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# 100th Space Shuttle Rescue Mission

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Special Dates:

**June 6** - The Family Readiness Group is offering a free "Member Appreciation Breakfast" from 0700-1000 at the picnic area outside the dining facility. In case of inclement weather the event will take place inside bldg. 345.

**July 18** - Community Appreciation Day

**September 13** - Family Day/Wing Formation

**September 14** - 106 Rescue Wing Golf Outing

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## JUNE UTA Menu:

### Saturday

Hot Dogs and Hamburgers  
Baked Beans, Steamed Corn  
French Fries

### Sunday

Sausage, Pepper and Onion Hero  
Grilled Cheese  
French Fries

### On the Cover:

Members of the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing, 102nd Rescue Squadron, from F.S. Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, N.Y. along with Pararescuemen (PJ) from the 131st Rescue Squadron, from Moffett Federal Airfield, located near Mountain View, Ca., watch from Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. as NASA's space shuttle mission, STS-125, launches from NASA's Kennedy Space Center on May 11, 2009. The launch of STS-125 marked the 106th Rescue Wing's 100th rescue mission support since beginning their participation in 1988.



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# COMMANDER'S COLUMN

## 100!

by Colonel Michael F. Canders

On January 28, 1986, seventy three seconds after lift off on its flight to deliver a satellite into earth's orbit, Space Shuttle Challenger was destroyed when an O-ring seal on its right solid rocket booster (SRB) failed. The crew of seven was killed instantly and President Ronald Reagan directed a full scale investigation of the incident. Secretary of the State William P.

Rogers joined Neil Armstrong, Chuck Yeager, Sally Ride and other prominent Americans on the Rogers Commission to examine the disaster.

Interestingly enough, many of the findings related to something we talk about frequently in the Wing as it relates to safety: risk management.

The findings also recommended that a bailout option be developed that could be used if the Orbiter aborted on liftoff and was in a regime of unpowered flight. Thus began a historical milestone for the 106th Rescue Wing. Col Bill Stratemeier, former Ops Group Commander and Vice Wing Commander for the 106th, and many of our operations team in the mid-80's (many are still here!) worked with NASA and the Department of Defense Mission Support (DDMS) to develop recovery procedures for an astronaut bailout. Our HC-

130's configure with Zodiac boats and a PJ team to be parachuted to the expected water point of impact to get to the space travelers and provide immediate medical assistance. HH-60 helicopters then take off from nearby the launch site at Kennedy Space Center to pick up astronauts and PJs and provide further medical attention. Most often those helicopters are

assigned to the mission from the 920th Rescue Wing at Patrick AFB, but occasionally our 101st helicopters and crews have done the mission.

What is most noteworthy for

us in the 106th is that, since the Space Shuttle program restart following the Challenger disaster in September 29, 1988, we have had a Rescue team deploy to the launch site in Florida to stand by for rescue on every mission. For our 100th time, we deployed an HC-130 to the launch site for this very special mission. It is a significant milestone representing a superb team effort over the past 21 years that we have provided this rescue coverage. Those twenty one turbulent years included Desert Shield and Desert Storm and multiple deployments worldwide to Operations Northern Watch, Southern Watch and Operation Provide Comfort. The tempo increased dramatically after

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Colonel Michael F. Canders

9/11/2001, yet our Space Shuttle Rescue Team always found a way to continue our support for this great mission. Our mission support was expanded when Gabreski Airport became an abort landing site for the Orbiter in the late 1990's. We've got it covered here at home at Gabreski if the Shuttle comes in for an emergency landing and in the waters off the coast near the Kennedy Space Center if the astronauts bail out. Both missions take extensive focus and teamwork. On our 100th mission, which was successfully completed on May 11th, we paused to reflect on the great pride we all share in being an important part of our country's space exploration program. Congratulations to all of you who shared in this very special mission as the passengers aboard Space Transportation System Mission 125 on Space Shuttle Atlantis ascended into the "Final Frontier" knowing that the men and women of the 106th Rescue Wing had them covered for our 100th straight time!



# MAKING THE MAGAZINE

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

*Every month the Team Rescue gets delivered to the members of the 106th Rescue Wing, but what goes into its creation? Pine Barrens Printing, just down the road from the 106th, actually prints and delivers the magazine to the post office. This month we go behind the scenes and show the care that goes into the creation of the magazine, and the people involved in the process.*



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1) Once fully designed, the newsletter is "packaged" and burned to CD. 2) The disc is taken to Pine Barrens Printing and delivered to Barbara Hutter, graphic designer, who adjusts the color quality of the photos and makes sure the document will print properly. 3 - 5) Peter John, pre-press production specialist, prints out a proof, cuts it down, and prepares it to be reviewed. 6) Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy, Visual Information Manager for 106th RQW Public Affairs, or another member of the Public Affairs department, reviews the proof for any mistakes and approves it to be printed. 7) The magazine is then printed onto an aluminum plate and taken to the pressman. 8) Carl Weiser prepares the press for printing. 9) Bill Waszmer, pressman, checks ink levels. 10) Bill places the plates into the machine, one plate for





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each color. **11)** During the printing process Bill checks for imperfections in the print alignment and color density as well as any dust or specs. **12)** John Bunch, Bindery Supervisor, prepares the magazine to be folded. **13)** The sheet of paper is then folded three times to make the 16-page magazine. **14-16)** The folded magazines are then loaded onto a saddle stitch collator where they are stapled and trimmed. **17)** Mailing labels are then affixed to each magazine by hand. **18)** The magazines are put into bags and loaded onto a truck for delivery to the Westhampton Beach post office. **19)** Finally, the magazines are delivered to Don Millbrandt where they will be weighed and delivered to the Middle Island Processing Center in Melville, N.Y. The magazines are then distributed and delivered from there.



## You Are Appreciated....Keep Up The Good Work

by Chief Master Sgt. Diana L. Manno



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great job." As leaders and supervisors we may forget to acknowledge the hard work, dedication and sacrifices put forth by our members and their families. Just as you sometimes forget to thank a family member, or loved one, for something that they have done well, simply because it's expected.

We are always the first to let you know when an effort has fallen short or not measured up. We have to be held accountable to teach, train, correct and acknowledge when a required or desired result has not been achieved. This is the military, of course, and many times lives hang in the balance on even the most basic actions and tasks we have to perform.

But your efforts have not been overlooked. Your hard work does not go unnoticed. The fine job that all of our members do on a routine basis, to the long hours of preparation for the inspections, or the significant sacrifices made to support critical deployments, are all greatly appreciated even when we sometimes forget to say so.

To the families of our members, for

your support and dedication, we also say "thank you and it is appreciated", because that support is also critical, and we would not be able to constantly and consistently achieve our mission without your sacrifice and help as well.

The mission and the sacrifices don't stop; there are inspections on the horizon, an ASEV and UCI. The preparation has already begun which will require each member to maintain their commitment to excellence. As deployers return home, others will be departing, to do their part. To all of you we say "thank you".

We cannot rest and be content on what we have accomplished, and the great jobs that we have done in the past. We have to continue with 100 percent effort and continue to do a superior job in the future.

As easy as saying thank you is, it is the most forgotten. It's the little things that are forgotten, but that have a significant impact.

Thank you again, your loyalty, dedication, and sacrifice are greatly appreciated, but remember to keep up the good work!

Many times people don't feel appreciated, that their efforts and good work, on routine tasks or special projects, go unnoticed. This is mainly because, as supervisors and leaders, we sometimes unintentionally forget, or take for granted our Guardsmen. Sometimes we feel we don't have the time to offer a "thank you" or say "you did a

## Ground Breaking

by Master Sgt. Michael Riccardi

Major John D. McElroy.

During the opening moments of the ceremony, Colonel Canders and several visiting dignitaries spoke. There, Congressman Timothy Bishop said, "We have world-class people here doing extremely important work, and it is simply right that they be able to do that work out of a world-class facility."

After speaking, the distinguished guests and members of the 106th donned white hard-hats then simultaneously pressed golden ceremonial shovels in to the earth, breaking ground and marking the official beginning of construction on the new 38,000 square foot, \$16 million facility.

The building will take

approximately 15 months to complete.



From left to right Michael Jacobs, Chairman of the Board for the "Friends of the 106th," Col. Michael F. Canders, 106th Rescue Wing Commander, Congressman Timothy Bishop, New York State Assemblyman Fred Thiele, Major John D. McElroy, 103rd Rescue Squadron Commander, and Supervisor for Racanelli Construction, Keith Wood.

Local dignitaries, friends and members of the 106th Rescue Wing gathered together on the site west of Hangar A Saturday morning May 2, for the ground breaking ceremony for the 103rd Rescue Squadron's new training facility.

Among those in attendance were Congressman Timothy Bishop, NY State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr., Suffolk County Legislator Kate M. Browning, Town of Southampton Councilman Hon. Christopher R. Nuzzi, Chairman for Board of Directors for the "Friends of the 106th" Michael Jacobs, Supervisor for Racanelli Construction Keith Wood, 106th Rescue Wing Commander Colonel Michael F. Canders and 103rd Rescue Squadron Commander



*Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara*

There is a story told about a woman who was a terrible gossip. She was always spreading rumors and gossiping about someone. One day

## Chaplain's Corner

by Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

she goes to confession and confesses this gossiping to a wise monk. The monk told her to go to the roof of her house and bring with her a pillow stuffed with feathers and she was to empty the pillow with the feathers. Then she was to go outside and pick up all the feathers. When she was finished, she was to report back to the monk.

She did as the monk had directed and then went to speak to the monk. "What happened when you emptied the pillow of feathers from your roof?" The woman replied, "The feathers blew all over the place and I was not able to get all the feathers." The monk said, "this is what happens when

someone gossips. Gossip is like the feathers that blew all over the place. You are never able to get them back fully."

Traditionally, gossip is considered one of the seven "deadly" sins. Gossip is toxic; it can only hurt and it never helps anyone. Nonetheless, it is easy to fall into gossip. As a culture, we often times even promote gossip! Just about every newspaper even has a "gossip" column. By its very nature, gossip is against one of our Core Values: Integrity First. Integrity is connected with the truth, not rumor! I urge all of us to avoid gossip of any form and to live out that core value of integrity.

## High Novice

Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste

The Adjutant General's Combat Rifle, Sniper, Pistol and Light Machine Gun Championship Match or the "TAG Match" was held on April 24, 2009 at Camp Smith, Peekskill, N.Y. Over 200 soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines throughout the United States participated in this year's annual competition. The winning team will represent New York State at the Annual Winston P. Wilson (WPW) Rifle and Pistol Championships at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Little Rock, AR, which is hosted annually by the National Guard Marksmanship Training Unit.

U.S. Air Force, Senior Airman John

Quiroga (pictured) was activated on State Active Duty (SAD) in support of Operation Empire Shield. He is currently assigned to Joint Task Force Empire Shield (JTFES), Alpha Company (A-Co) as a Security Specialist. He was one of four Service Members (SM) collaborating to form a team for the

2009 TAG Match. Corporal Jerry Moore, Specialist Yuen Wong and Staff Sgt. Ryan Bhoorasingh completed the team.

As a traditional Guardsman Quiroga is an Engineering Apprentice assigned to the 106th Civil Engineering Squadron, and received limited weapons handling experience prior to becoming an Airman. However, he was able to qualify with a rating of "expert" on the M16, M9 and

Glock. Due to his ability to excel while on SAD and on the shooting range,

Quiroga was one of four selected from 72 SM's assigned to JTFES, A-Co to represent the Taskforce and Company at the 2009 TAG Match. Senior Airman Quiroga said he believes that it is very important for Airmen in today's



Air Force to have extensive weapons familiarization and range time compared to the past. The mission of the Air Force is evolving and Airmen need to be a valuable asset to the the Military war fighting capabilities.

The 2009 TAG Match High Novice was Lt. Col. Jonathan McCullough, an Orthopedic Chiropractor assigned to the 244th Medical Regiment.





# 100!

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

## The 102nd Rescue Squadron supports NASA by providing rescue support for the 100th time.

Space Transportation System Mission 125 (STS-125) marked the 100th rescue mission for the 106th Rescue Wing.

The 106th sends an HC-130 with a crew of 10 and 7 pararescuemen to Florida to assist with every Space Shuttle launch.

There are 8 planned contingency modes for recovering the astronauts should a mishap happen where the shuttle cannot go into orbit. The 106th support package deployed to Florida in the event that the launch was followed by a Mode 8 bailout, which is essentially a parachute descent to safety.

Should a Mode 8 bailout became necessary, the astronauts would have had to make a parachute descent into the Atlantic Ocean, and they would have been spread out about a mile apart given the speed the space shuttle would have been traveling as the astronauts exit the shuttle. STS-125 had a crew of 7 astronauts, so they would have been spread out over 6 miles in the water. After the astronauts are located, the PJs would then have deployed from the HC-130 in two teams via parachute, each with a Rigged Alternate Method Zodiac. The PJs would have used the RAMZ to assist in recovering, medically stabilizing if necessary, and transporting the astronauts to safety.

In the late 1980's, all Rescue HC-130 aircraft resided in the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserves. The Active Duty Air Force asked for volunteers from the Air National Guard to assist NASA, the Department of Defense and Active Duty, in developing astronaut search and rescue procedures. Members of the 106th Rescue Wing volunteered and the 102 RQS was the lead HC-130 squadron in the development of these procedures. HC-130 and pararescue crewmembers from the 102 RQS worked with the DoD, NASA, and members of the HH-3 active duty helicopter rescue squadron, the 41st ARRS stationed at Patrick AFB, Fla. to develop and validate astronaut search and rescue procedures.

Since 1988, the 106th Rescue Wing has committed resources to support NASA's shuttle program.



**Above:** Loadmasters from the 106th Rescue Wing place RAMZ kits on an HC-130 before its departure to Patrick AFB. The RAMZ kits will be used by PJs in the event of a rescue.

**Below:** Space Shuttle Atlantis, carrying STS-125, the final shuttle mission to the Hubble Space Telescope, takes off from Kennedy Space Center on May 11, 2009.



Master Sgt. Corinne Lombardo





**Above:** Lt.Col. Jim F. Kelley, 102nd Rescue Squadron, 106th Rescue Wing, leads the 100th Shuttle Mission as the air boss.

**Right:** Members of the Air National Guard's 106th Rescue Wing, 102nd Rescue Squadron, from F.S. Gabreski Airport in Westhampton Beach, N.Y. along with Pararescuemen (PJ) from the 131st Rescue Squadron, from Moffett Federal Airfield, located near Mountain View, Ca., pose for a group photo at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla. The group made up "King 2," which was a backup plane in case "King 1" could not complete its mission.



**Left:** The day before launch, May 10, all members of the Joint Task Force meet in a briefing room, located on Patrick Air Force Base, to discuss the mission the next day.



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

## Free Space A Flights for Families of Deployed

Military families of deployed personnel may be able to save some travel money thanks to a new Space A policy for families. As of Dec. 6, 2007, spouses and children of personnel deployed 120 days or longer now can use military transport in CONUS, to/from CONUS, and within/ between theater, provided they have a verification letter from the military member's commander.

In the past, only overseas-based dependents could travel to the States or within theater on one round trip. The new policy allows family members, regardless of where they are based, to travel unaccompanied for unlimited times during the deployment when seats are available. Children under the age of 18 still need an eligible parent or legal guardian to

travel with them.

"This policy is intended to provide better support for the military families during a deployment period," says Lt. Col. Michael Holmes, of the Office of the Assistant Deputy Undersecretary of Defense for Transportation Policy. The travel option is also available to Guard and Reserve families, as well as Navy families whose military sponsor is assigned to a deployed ship with PCS orders.

While many may use the privilege to visit parents and grandparents, the guidelines do not restrict travel to home of record or family-based visits. That makes the policy more equitable and useful, since many people's extended families may not live in their home of record. In addition, some families may find help and

encouragement in a visit to friends at a previous base, or through a low-cost vacation getaway.

Space A, which is based on availability, often involves waiting to gain space on a flight (and the government won't cover meals, lodging or other costs associated with that). Even so, families - especially those with children - could find this to be a real boost to their travel budget. A family of four based on the West Coast who wants to travel to the East Coast to stay with grandparents for a few weeks could potentially save up to a few thousand dollars in airline tickets. Of course, there's no guarantee with Space A flights, but for those who can take the time, the opportunity for free flights can be not only a morale-booster, but also a money-saver.

## 9/11 Montgomery GI Bill

Starting May 1, 2009, the Department of Veterans Affairs will begin accepting applications for the Post-9/11 GI Bill. The application form is available online.

The form requires that individuals currently eligible for another education benefit make an irrevocable election from their existing program to the Post-9/11 GI Bill. Typically individuals who are eligible for more than one benefit may use a combined

total of 48 months of entitlement. Therefore, for those individuals eligible for the Montgomery GI Bill (MGIB) program, please be advised that if you have entitlement remaining under the MGIB, the number of months of Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement you will be eligible for will be equal to the number of months remaining under MGIB. However, if you exhaust all of your MGIB entitlement, then you may be entitled to a maximum of 12

additional months of entitlement under the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Starting May 1, 2009 VA will begin processing applications for Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and you will receive a letter explaining VA's decision regarding your eligibility for the program. Payments for the Post-9/11 GI Bill will not be processed until August 1, 2009.

VA website [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) or call 1-888-GIBILL-1 to get the information straight from the VA.

### **GALAXY CAMP '09 IS HERE!**

**Register now...40 slots available.**

**10 August 09 – 14 August 09**

**0800-1400**

**Military children only ages 8-13**

**Junior Counselors ages 15-18**

**For more information call Lisa D'Agostino @ 723-7133**

**Or visit our public website: [www.106RQW.ANG.AF.MIL](http://www.106RQW.ANG.AF.MIL)**

### **106th Rescue Wing**

## **Golf Outing**

*Monday, 14 September 2009*

*L.I. National Golf Course, Riverhead*

*\$59pp/1145 check in/1300 shot gun*

*golf, cart, range balls, lunch*

*Contact Capt. Fritz*

*Work 723-7505 - Cell 631-905-5632*



# CAREER NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

## Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

### **Aerospace Medicine Primary**

Brooks AFB, TX

Maj. Stephen C. Rush

### **Air National Guard Recruiter**

Lackland AFB, TX

Master Sgt. John Kennedy

### **Air Transportation Apprentice**

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Christopher J. Jensen

### **ANG Academy of Military Science**

McGhee/Tyson ANGB, TN

2nd Lt. Chad C. Evans

2nd Lt. Devery A. Herth

### **ANG Regional Equipment Operators Training**

Fort Indiantown Gap, PA

Master Sgt. James A. Vella

Tech. Sgt. John Gentile

### **Basic Military Training, USAF**

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Adam P. Dernis

Airman 1st Class Ariana T. Chambers

Airman 1st Class Christopher Arbolino

Airman 1st Class David G. Amerson

Airman 1st Class Dennis H. Bhola

Airman 1st Class Dwayne B. Morgan

Airman 1st Class Jason E. Velez

Airman 1st Class Joseph Occhineri

Airman 1st Class Joseph P. Mccrain

Airman 1st Class Joshua J. Olson

Airman 1st Class Randy A. Campos

Airman 1st Class Rebbecca Soto

Airman 1st Class Sadiki Drayton

Airman 1st Class Sergey Klebleyev

Airman 1st Class Tyra N. Harris

### **Combat Survival Training Course**

Fairchild AFB, WA

1st Lt. Ronnie S. Maloney

### **Electronic Principles, Electronic Warfare**

Keesler AFB, MS

Airman 1st Class Daniel J. Catapano

Staff Sgt. Rocco B. Scaccia

### **Fire Protection Apprentice Course**

Goodfellow AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Travis J. Meehan

### **Force Support Officer**

Keesler AFB, MS

2nd Lt. Robert W. Etheridge

### **Hazardous Material Preparer (Initial)**

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Marissa N. Mugavero

### **Logistics Plans Apprentice**

Lackland AFB, TX

Senior Airman Dennise C. Beck

### **Security Forces Apprentice**

Lackland AFB, TX

Senior Airman Keith S. Mangels

### **Supt (Helo) Training Phase 3 Helicopter Track**

Fort Rucker, AL

2nd Lt. Leor Rosenberg

### **Supt (Jet) Training, Phase 1**

Laughlin AFB, TX

2nd Lt. Sean F. Gavin

### **Vehicle Management Superintendent**

Port Hueneme, CA

Master Sgt. Edward P. Bott

## Recent Promotions

Master Sgt. Steven E. Richard

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth S. Farrand Jr.

Tech. Sgt. Michal W. Mac

Tech. Sgt. Jose A. Moreno

Staff Sgt. Brandon J. Zielazny

Staff Sgt. Marselo G. Mejia

Staff Sgt. Jemille R. Charlton

Staff Sgt. Manny A. Calderon

Staff Sgt. Robert J. Corcoran

Staff Sgt. Michael A. Briscoe

Airman 1st Class Megan A. Flynn

## New Members

Burton Singletary

Charles Rey

Cory J. Schwartz

David Fairley II

Jamari Barnes

Jonathan Mazura

Julio Alvarado

Michael Mungavin

Richard M. Biegel

Richard Spofford

Shaun Fitzgerald

## Recent Reenlistments

Tech Sgt. John E. Prendergast

Staff Sgt. Robert E. Koenig

Staff Sgt. Michael J. Branch

Senior Airman Kenyette A. McIntosh

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey J. Baker

## 106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

### **Civil Engineer**

106th Civil Engineering Squadron

Nationwide

Open Until Filled

### **Chaplain**

106th Rescue Wing

Nationwide

Open Until Filled

### **Lawyer**

106th Rescue Wing

Nationwide

Open Until Filled

Please contact: Chief Master Sgt. Dickie Lochren (631) 723-7339

## Full Time Vacancy Announcements

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

# WING PHOTOS



**Left:** During a training mission on May 2, a RAMZ kit is dropped from an HC-130. The kit's parachute opens and the package is safely delivered to the drop zone.

Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste



Staff Sgt. Marcus P. Calliste

A ribbon shaped flower bed, which was planted by members of Galaxy Camp last year, finally began to bloom during the May UTA.



Col. Michael F. Canders, 106th RQW Commander, spoke to members of the community during his annual State of the Base address on April 30, 2009.

Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



**Above:** Loadmasters perform Forward Air Refueling Point (FARP) training on the night of April 30.

**Right:** Girls Scout troop #1434 from Service Unit 648, visited the base during lunch to give out free Girls scouts cookies on May 2.



Senior Airman Chris Muncy

Members of the 106th Security Forces Squadron train on All Terrain Vehicles at the baseball field near F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG), on May 3.

Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



Senior Airman Jose Diaz



## New York Guardsmen stay on alert to save lives

by Staff Sgt. Jason Lake, 455th Air Expeditionary Wing

BAGRAM AIRFIELD, Afghanistan (AFNS) -- While all Airmen assigned to rescue squadrons throughout the Air Force know and follow the motto "So that others may live," there is one rescue squadron deployed to Afghanistan that takes this personal.

"There is something that sets our unit apart from all the others," said Senior Master Sgt. James McAleavey, an HH-60 aerial gunner supporting Operation Enduring Freedom along with more than 75 other Airmen from the 101st Rescue Squadron from West Hampton Beach, N.Y. "Our unit is from the city where it all started," he said. "New York City is home field for all of us."

The 101st ERQS provides combat search and rescue capability for the 455th Air Expeditionary Wing. Roughly half of the four aircrews deployed from the Air National Guard unit are either police officers or firefighters from New York City, including Senior Master Sgt. Glen Berg, an aerial gunner and firefighter who wears "FDNY" and "9-11, Never Forget" patches on his body armor as a reminder why his unit is in Afghanistan.

"Maj. (Curtis) Green's fire house and the fire house I work for lost firefighters that day," said Capt. Shaun Cullen, an HH-60 Pave Hawk pilot who also works full time as a firefighter back home. "I worked on Wall Street with an investing firm at the time and saw the explosions from the back side of my office."

The captain said one of the benefits of being in law enforcement or firefighting back home is that it's very similar in nature to providing combat search and rescue capabilities in Afghanistan.

"You never know what kind of situation you're going to get into," he said.

"You constantly have to be in an alert posture; ready to go."

In the past seven years, the unit has deployed five times including one deployment in 2003 to Baghdad, Iraq, and two deployments in 2005 and 2007 to Kandahar, Afghanistan. The unit's current five-month de-

ploy to Afghanistan next year.

"It's all about saving lives," said the 26-year retired detective from Lindenhurst, N.Y. "If we save just one life in our entire career, it was all worth it. With my son now serving in EOD, I would hope that a unit like ours would do the same for my son if he was wounded."

But sometimes Sergeant McAleavey admitted their mission to save servicemembers is bittersweet.

"We've brought back people who didn't make it," he said. "But we brought them home for their families so they can have closure."

To stay sharp when the alert calls are sparse, the team finds ways to fine tune their skill sets by flying training missions to deliver humanitarian supplies or firing off the aerial guns on the firing range.

Tech. Sgt. Jedediah Smith, a seven-year veteran pararescueman, visits the hospital here to brush up on his field

medicine techniques. He also trains some of the aircrew on basic techniques in case he is injured during a mission.

"It's important that everyone has some basic medical skills, because nobody really knows who the patient is going to be," said Sergeant Smith, who totes a little brown teddy bear from his 4-year-old daughter's school with him "pretty much everywhere" he goes.

The New York Guardsmen look forward to catching up with friends and family as crewmembers from the 56th Rescue Squadron at Royal Air Force Lakenheath, England, arrive next month.

But until they leave on the coveted rotator flight back home, the 101st RQS remains vigilant here "so that others may live."



HH-60s depart Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. Photo provided courtesy of Master Sgt. William J. Kenngott.

ployment here is slated to end next month.

"Combat search and rescue is a tough job because you don't want to put your skills to use. If you do, that means someone is having a bad day," said Lt.

Col. Eugene Sengstacken, the 101st Expeditionary Rescue Squadron commander here. "When we get the call, everybody has their game on because we all know what's at stake. It's those times that you see how professional your people are and what they are willing to risk to get the job done."

For Sergeant McAleavey, it's easy to understand what's at stake because his son recently graduated from the Army's explosive ordnance disposal training to become an EOD technician. His son's unit is slated to

# RECRUITER NEWS

## Need Cash? Got Recruits?

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, they can receive time-off awards for recruits they bring into the Wing. Recruiter Assistants will be paid for non-prior and prior service enlisted accessions. To become a Recruiter Assistant log onto [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://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 106<sup>th</sup> 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. For more information contact the recruiting office at (631) 723-7458.

\$\$\$ 106<sup>th</sup> Airman have earned \$198,000 dollars to date! \$\$\$

### DO YOU NEED \$4000?

Air National Guard Recruiting Assistants, can now earn \$4000 dollars for enlisting a prior or non-prior officer to join the 106th Rescue Wing. Recruiting Assistants still continue to earn \$2,000 for each enlisted member that enlists and reports to Basic Training or for each prior service member who completes a 90 day affiliation with the unit. Additionally, AGR members will earn 3 days of leave and Technicians will earn 27 hours of leave for each qualified recruit.

THERE ARE MANY OPPORTUNITIES IN *MECHANICS* AND *ELECTRONICS* CALL A RECRUITER FOR THE LATEST INFORMATION

### 106 RQW Recruiter Contact Info

Master Sgt. Dickie Lochren (631) 723-7339  
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  
Mrs. Sally Cassella (631) 723-7339

## Leadership Development Opportunity

by Chief Master Sgt. Marcelle L. Leis

Diversity Champions is an outstanding three-day experience that is ideal in generating passion for the subject of diversity while developing leadership and building a high-performance team! Leaders throughout the Air National Guard have already shared in this incredible opportunity. We have already seen success in our Wing with the graduation of 9 Champions to date.

With the class size limited to 30 seats, a list of participants from your section needs to be confirmed through my office NLT 12 Jun 09. The breakdown of authorizations per Group will be as follows: MSG: 11; MXS: 9; OPS:

6; MDG: 2; HQs: 2. It will be up to the individual leadership within those Groups to determine how you would like to fill those seats according to your unit composition. Up channel this through the First Sergeants to me. Once confirmed, individuals can register on-line (information below). Seats not filled by the close out date will be offered on a first come/first serve basis to other units within the Wing. Again, NGB is funding the facilitation of the class which is the bulk of the expense. Your commitment will be to provide the 3 days necessary to accomplish the training per Wing member.

Dates: 19 – 21 Aug 09

Location: TBD

Course Registration: 106 RQW/HRA Community of Practice (CoP).  
<https://afkm.wpafb.af.mil/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AN-DP-01-34>

Dress: Civilian business casual.

Invitations should be coordinated through the individual's chain of command and include all members of the 106th Rescue Wing as participants.

Have your members interested review the ANG Diversity Champions CoP at: <https://wwwd.my.af.mil/afknprod/ASPs/CoP/OpenCoP.asp?Filter=AN-ED-00-04>



## Swine Influenza Precautions

by Maj. Kerry Murphy

As many of you are aware, human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection have been identified in the United States. Human cases of swine influenza A (H1N1) virus infection also have been identified internationally. Investigations are ongoing to determine the source of the infection and whether additional people have been infected with swine influenza viruses.

Laboratory testing has found the swine influenza A (H1N1) virus susceptible to the prescription antiviral drugs oseltamivir and zanamivir and has issued interim guidance for the use of these drugs to treat and prevent infection with swine influenza viruses. CDC also

has prepared interim guidance on how to care for people who are sick and interim guidance on the use of face masks in a community setting where spread of this swine flu virus has been detected. This is a rapidly evolving situation and with the guidance of the CDC, we will provide new information as it becomes available.

As we have been asked by NORTHCOM to increase our surveillance of this emerging event, I ask that all supervisors contact the medical group should any members call in sick with flu-like symptoms. This will enable us to track any potential cases. As of today there have been no reported cases of

swine flu in Suffolk County.

The most important thing you can do to prevent the transmission of this virus is to wash your hands frequently. The preferred method is with HOT water and soap, however alcohol based hand sanitizers in the absence of soap and water are an acceptable alternative.

Please read through the information in the link: [http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu\\_you.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/swineflu/swineflu_you.htm). Please remember that information is continually evolving. We will continue to provide information as it becomes available. In the meantime if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 723-7447.

## Ravens Land at the 106th

Staff Sgt. Anthony J. Legotti (right) and Tech Sgt. Terry R. Maler (left), of the 106th Security Force Squadron, became the first members of the 106th Rescue Wing to graduate from Air Mobility Warfare Center's Raven Program at Fort Dix, N.J. The course, taught by the 421st Combat Training Squadron, originated in the late 1990s after a need was seen to better protect military aircraft in an expeditionary environment.

The definition of a Raven, according to Tech. Sgt. Kelly Tabor, Raven course instructor, is "an Airman, Sailor or



Senior Airman Jose Diaz

Soldier who has readily accepted the responsibility to ensure the success of our force protection mission. They are all volunteers and are prepared to travel



Senior Airman Jose Diaz

at a moment's notice anywhere around the world to protect Department of Defense assets for as long as it takes to complete the mission."

### ***Congratulations! The following scored over 90% on their end of course exams during the last month:***

Lt. Col. Tyrone J. Morrison	Radiation Safety Officer Course	91%
Airman First Class Paul D. Cange	Driver/Operator – Mobile Water Supply Apparatus	93%

### **Tests will be administered by Base Training as follows:**

Mon 01 Jun 1300	Sun 07 Jun 1230	Fri 12 Jun 0900	Thu 18 Jun 1300
Tue 23 Jun 1300	Wed 01 Jul 1300	Fri 10 Jul 0900	Thu 16 Jul 1300
Thu 13 Jul 1300	Wed 29 Jul 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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*An HC-130, operated by members of the 102nd Rescue Squadron, flies over Montauk Point Lighthouse, Montauk, N.Y., on May 6, 2009.*

*Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy*