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**NCDA Rice Speaks at
Wing Awards Ceremony
Cablevision
Documents the 106th
Safety Raffle**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Dates:

February 7 - "That's Amore" at the All Ranks Club

February 12 - AFOQT Testing 0900 Contact Master Sgt. Lochren (x7339)

March 7 - St. Patrick's Day Celebration at the All Ranks Club.

March 14 - AAA Driving Improvement Program class. Contact SMSgt Kruk (x7598) to register.

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February UTA Menu:

Saturday

Fried chicken, smothered pork chops
Macaroni and cheese, corn bread
Soup, carrots
Desert bar, salad bar

Sunday

Penne pasta with meat sauce
Mixed veg, garlic bread
Desert bar, salad bar

On the Cover:

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice spoke to Airmen from the 106th Rescue Wing on January 10, 2009 at F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG). Photo by Senior Airman Christopher Muncy.



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COMMANDER'S COLUMN

How's Your Margin Today?

by Colonel Michael F. Canders

During our January Unit Training Assembly, I spoke with all of you about safety and how I visualize it using the concept of "margin". Margin is the difference between operating safely and having a mishap. A wide safety margin lessens the possibility of having a bad event. It is very useful to determine your personal margin of safety during each waking moment.

As you ponder your own personal margin you will realize that it is dynamic and changes with time. For example, when you first arrive at work, ready to do your job and assuming you had a

restful night's sleep, you have a wider margin than you will have at the end of your 9 hour shift. You may want to schedule more complex or physically demanding tasks at the beginning of a work shift, particularly if you are a supervisor. This is an example of risk management. You are adjusting based on your present margin.

The components of your own personal safety margin are many and you should consider their broad scope. Am I trained to do this task? Am I proficient at it? Am I properly following technical orders and procedures? How is my physical and emotional well being? Since here at the Wing you typically operate as part of a team, you need to know that your teammates are

up also to the many tasks ahead. A key function for all supervisors at all levels is to assess the team's collective margin and make proper adjustments to reduce risk.

This margin concept should also be considered in what we may think of as mundane tasks. I think the best example of this may be driving a vehicle on our nation's roads and highways. We get fooled into

thinking driving is "no big deal" because we do it so often but statistics prove otherwise. Over 100 people will die today on our nation's highways so it is relevant to take our margin discussion to the seemingly simple

act of driving. The most dramatic way to give up our entire margin is to get behind the wheel while under the influence of alcohol or other substances, whereby 35 of those 100 deaths today are attributed to driving under the influence. But there are other insidious ways we give up our margin that we must resist. Distracted driving is now a leading cause of injury and death and the cell phone revolution has taken its toll. Heads down text messaging and

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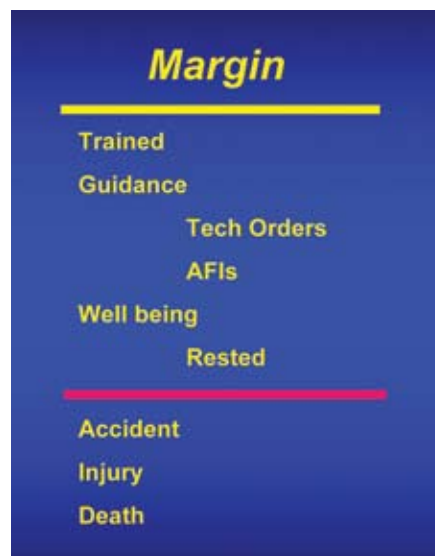
Colonel Michael F. Canders

e-mailing, both by us and the other drivers on the road, reduce our margin. We must fight the tendency to be lulled into distracted driving because we think driving is "no big deal". A few moments of text messaging may distract us from our ability to steer clear of an accident by reducing our margin to safely evade.

Everyday we make choices on how to conduct ourselves in all

task domains. We frequently do different and dangerous work on the ground and in the air. We also need to recognize the danger associated with seemingly simple tasks like driving. So ask yourself and your teammates "How is your margin today?" It could make the

difference between a good day and a very bad one.



CABLEVISION DOCUMENTS BASE

Story by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Photos by Master Sgt. Michael O'Hagan

A Cablevision film crew visited F.S. Gabreski Airport (ANG) on Jan. 10 to document the lives of Guardsmen from the 106th Rescue Wing. During their visit they interviewed members of the base, focusing mostly on family members who work together.

The crew included production supervisor Eileen Shanahan, producer Lauraliz Montalbano, production assistant Jeanine Licari and cameraman/editor Eric Abram.

Cablevision's intent is to use the collected footage to create 3, 4-5 minute segments to appear on the TV show, Neighborhood

Journal. The first segment is scheduled to air on January 30, the second on Feb. 20, and the third in mid-March. The show will appear on channel 118 in Suffolk County, and channel 18 in Nassau County. The program will broadcast several times during the week. Cablevision subscribers will also be able to view the program via the video on demand's local section.

Master Sgt. Richard J. Lochren, Recruiting Supervisor, helped manage the film crew as they toured the base. The film crew visited the Medical Clinic, Communications Squadron, Parachute Shop and also observed the Student Flight during their training. Master Sgt. Lochren said the Cablevision visit should help spur the recruiting effort stating that "I think they were able to showcase the search and rescue mission, but I also think they will be able to show that it takes about 1,100 people to make it all come together. You don't necessarily have to jump out of a plane to help contribute to the rescue mission."



From left to right: Midshipman Alex Lochren, Staff Sgt. Antonio Fonseca, Airman First Class Joseph Fonseca, Master Sgt. Richard J. Lochren, Jeanine Licari, Eileen Shanahan, Lauraliz Montalbano and Eric Abram.



The Cablevision film crew interviews members of the 106th Rescue Wing on the flight line.



The husband and wife team of Master Sgt's Pedro and Mildred Aguiar, are interviewed by the Cablevision film crew in Hanger B.



The Cablevision film crew interviews Family Readiness Coordinator, Lisa D'Agostino, about her job.

NEIGHBORHOOD JOURNAL: ISLAND WIDE CHANNEL 18 OR 118

Segment Air Dates:

1st Segment - January 30 till Feb 18

2nd Segment - February 20

3rd Segment - Mid-March

Channel 118:

Town of Riverhead, Southold, Southampton

Sunday: 6:30 am, 10 am, 12 noon, 4, 7 & 10 pm

Monday: 6:30am, 12noon, 4, & 10pm

Tuesday: 6:30 & 10am, 12noon, 2, 4, 7, 9 & 10pm

Wednesday: 6:30, 10 12noon, 2, 4 & 7pm

Thursday: 6:30am, 2, & 7pm

Friday: 6:30, 12noon, 2, 4, 9 & 10pm

Saturday: 6:30 & 10am, 2, 4, & 10pm

Channel 18:

Hauppauge System

Sunday: 9:30pm

Monday: 6am, 1:30 & 11pm

Tuesday: 6am

Wednesday: 6am . 9pm, 11pm

Thursday: 6am & 11pm

Friday: 6am & 12pm, 11pm

Saturday: 6am & 4pm

Channel 118:

Brookhaven System

Sunday: 1am, 9:30am, 11:30pm

Monday: 1, 6 & 9am, 12noon, 3 & 6pm

Tuesday: 1, 6 & 9am, 12noon, 3 & 6pm, 11pm

Wednesday: 1. 6 & 9am, 12noon, 3, 6, & 11pm

Thursday: 1,6 & 9am, 1:30pm 3, 6 & 11pm

Friday: 1, 6 & 9am, 12noon, 3, 6 & 11pm

Saturday: 1, 6, 9, 10, 12noon, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 9pm

Channel 18:

Woodbury System

Sunday: 2:30am, 12:30am, 12pm, 4:30am, 11:30pm

Monday: 12:30am, 2:30am, 4:30pm, 11:30pm

Tuesday: 12:30&2:30am,12pm,2:30,4:30, 5:30, 7

Wednesday: 12:30&2:30am,12, ,2:30,4:30,7, 10:30pm

Thursday: 12:30,2:30am, 2:30, 4:30 & 5:30pm

Friday: 12:30,2:30am,12noon, 2:30pm 4:30, 5:30pm

Saturday: 12:30, 2:30am, 4:30, 5:30 & 7pm

****Also on Video on Demand (VOD)**

Go to channel 500 and select 'Free on Demand'

Click on 'Local on Demand'

Find your area and then the show you wish to watch.

You can watch it anytime as many times as you like.

******* Show times subject to change*******



Chief Master Sgt. Donald P. Cannet

Here we are! 2009 is well under way and I suppose I could sit here and tell you all about the past year and how we said goodbye to some and hello to others, that we celebrated our 100th anniversary, that we showed our appreciation to the community, that we demonstrated how awesome we are. I could talk about the

good things we've done, such as providing humanitarian support for those affected by hurricanes Gustav and Ike, such as successfully completing a Phase 1 Operational Readiness Inspection, such as deploying in support of the Global War on Terrorism, such as doing unbelievably well in the Health Services Inspection (HSI), and wowing the crowds at Greenport and Jones Beach among many other accomplishments and deeds.

I could also say how, in addition to having all that fun during the inspections, we'll need to stay focused on the coming year because guess what? You got it, we'll have an Aircrew Standardization Evaluation Visit (ASEV) as well as more inspections and deployments. Hopefully there will be no need to provide humanitarian support to anyone, but we'll be ready if we are

Chief's Column

by Chief Master Sgt. Donald P. Cannet

needed. I'd venture to say we'll have a chance to make the adjustments required to make ourselves even better than we are now!

Already this year we've had our Safety UTA, started on our yearly ancillary and continuation training, and became almost one again with our dear friends ADLS, VMPF and vPC-GR.

Do not let the focus on hard work bog you down. Take some time to enjoy the other fun things we have coming up. The Enlisted council does an excellent job setting up events in the club such as Cinco de Mayo, Oktoberfest, dance classes etc. Ops will have their annual flying competition and post competition "ceremonies" at the club.

There are lot's of good things coming!

Oh, and before I forget, Happy Valentines Day!!!!

"The Wingman is absolutely indispensable. I look after the Wingman. The Wingman looks after me. It's another set of eyes protecting you.

That's the defensive part. Offensively, it gives you a lot more firepower. We work together. We fight together. The Wingman knows what his responsibilities are, and knows what mine are.

Wars are not won by individuals,
they're won by teams."

- Col. Francis S. "Gabby" Gabreski





Lt. Col. Brian J. McNamara

One day a very distraught and depressed husband named Nathaniel arrived home to tell his wife that he had been fired from his job in a customhouse and that he

felt that he was a complete failure. Unexpectedly, his wife, Sophia responded by exclaiming, "Great! Now you can write your book!" "Yes", replied Nathaniel, "but what shall we live on while I am writing it?" To his astonishment, she opened up a drawer and pulled out a sizeable amount of money. "Where did you get all of that money?" he asked. His wife answered, "I always knew you were a man of genius and that someday you would write a masterpiece. So every week I saved some money. We have enough to last the whole year."

Nathaniel did indeed write that

masterpiece-and you may know of his novel. It is one of the greatest pieces of American literature: *The Scarlet Letter*. Because of the incredible encouragement of his wife, Nathaniel Hawthorne became one of the great names in literature.

History is filled with great success stories due to the encouragement of someone. It is easy to criticize someone or to discourage a person's dream. It is much harder to be a source of encouragement and hope. Dare to be a person of encouragement and hope. Who knows; you just might be encouraging the next great writer, doctor, scientist or teacher!

US Small Business Administration to Visit the Base

<http://www.sba.gov/patriotexpress/index.html>

The U.S. Small Business Administration will be present on Sunday, February 8, in the Dining Facility during lunchtime to

present two programs for military

members and their spouses. The



U.S. Small Business Administration

Patriot Express program supports entrepreneurship with counseling and training, loans, contracting, and disaster recovery. The Military

Reservist Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program provides funds to those owning small businesses to meet ordinary and necessary operating expenses that could have been met, but cannot be met, because an essential employee was "called up" to active duty in their role as a military reservist.

Meal Rate Change

by Master Sgt. Kawah Kong

Effective Jan. 1, 2009 meal rates are as follows the lunch rate is \$4.25 and the holiday rate is \$7.00. Volume 12, "Special Accounts, Funds and Programs," of DOD Financial Management Regulation (DOD 7000.14-R)

stipulates that the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller) shall prescribe the rates for food service charges annually. If you have any questions, feel free to contact me. at x7471.



Senior Airman Chris Muncy

NCDA Rice Speaks at V

Story by Capt. Alexander Q. Spencer

On Jan. 10, in the newly painted Hangar B, the 106th Rescue Wing held a presentation ceremony to recognize the hard work and achievements of its members. In attendance was Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice who was recently on the CBS television show "60 Minutes," highlighting her aggressive DWI prosecution policy she established in Nassau County.

The 106th Rescue Wing's Commander, Col. Michael F. Canders welcomed and thanked District Attorney Rice for reducing the risk on the road for all of us by aggressively prosecuting DWIs. In addition to the presentation ceremony, the 106th conducted a safety stand-down during the

January drill which focused on addressing many safety issues for the 106th and included the hazards its members face every day on the public roads in their vehicles.

"My goal is to save lives," DA Rice said to the 106th. "I think too many people view DWI accidents as just another accident," explained DA Rice, "cars are weapons when put in control of people under the influence of alcohol."

DA Rice was elected as Nassau County's District Attorney on Nov. 8, 2005 and took office on Jan. 1, 2006 as Long Island's first female District Attorney. DA Rice's office obtained a conviction for two counts of 2nd Degree Murder for an intoxicated driver during a fatal motor vehicle accident that

happened on the Meadowbrook Parkway in July 2005. In addition to a strict DWI prosecution policy, DA Rice also helps to keep our roads safe by establishing a drivers' safety program that teaches high school students the inherent dangers associated with driving.

Amongst the 106th members who received recognition during the ceremony were the recruiters from the 106th's recruiting section. They received Air Force Commendation Medals for their recruiting achievements. Compared to 2007, the 106th recruiting team increased their performance rate by 135% in 2008.

Retired Master Sgt. Warneford M. Varlack was recognized for his 27 years of service. "They went good,



Master Sgt. Warneford M. Varlack, of the 106th Service Flight, poses with family and friends after being honored for his 27 years of service.



Master Sgt. John E. Kennedy receives the Air Force Commendation Medal from Col. Michael F. Canders.

Wing Awards Ceremony

really they went good,” Varlack said regarding his career, when he was with his family following the ceremony.

While many other members received awards and recognition for their efforts, the 106th Rescue Wing was also recognized for achieving the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the period between the years 2005 through 2007.

“My deepest thanks to all of you and your families for the hard work that you do,” said Col. Canders to the attendees of the presentation ceremony.

See additional
photos online at:
www.106rqw.ang.af.mil



Senior Airman Chris Muncy

After speaking to the assembled Airmen about automobile safety, District Attorney Kathleen Rice received a coin from Col. Michael F. Canders.



Senior Airman Chris Muncy

Airmen from the 106th were honored for their achievements during the January formation. Awardees included (left to right) Staff Sgt. Tim B. Li, who earned a Community College of the Air Force Degree, Senior Airman Rocco Piccolo III, Airman of the Year, Tech Sgt. Katie White, NCO of the Year, Master Sgt. Mildred Aguilar, Senior NCO of the Year, and Tech Sgt. Catherine H. Knoebel, Air Force Commendation Medal.

World TB Day

by Maj. Fazal Hussain

World TB (Tuberculosis) Day is March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of M. tuberculosis, the bacteria that causes TB.

TB is spread through the air from one person to another. TB germs are passed through the air when someone who is sick with TB of the lungs or throat coughs, speaks, laughs, sings, or sneezes. Anyone near the sick person can breathe TB germs into their lungs. TB germs can live in the body without causing sickness and is called latent TB infection. This means inactive (sleeping) TB germs in the body. The inactive germs cannot be passed on to anyone else. However, if these germs wake up or become active in body and multiply, one will get sick with TB disease. When

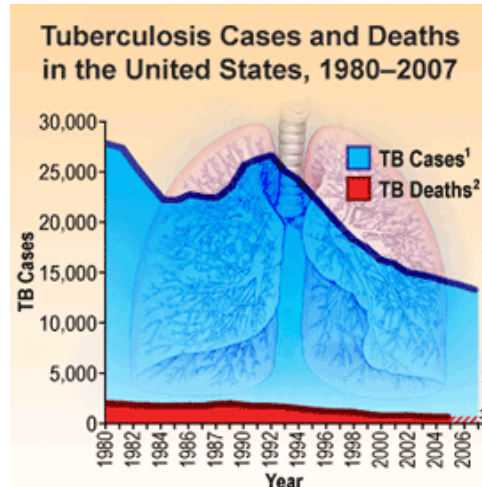
TB germs are active (multiplying in body), this is called TB. These germs usually attack the lungs. They can also attack other parts of the body, such as, the kidneys, brain, or spine. Active TB will make the person sick. People with TB may spread the germs to people they spend time with every day.

TB can be detected by a skin test or special TB blood test and is a treatable disease. It takes at least six months to one year to kill all the TB

germs. People who are more likely to get sick from TB include people with HIV

infection, illegal drug users, babies and young children, elderly, people who were not treated correctly for TB in the past, and people with certain medical conditions such as diabetes, certain types of cancer, or those who are underweight.

TB can be prevented by reducing exposure to people sick with TB. BCG vaccine is also available for TB prevention.



Another Drug Trafficking Organization Shut Down

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The Office of the United States Attorney Eastern District of New York, Long Island Criminal Division, honored Master Sgt. Doris Libby, and members of various Law Enforcement Agencies, on Dec. 8, with an annual awards presentation for their hard work in shutting down a major Drug Trafficking and Distribution Operation.

Master Sgt. Libby, is a member of the 106th Rescue Wing and also works with the New York National Guard Counterdrug Task Force, New York City Region, as a Criminal Analyst.

The National Guard Counterdrug program is made up of members from the New York Army and Air National Guard.

The case in question was part of the US Attorney's Office Career Dealer Initiative (CDI), an effort to target long-time, major drug dealers on Long Island. The case involved Peter Zuccaro, an associate of the Gambino organized crime family of La Cosa Nostra, and associates, who

operated a series of marijuana "grow" operations in homes throughout the Brooklyn, Queens and Long Island areas for over a decade. They

eventually consolidated operations into two adjoining warehouses, located less than 100 feet from a New York City grammar school. The warehouse contained a sophisticated indoor hydroponics marijuana "grow" that extended the full width of the block and was powered through the theft of \$800,000 of electricity from Consolidated Edison. Zuccaro and his associates produced enough marijuana to yield millions of dollars of income. The bulk of the marijuana was sold to the marijuana distribution network, Cartoon Network.

Master Sgt. Libby provided valuable assistance and expertise in the case, leading to a series of search warrants and more than 20 arrests which shut down Zuccaro's operation and resulted in the convictions of a number of Gambino associates. More than 1360 kilograms of hydroponic marijuana, worth over 3 million dollars, were seized.



Master Sgt. Doris Libby, (4th from the right) along with members of the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Nassau County PD and District Attorney's Office, receive their awards from case Assistant US Attorney, Burton T. Ryan, for the successful prosecution and arrests of Peter Zuccaro and members of a Drug Distribution Organization.

CAREER NEWS/OPPORTUNITIES

Community College of the Air Force Graduates

Congratulations to the following members who have obtained Associates of Applied Science (AAS) degrees from the Community College of the Air Force, October 2008!

AAS Electronic Systems Technology

Staff Sgt. Tim Li

AAS Emergency Management

Staff Sgt. Cari Woolford

AAS Logistics

Master Sgt. Henry Coleman

AAS Mechanical & Electrical Technology

Staff Sgt. Ian D'Amico

Recent Promotions

To Chief Master Sgt.

Diana L. Manno

To Master Sgt.

Christopher T. Bernard

Joseph A. Perno

Noel Fontanez

William J. Welsh

To Senior Master Sgt.

Christopher P. Savarese

Matt D. Morgan

Michael B. Murphy

To Staff Sgt.

Darren P. Duryee

Kerri L. Sorrentino

Sorffly Davius

Tyrone M. Ligon

To Senior Airman

Christopher M. Clay

Juan F. Quiroga Pabon

Michael J. Cole

Ryan M. Garcia

Basic Training and Technical School Graduates

Air Transportation Apprentice

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Kathleen T. Ford

ANG First Sergeant Course

Maxwell AFB, AL

Master Sgt. Joseph E. Jr. Manno

ANG Recruiting Office Supervisor

Lackland AFB, TX

Master Sgt. Richard Lochren

Basic Military Training, USAF

Lackland AFB, TX

Airman 1st Class Christopher Petersen

Airman 1st Class Eric Rosanti

Combat Rescue Officer Indoc Course

Fairchild AFB, WA

1st Lt. Ronnie S. Maloney

Commissioned Officer Training Course

Maxwell AFB, AL

Maj. Stephen C. Rush

Mobility Electronic Combat Officer Course

Rosecrans ANGB, MO

Maj. Scott A. Williams

New Members

Hannibal Britton

Michael J. Desz

Chad Evans

Carlos R. Garcia

Gerard Glibbery, Jr.

Gregory Jackowski

Gaumarlee Jean-Paul

Michael R. Lalonde

Daniel R. Lee

Edward Lincoln

Michael Pennolino

Matthew Rush

106 RQW Newly Commissioned Officer Vacancy Announcements

Civil Engineer

106th Civil Engineering Squadron

Nationwide

Open Until Filled

Military Equal Opportunity Officer

Statewide

17 February 2009

Maintenance Officer

Statewide

14 April 2009

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

Full Time Vacancy Announcements

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

WING NEWS

New Floor for Hanger B

Story and Photos by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy



Above: The finished floor in Hanger B.

Below: Airmen who worked on the new floor (left to right) Airman 1st Class Peter Bennett, Tech. Sgt. Jim Christ, Master Sgt. John Wojciechowski, Staff Sgt. Keith Goss, Master Sgt. Lawrence Giordano



Hanger B received a new coat of paint just in time for the January drill weekend. The floor was in need of a refresh due to excessive wear, tear, peeling and cracking from years of use. Members of the Wing worked with an outside contractor to get the floor repainted and get the new emblems placed.



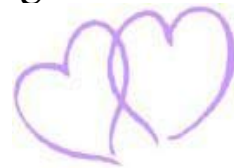
The 106th Family
Readiness Group Proudly
Presents:

That's Amore

WHEN: Saturday, 7 February
2009, 1600 hours

WHERE: 106 "All Ranks Club"
Admission is \$2.00

Authentic Italian
Pasta Night
Bring Your Sweetheart
Singles Welcome!



Safety Raffle

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

The 106th Wing Safety Office held a raffle in the dining facility at lunch on Jan. 10. The event helped bring traffic safety awareness to Wing members. Safety Office personnel went from table to table asking Airmen questions about traffic safety. If they answered correctly their names were then entered into a raffle for a chance to win a prize.

"A lot of people were glad to participate," said Ground Safety Manager Senior Master Sgt. Joe Kruk "and a lot of people had the right answer."



Master Sgt. Alicia T. Samuels and Master Sgt. Doris E. Libby were two of the lucky few to both answer the safety questions correctly and have their name pulled as winners.



Master Sgt. Edward Lopez reads the name of a winner picked by Tech. Sgt. Scot D. Devine.



On Oct. 20, 2008 the Nassau County Police Department recognized law enforcement personnel within Nassau County who have deployed since 9/11 during their Patriots' Night Ceremony held at the Westbury Manor. Shown in the group photo are the honorees from the 106th Rescue Wing; (from left to right) Tech. Sgt. (now Master Sgt.) Christopher T. Bernard, Ambulance Medical Technician for the NCPD, Capt. Perry R. Maraglio, police officer with NCPD, Tech. Sgt. Eddie Cepeda, New York State Trooper, Master Sgt. Eric C. Carver, New York State Trooper, Master Sgt. Jill S. Butler and Master Sgt. Harold Rowan a Sergeant with the NCPD. Among the honorees but not in attendance were Master Sgt. Thomas A. Verga, NCPD police officer, and Master Sgt. Christian D. Gadowski an Ambulance Medical Technician with the NCPD. Photo provided courtesy of the Nassau County Police Photo Unit.

The 106th Enlisted Council Proudly Presents the Annual:
ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION

WHEN: Saturday, 7 March 2009, 1630 hours

WHERE: 106 "All Ranks Club"

Featuring a Live Performance by the NCPD Bag Pipers!

Baskets of Cheer - Irish Style

50/50 Raffle - Great Food and Fun

Tech. Sgt. Csabon Recognized for Safety Contribution

by Staff Sgt. David J. Murphy

Tech. Sgt. Louis Csabon received a Certificate of Appreciation from Suffolk County Executive, Steve Levy, during the 4th Annual Gold Star Families & Veterans Appreciation Ceremony, Jan. 22, at the Brentwood, N.Y. campus of the Suffolk County Community College. Csabon received the award for his work in reducing motorcycle mishaps as an Air Force Motorcycle Safety Instructor.

The overall effort of motorcycle safety

instructors helped the Air Force achieve the lowest off-duty fatality rate in over 10 years. Csabon is one of over 450 Air Force Motorcycle Safety Instructors and completed the 106RQW Motorcycle Safety Foundation Basic Rider's Course in July 2003 and the subsequent instructor's course in June 2004.

The event also honored the lives of two fallen soldiers, Army Specialist Robert C. Pope Jr., and Army Specialist Thomas J. Wilwerth.



From left to right, Suffolk County Legislator Steve Stern, Tech. Sgt. Lou Csabon, County Executive Steve Levy and Thomas Ronayne.

Senior Master Sgt. Joe E. Kritik

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 and follow the prompts. You will go through a brief acceptance and training program leading to your RA certification. Once certified you will be able to refer

qualified applicants to 106th recruiters leading to payment. As a Recruiter Assistant you will receive \$1,000 for any non-prior enlistment and another \$1,000 upon shipment to Basic Military Training. For prior service enlistments you will receive \$1,000 after enlistment and another \$1,000 upon recruits completion of third drill. For more information contact the recruiting office at (631) 723-7458.

\$\$\$ 106th Airman have earned \$188,000 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.

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
Helicopter Maintenance
Integrated Avionics Systems
Munitions Systems
Nondestructive Inspection
Paralegal
Pararescue
Pavements & Construction
Personnel
Security Forces
SERE Operations
Utilities
Vehicle Operations
Weather

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Black History Month

by Staff Sgt. Marcus Calliste

Black History Month serves as a tribute, and remembrance, of important people, and events, in the history of African Americans. Black History Month is celebrated annually during the month of February in the United States and Canada, while in the UK it is held in the month of October.

Historian Carter G. Woodson originated the tribute in 1926 as "Negro History Week". Woodson chose the second week of February because it marked the birthdays of two Americans who greatly influenced the lives and social condition of African Americans: former President Abraham Lincoln and abolitionist Frederick Douglass. Woodson also founded the Association for the Study of Negro Life

and History, now the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. (www.asalh.org)

Throughout history, African Americans have achieved many milestones, in spite of obstacles and barriers. Two of the most recent and publicized achievements occurred November 2, 2008, when Barack H. Obama became the first African American to win a U.S. Presidential election, and on January 20, 2009, when Obama took the oath of office and became the first African American President of the United States. President Obama also became the first Commander-in-Chief of the United States Military of African decent.



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Last 10 years of famous First African Americans:

First African American to be awarded the International Grandmaster title in chess: Maurice Ashley (1999)
First African American CEO of a Fortune 500 company: Franklin Raines of Fannie Mae (1999)
First African-American Secretary of State: Colin Powell (2001)
First African-American president of an Ivy League university: Ruth J. Simmons at Brown University (2001)
First African-American woman to be appointed National Security Advisor: Condoleezza Rice (2001)
First African-American billionaire: Robert L. Johnson, founder of Black Entertainment

Television (2001)

First African-American Winter Olympic gold medal winner: Vonetta Flowers (2002).
First African-American female billionaire: Oprah Winfrey (2004)
First African-American woman appointed Secretary of State: Condoleezza Rice (2005)
First African-American individual Winter Olympic gold medal winner: Shani Davis (2006)
First African American to command a Marine Corps division: Walter Gaskin (2006)
First African American to reach the peak of Mount Everest: Sophia Danenberg (2006)
First African-American NFL head coach to reach the Super Bowl: Lovie Smith (2007)
First African-American NFL head coach to

win the Super Bowl: Tony Dungy (2007)

First known African-American woman to reach the North Pole: Barbara Hillary (2007)
First African-American woman elected Speaker of a state House of Representatives: California Rep. Karen Bass (2008)
First African-American governor of New York State: David Paterson (2008)
First African American to own a movie and TV studio: Tyler Perry (2008)
First African American President of the United States of America: Barack Obama (2009)
First African American First Lady of the United States: Michelle Obama (2009)
First African American United States Attorney General: Eric Holder (2009)

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

Master Sgt. Erik S. Blom	Senior NCO Academy	100%
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Airman First Class Christopher M. Clay	Driver/Operator (ARFF)	95%

Tests will be administered by Base Training as follows:

Wed 04 Feb 0900	Sun 08 Feb 1230	Fri 13 Feb 1300	Thu 19 Feb 1300
Wed 25 Feb 1300	Tue 03 Mar 0900	Sun 08 Mar 1230	Fri 13 Mar 1300
Wed 25 Mar 1300	Mon 30 Mar 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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Lt. Col. Michael E. Stevic, 106th Maintenance Group Commander, along with other members of the 106th Rescue Wing, attend ballroom dance class in the All Ranks Club on Jan. 22. The class is sponsored by the Enlisted Council and meets every Thursday until April. Classes are \$10 per session, or \$35 for a package of 4. Only cash is accepted and there are no refunds. The classes are taught by Airman First Class Kevin Walsh and Senior Airman Alan Sanchez. Singles are welcome!
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