 106th Family Readiness Group who organized the event.

Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

Secretary of Defense 2009 Employer Support Freedom Award

The Secretary of Defense 2009 Employer Support Freedom Award was instituted in 1996 to recognize the exemplary ways that employers of Guard and Reserve Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen support their employees. The award program is managed by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). Since 1996, more than 100 employers have received this prestigious award.



The nomination period is from 3 November 2008 to 19 January 2009. For more information about the award or to submit a nomination, access the Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award web site at www.freedomaward.mil, or the ESGR web site at www.esgr.org/fap.asp. For answers to specific questions, call ESGR directly at 800-336-4590.

Right: The Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award is the highest award given by the U.S. Government to employers for their exceptional support of their Guard and Reserve employees.



Mr. Jason Brunson

WING PHOTOS



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

11th grader Angie Passantino, 16, takes photos through the window of an HC-130. She and other members of the Riverhead High School NYROTC took part in a tour of the 106th Rescue Wing on Nov. 17.



Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

Goalie Hans Luhmer, of the Center Moriches Fire Department Soccer Team, blocks a soccer ball during a game against the Moriches Youth Organization on Nov. 16. This was a benefit soccer game at Center Moriches Field specifically for the 106th Rescue Wing.



Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

Christmas Trees donated to the 106 Rescue Wing by Trees For Troops organization were delivered by FedEx on Dec. 11. The trees were distributed among the members of the 106th.



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Above: Airmen on their way to the mobility barn during the Operational Readiness Inspection on Dec. 5, to drop off their bags so that they can be packed onto pallets and deployed.



Master Sgt. Dorris E. Libby

Lisa D'Agostino, Wing Family Program Coordinator, presents Capt. Bonnie K. Meyer (left) and Staff Sgt. Jordan A. Miles with information during the Personnel Deployment Function of the Operational Readiness Inspection on Dec. 6.



Senior Airman Chris Muncy

Right: Airmen of the 106th Maintenance group unfold the rotors of an HH-60 Pavehawk as part of the Operational Readiness Inspection on Dec. 6.



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1 January 2009

MEMORANDUM FOR NYANG WINGS
NEADS

FROM: HQ NYANG
ATTN: MNAF/CC
330 Old Niskayuna Road
Latham, New York 12110-3514

SUBJECT: New Year's Message

1. The past year has been one of great accomplishment for NYANG. In response to the changing needs of our Air Force, NYANG missions have either changed completely or dramatically expanded. The 106 RQW continues to distinguish itself in combat, in its augmented mission supporting civilian search and rescue and through its space shuttle support mission. The 105 AW is actively exploring new airlifter options to replace the C-5As. This would put them in the forefront of airlift throughout the Air National Guard. The 109 AW has earned its place in polar history through its conveyance of an almost unimaginable amount of cargo to the South Pole, enabling the construction of a new South Pole Station. The 274 ASOS and 213 EIS continue to make a name for themselves as go-to people in the Global War on Terrorism. One Civil Support Team has been formed from members of the NYARNG and NYANG, with a second unit being added downstate at Fort Hamilton to assist in supporting our homeland security efforts statewide. A further augmentation in the homeland security arena is the newly formed CERFPP team, which brings together extraordinary capability from throughout the New York military forces.
2. The Northeast Air Defense Sector is now responsible for monitoring half of all domestic airspace and will soon be known as the Eastern Air Defense Sector. A brand new NYANG unit, the 222nd Command and Control Squadron (CACS), will be activated this December in a facility adjacent to NEADS to support the work of the National Reconnaissance Office. The 174 FW is trading F-16s for unmanned aerial vehicles (UAV) and maintaining its rightful place as a 21st century Air Force leader. Finally, the 107 AW, after performing in exemplary fashion as unparalleled aerial refueling experts, has joined its Niagara Falls neighbors at the 914 AW in creating an air reserve component associate unit flying C-130s.
3. Throughout 2008 and this period of radical change, our units have performed in outstanding fashion in all inspections and have provided extraordinary support at home and around the world, particularly in support of Operations ENDURING and IRAQI FREEDOM.
4. On behalf of all of us at Joint Forces Headquarters-NYANG, thank you for your tireless dedication this past year. Also convey my gratitude to your families and employers. Without them, none of your outstanding work could happen. I wish you all the very best for a peaceful and prosperous new year.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Robert A. Knauff".

ROBERT A. KNAUFF, Maj Gen, NYANG
Commander

Chaplain's Corner

by Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

Two brothers worked together on a farm, one was single; the other was married with children. They equally shared in the produce of the farm. One day the unmarried brother thought, "It is not right that I should share equally in the produce of the farm. After all, I am alone, just by myself and my needs are simple. But my brother has a wife and children." So in the middle of the night he took a sack of grain from his bin and placed it into his brother's bin.

Meanwhile, the married brother had a similar thought. He thought to himself, "It is not right that I should share equally in the produce of the farm. After all, I am married and I have my wife and children to look after me for years to come. But my brother has no one to care for him in the future." So in the middle of the night the married brother took a sack

of grain and placed it in his single brother's bin.

Both brothers were puzzled for years as to why their supply of grain never dwindled. One night it happened that they set out for each other's house at the same time. In the darkness they bumped into each other carrying their sacks. Each was startled but then it slowly dawned upon them what was happening. They embraced each other. Suddenly the dark sky lit up and a voice from heaven spoke: "Here at last is the place where I will build my Temple. For where brothers meet in love, there my presence will dwell."

I am sure that many of us either worship in a beautiful church or temple or certainly have been in one. But the true essence of a temple or a church is not merely the bricks, mortar, stained glass windows,



Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

etc. The true essence of a temple or church is the people. When people live in love and sacrifice, that is when a building becomes a true temple or church. A question we can all ask ourselves is: "Do I treat my church or temple as a building or am I a part of the spiritual brick and mortar because I try to lead a life of love and sacrifice?"

2008 Airmen of the Year



Senior Airman Rocco Piccolo
106th Medical Group



Tech. Sgt. Katie T. White
106th Medical Group



Master. Sgt. Mildred Aguilar
106th Rescue Wing



Parar Train at



Maj. Stephen Rush acts as a native in the simulated deployed environment leading Master Sgt. Eric S. Blom to the simulated victim.



Above: Senior Airman Tony Yusup (left) and Capt. Glyn Weir (right) protect the perimeter during the in-fill portion of the rescue exercise.

Left: Team leader, Senior Airman Tony Yusup, assesses the rescue scenario to make the best decision regarding the situation.

RESCUEMEN Camp Smith

Story by Capt. Alexander Q. Spencer
Photos by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

If some people consider exfiltrating via a hovering helicopter a difficult task, then what would helicopter “pick offs” from the vertical slope of a mountain at night be considered?

On Nov. 17, Pararescuemen (also known as PJ) from the 103rd Rescue Squadron, 106th Rescue Wing, N.Y. Air National Guard, trained for 5 days at Camp Smith in Cortlandt Manor, N.Y., to hone their casualty evacuation skills in rugged terrain.

The PJ training included conducting high angle mountain casualty evacuations via HH-60G Pavehawk helicopters in both daytime and nighttime conditions. In order to conduct the evacuations with the helicopters, the PJs had to coordinate with the flight crews back at Francis S. Gabreski Airport using satellite communications.

“The training allowed us to get back into our equipment and back out on the ground,” said Capt. Glyn B. Weir, a combat rescue officer with the 103rd Rescue Squadron.

In addition to the training in the mountainous terrain at Camp Smith, the PJs had a chance to familiarize themselves with some foreign weapons and also conduct an urban rescue training scenario.

To see more pictures and a video clip of the training go to the 106th Rescue Wing’s web site at:

www.106rqw.ang.af.mil



After hauling the simulated victim up the mountain the PJs assess the situation, regroup and plan their next movement.



Above: Master Sgt. Michael O’Hagan videotapes the PJs as they perform their mission. The final segment can be seen on the 106th Rescue Wing’s official website.

Left: PJs carry the simulated victim to safety during the rescue exercise.

Deployment Photo Contest

Attention all deployers with cameras and those who know somebody with a camera. The Public Affairs section is looking



to capture your experience from your deployment. The top photos will be displayed on our web site at www.106rqw.ang.af.mil. To submit an entry, e-mail the photo to the Public Affairs distribution via your base e-mail. Include with the photo the photographer's name, names of the people in the photo, the date, and the location of the photo. Including a story with the photo will help portray the photo's meaning, but the story is not necessary.

Back Gate Opens During UTA Weekends

The back gate, which can be reached by entering the civilian entrance to the airport and making your first right turn, will open each UTA (Sat/Sun) from 0630-0800. Members of the Mission Support Group, Medical Group, and Wing Headquarters personnel will use this gate when entering the base on the UTA. All others will use the main entrance for entering. All Wing members will continue to exit out the main gate.

Military Tax Exemption

Attention military members who served prior to 1991 and who reside in New York.

Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law authorizes a limited exemption from real property owned by persons who rendered military service to the United States during the Cold War (defined as Sept. 2,

1945 to Dec. 26, 1991), provided such property meets the requirements set forth in the law. The task of administering this law lies primarily with local assessors who are required to pass upon each application for exemption.

Depending upon your local assessor, you may not need an

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal to qualify for this exemption. Applications for this exemption must be made through your local assessor. Instructions and forms can be found on the New York State Office of Real Property Services' web site at : <http://www.orps.state.ny.us>, and searching for form RP-458-b.

106th Alumni Association News

We are proud to announce the winners of the Alumni Association's Chief William Schiffer Scholarship. This year, Steven C. Palmer and Angela M. Scaglione will each be receiving \$500.00 awards based on their essay submissions. Congratulations to you both and all the best in your academic pursuits.

2009 membership dues for renewals and new members are now being accepted. The rates

are \$10.00 for 1 year, \$25.00 for 3 years, \$150.00 Life membership for those 59 and under, and \$100.00 for those over 60.

Please mail to:

**106 RQW Alumni Association
150 Riverhead Road
Westhampton Beach, NY
11978-1201**



Smile, you're on Team Rescue Television!

If you see our staff asking people in your shop questions with the video camera, then you may be able to catch them on TRTV. If you see the camera coming your way, don't run. Just go to our web site at www.106rqw.ang.af.mil and click on the links in the Team Rescue TV tab and you may just see a future movie star.

CAREER NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

Recent Graduates

Advanced Multi Engine Turbo Prop

Corpus Christi NAS, TX

2nd Lt. Kyle F. Hruz

Aerospace Maintenance Apprentice

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Peter J. Bennett

A/C Electrical Systems

Sheppard AFB, TX

Staff Sgt. James C. Sprizzo

A/C Maintenance Officer

Sheppard AFB, TX

Capt. Ronald L. Reckler

Basic Military Training

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Michelle L. Fritz

Airman 1st Class Travis J. Meehan

Airman 1st Class Marissa N. Mugavero

Initial Flight Screening

Pueblo, CO

2nd Lt. Eugene A. Finkle

2nd Lt. Edward R. Leahy Jr.

2nd Lt. Paul T. Stueve

2nd Lt. Christopher T. Zanetis

Recent Promotions

Airman

Megan A. Flynn

Staff Sgt.

Lukasz P. Liaszkiewicz

David A. Rivera

Tech. Sgt Promotions

Robert R. Bancroft

Joseph A. Diaz

Terry A. Maler

Marc J. Belkin

Master Sgt.

Edward P. Bott

Gerard A. Stehl

Michael P. O'Hagan

Alicia T. Samuels

Reenlistments

Master Sgt. Sean J. Burke

Master Sgt. Ellen M. Jaccard

Master Sgt. Shawn P. Studer

Tech. Sgt. Brian J. Camilleri

Tech. Sgt. Jack D. Maniscalco

Tech Sgt. George B. Wilson

Staff Sgt. Joseph N. Graziano

Staff Sgt. Christopher M. King

Staff Sgt. Franklin Padilla

Senior Airman Frank C. Segreto

New Members

Daniel Bragga

Sharon L. Cross

Michael Cserenyi

Jose Diaz

Andrew C. Francois

Branden Guarrasi

Miriam Johnson

Shane Minnion

Jorge Pacheco

Matthew Radice

Rebecca Soto

Jacob Stringfellow

Nicole Torres

Kevin Walsh

Scott Walsh

Community College of the Air Force Graduates

AAS Emergency Management

Staff Sgt. Cari Woolford

AAS Logistics

Master Sgt. Henry Coleman

AAS Mechanical & Electrical

Technology

Staff Sgt. Ian Damico

AAS Electronic Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Tim Li

106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

Civil Engineer
MEO

106th Civil Engineering Squadron

106th Rescue Wing

Nationwide

Nationwide

Open Until Filled

13 Feb 2009

Please contact: Chief Master Sgt. Mike Rietvelt (631) 723-7571

Full Time Vacancy Announcements

Materials Handler

106th Logistics Readiness Squadron

Nationwide

05 Jan 2009

Security Forces Jymn

106th Security Forces Squadron

Nationwide

06 Jan 2009

<http://www.dmna.state.ny.us/jobs/jobs.php>

2008 YEAR IN REVIEW



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The 106th Rescue Wing celebrated its 100th Anniversary at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, N.Y., on May 15. The main feature of the event was the unveiling of the 106th Rescue Wing permanent exhibit. The PJs posed in front of the exhibit in the above photo and a banner advertising the 100th anniversary hangs on the front of the museum in the below picture.



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Airmen from the 106th Rescue Wing helped commemorate the 100th Anniversary on Apr. 16, by creating a modern update to a painting made by Woodi Ishmael in 1916.



Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

On Apr. 5, the members of the 106th Rescue Wing and guests, recognized Chief Master Sgt. Dennis M. Richardson with the Air Force Cross. Ret. Brigadier General Frank Cardile presented Chief Richardson with the medal. The Air Force Cross is the highest Air Force medal and is second only to the Congressional Medal of Honor.



Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby

Airmen from the 106th Rescue Wing prepare to depart in an HH-60 Pavehawk search and rescue helicopter to Louisiana to respond to the Gulf Coast recovery operations following the landfall of Hurricane Gustav on Aug. 31. Aircraft from the 106th joined with three CH-47s Chinook and three UH1V Huey Medevac helicopters from the Army National Guard in Rochester, N.Y., to help out in the Hurricane response.

Senior Airman Chris Muncy



The crew responsible for restoring the HH-3E Jolly Green Giant pose in front of the aircraft at the unveiling ceremony on Sept. 6.



Senior Airman Chris Muncy

Lt. Col. Jim Nolan, Lt. Col. Joe Zanderzuk and Senior Master Sgt. Jim Laignel work together on the HC-130 to complete a variety of events during the Air Rodeo on Aug. 2.

Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



Pararescuemen take part in Military Operations on Urban Terrain (MOUT) at the Suffolk County Fire Academy in Yaphank, N.Y., on Sept. 30.

Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby



HC-130 and its crew from the 102nd Rescue Squadron, prepares to take off on a mission as part of the 2008 ORE exercise.



Tech Sgt. Frank P. Rizzo

An HH-60 assists in a medivac exercise held on Feb. 2.

RECRUITER NEWS



The 106th Rescue Wing at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach is looking for Chaplains. The time commitment is ONE weekend per month (usually the first weekend of the month) from 7:30am to 4:00pm, Saturday and Sunday. After an initial 2 week officer orientation course, they will be scheduled for

the Chaplain Orientation Course (39 days). Both schools are at Maxwell Air Force Base, Montgomery, Alabama. They will be assigned to the Chaplains section here at our rescue unit in Westhampton Beach. It is a wonderful opportunity for them to minister to our men and women in the service. It will enrich their

civilian ministry as well. Besides Worship Service every Sunday at 8:00am, they will have the opportunity to minister to the troops at their work sites. If you'd like to nominate someone, or seek additional information, please contact Master Sgt. Lochren (631)723-7339.

Current Available Career Fields:

Aerospace Ground Equipment
 Aerospace Maintenance
 Aerospace Propulsion
 Air Transportation
 A/C Electrical & Environ Systems
 A/C Fuel Systems
 A/C Hydraulic Systems
 A/C Metals Technology
 A/C Structural Maintenance
 Aviation Resource Management

Bioenvironmental Engineering
 Electrical Systems
 Flight Engineer
 Fuels
 Ground Radio Communications
 HVAC
 Helicopter Maintenance
 Integrated Avionics Systems
 Munitions Systems
 Nondestructive Inspection

Paralegal
 Pararescue
 Pavements & Construction
 Personnel
 Satellite Systems
 Special Vehicle Maintenance
 Structural
 SERE
 Utilities Systems
 Vehicle Maintenance

106 RQW Recruiter Contact Info

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 Tech. Sgt. Laurie Perno (631) 723-7339
 Tech. Sgt. Katie Knoebel (631) 723-7458

Tech. Sgt. Matt Repp (631) 723-7458
 Master Sgt. (Ret.) Kevin Kelly (631) 723-7163
 Staff Sgt. Antonio Fonseca (631) 723-7197

Safety Matters

by Lt. Col. John T. Law

“Not another survey!” “We don’t have time for this...nothing ever comes out of these surveys, anyway.” As your new Wing Chief of Safety during last year’s January Safety Standdown, these quotes are a sample of the initial feedback I received when I asked you to complete a leadership and safety climate survey. Here is the big picture feedback from those AFCAST surveys: Airmen state that they will change their behavior if someone calls them on it.

I continue to reinforce the belief that our next death or injury to a Wing Member will be the result of a traffic accident. We accept more unknown risk on our daily commute in our private motor vehicles (PMV’s) than we realize. Statistically, PMV-4 (that’s four wheels!) and PMV-2 (motorcycle) mishaps kill the most Guardsmen year after year. Unfortunately, I observe infractions of speed, failure to stop at stop signs, and hand held cell phone use daily on our very small base. Wing Safety needs your help! I need all of you to utilize the empowerment tools of the strong Wingman and have the courage to call Airmen out on potentially dangerous behaviors.

We bring our poor motor vehicle operation habits with us from the outside. It has become culturally

acceptable to travel 10-20 MPH in excess of the posted speed limit. For many it is satisfactory not to come to a complete stop at a posted stop sign. While illegal, hand held cell phone use is rampant although many newly purchased cell phones include hands free devices.

We make conscious choices to violate the rules. Some do not even realize they are in violation because their flawed behavior has become an accepted “normal” practice. This behavior is the result of many influences. People are much more confident in their ability as motor vehicle operators than their skills substantiate. Another flawed line of reasoning is that “everyone else is doing it, so why can’t I.” Also, the small statistical chance of “getting caught” cultivates the behavior.

If we commute to the base wearing our uniforms or any identifying military affiliation (i.e. ANG vanity license plates), to the public we are a representative of the military. If we display poor behavior it becomes a statement that non compliance with the rules in the military is an acceptable practice. It really is all about culture!

A word of caution on calling Airmen on their behavior- it’s all in the



Lt. Col. John T. Law
Flight Safety Officer

delivery. Keep it positive. Identify the offending behavior. Show Airmen that their actions (or inaction) potentially have consequences. Then concentrate on training and education. The Airman will thank you for the assist. Identifying and correcting risky behavior just shows that you care.

My challenge to you is to not accept mediocrity. Often it just takes a little more effort to do the harder right than the easier wrong. Do the right thing even when no one is there to observe your behavior. Have higher personal and professional standards than our civilian counterparts. Strive for excellence in all you do.

Congratulations! The following scored over 90% on their end of course exams:

<i>Master Sgt. Edmond M. Mallahan</i>	<i>Senior NCO Academy</i>	90%
<i>Senior Airman Anthony D. Yusup</i>	<i>Airman Leadership School</i>	90%

Tests will be administered by Base Training as follows:

Tues 06 Jan 09 1300	Sun 11 Jan 09 1230	Thurs 15 Jan 09 1300	Thurs 22 Jan 09 0900	Wed 28 Jan 09 1300
Wed 04 Feb 09 0900	Sun 07 Feb 09 1230	Fri 13 Feb 09 1300	Thurs 19 Feb 09 1300	Wed 25 Feb 09 1300

Testing is scheduled for the Sunday of a UTA. Saturday will be included if needed due to demand.

To test, members must schedule through their unit training manager, be in uniform, have their ID card, and be at base training 10 minutes prior to start time. Please No food or drink, cell phones, beepers or pagers. No notes or study materials are authorized in the test room. Pencils, calculator (if authorized), and scratch paper will be provided — members are not to bring their own.



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PARTING SHOT



Family members watch as an HC-130 departs with their loved ones onboard.

Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste