

# Tarheel TIMES

North Carolina Air National Guard

July - September 2009

A portrait of an elderly man, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ralph Easterling, wearing a brown leather flight jacket and a green garrison cap with a gold eagle emblem. He is wearing glasses and a name tag that reads "EASTERLING". The jacket features several patches, including a "50th Anniversary" patch, a "P-51 Mustang" patch, and a "P-51 Mustang" patch. He is standing in front of an American flag.

**Inside:**

**WW II Fighter Pilot**

**Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ralph Easterling**

# Tarheel TIMES

North Carolina Air National Guard

## Departments

Commander's Comments	3
Historical Feature	4-5
Features	6-8
Around the Wing	9, 12-13
Heritage Artwork Collection	10-11
Around the Base	14
Chaplain's Corner	15
Chapter 7 Events	16
Medical/Safety Corner	17
AF News	18
Salutes	19

### How To Reach Public Affairs

Our telephone number is 704.391.4239  
(voice mail available)

Our fax number is 704.391.4320

Our e-mail address:  
145awpa@ncchar.ang.af.mil

The commander's hotline is available for comments, concerns or suggestions. Dial 4687 or (704) 391-4687. Calls with a broad-based interest may be published in the **Tarheel Times**.



## Featured in this Edition

4 – A Man Born To Fly!



6 – Air Guardsman honored for doing his job

6 – Mission Support Group benefits from dynamic leadership duo



8 – More than 600 local and state emergency responders geared up for disaster training



### FRONT COVER:

Wild about aviation since his first airplane ride in 1933, Lt. Col. (Ret) Ralph Easterling recently shared his experiences as a fighter pilot in World War II. Lt. Col. Easterling was the keynote speaker at the second annual 156th Airlift Squadron's Dining Out in September where he talked about his activities flying for the Fifth Army Air Force in the Pacific Theater. Shortly after the war in 1948 he joined the North Carolina Air National Guard in what was then the 156th Fighter Squadron. In the years following, he ably served his country in both the Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force Reserve. Furthermore and consistent with his great love of flying, Easterling has been a member of Charlotte's Aviation Commission responsible for the growth and development of Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

Photo by Master Sgt. Keith Dennis



**Maj. Gen. William E. Ingram, Jr.**  
*North Carolina Adjutant General*

**Brig. Gen. Iwan B. Clontz**  
**Joint Forces Air Component Commander**  
*North Carolina Air National Guard*

**Col. Tony E. McMillan**  
**Commander**  
*145th Airlift Wing*

### PUBLIC AFFAIRS STAFF

**Lt. Col. Rose S. Dunlap**  
*Chief Public Affairs*

**Master Sgt. Keith A. Dennis**  
*Print Journalist/Art Director*

**Tech. Sgt. Steve R. Wilkins**  
*Print Journalist/Staff Writer*

**Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Christiansen**  
*Print Journalist/Staff Writer*

**Staff Sgt. Richard M. Kerner**  
*Print Journalist/Staff Writer*

**Tech. Sgt. (Ret) Charles Paris, Jr.**  
*Volunteer*

### Print Vendor

*Printed Communications, Inc. Tucker, Georgia*

### The Tarheel Times

July-September 2009  
Volume XXXIII, No.1

This funded Air Force news magazine is an authorized publication for members of the US military services. Contents of the Tarheel Times are not necessarily the official views of, or endorsed by, the US Government, DoD, the Department of the Air Force or the Air National Guard. The editorial content is edited, prepared, and provided by the Public Affairs office of the 145th Airlift Wing. All photographs are Air Force photographs unless otherwise indicated.

**If you are interested in finding out more about the North Carolina Air National Guard,**  
call toll-free 1.800.354.6933

### POSTMASTER:

Send address changes to:  
145 AW/PA • 4930 Minuteman Way  
Charlotte, NC 28208-3866

Materials for the next issue of the Tarheel Times magazine is to the Public Affairs Office by close of business of November UTA.

As we approach the end of another year, Fiscal – now, Calendar – in just a few months, it's a prime opportunity to take some time to reflect upon the year that is gone and look forward to the year ahead. As always seems the case, the past twelve months have been busy ones. Our AEF participation remains strong and we successfully completed our greatest challenge, the Operational Readiness Inspection. The year ahead will continue to provide many opportunities for the Wing to excel. We are entering the season of our annual events such as Operation Kids on Guard, the Memorial Mall dedication and our Retiree breakfast. Operations Tempo will remain high next year, highlighted by our AEF bucket beginning in May. Looking again to the home front, we also have numerous base improvement projects on tap for the coming year.

Many of our annual events are right around the corner. This year we will have our largest Operation Kids on Guard seen to date, with up to 250 children participating. Family Readiness has done a tremendous job, lining up the absolute best events, activities and entertainment for our Guard children. It will prove to be a great event, please help where you can. We will also hold our annual Memorial Mall Dedication in October, adding 15 names of our Guard family to this cherished tribute. Please take a moment to remember those who have served before us and with us. Following in that thought, our annual retirees breakfast will once again be held on Friday prior to December UTA. Your NCANG Chiefs Council is hosting this year's event and it will be a fitting tribute to those who served for 20, 30 and 40+ years. Feel free to come out and shake the hands of old friends, thank them for their service and for leaving their marks for you to follow.

The continuously changing world environment consistently provides those of us in uniform the opportunity to answer our nation's call. There are numerous new and changing missions this coming year that will result in a tremendous call for C-130 airframes for support.



*Col Tony McMillian*

The mighty C-130 provides agile combat support and we are in great demand. We are fortunate to be the only ANG C-130 unit that currently has 10 assigned aircraft. Our airplanes and our people will be in high demand in the coming year. If you are called upon to serve, here or deployed, in support of OEF, MAFFS, Hurricane Support or at home station – Thank you for doing what you are called upon to do. I never fear that this unit will not respond when called.

You may have noticed some increased energy on the base regarding improvements, upgrades and cleaning. It has only just begun and there will

be much more in the coming year. One of the largest additions we are fortunate to have received, is a 1961 C-130E, to use as a static display. It is currently parked on our ramp and will be “de-militarized” over the next 10-12 months. Right now, it is difficult to distinguish it from our much newer H model aircraft (except for the Little Rock tail flash) but by the time it reaches its final destination by the fence-line adjacent to Minuteman way, facing Morris Field and Billy Graham, it will be painted in its 1960s camouflage and be a proud entryway for our often too hidden base. Many of our buildings will be getting much needed cleanings and repairs and we will be working on the landscaping as well. This base is a “home away from home” for us and my goal is to make it a premier installation for you.

In closing, thank you for your time, energy, spirit and dedication. For the sometimes countless hours away from your families and jobs – your hard work does not go un-noticed. The ORI is behind us – be proud of yourselves for what was accomplished – I am. I can honestly say that the overall grade does not put so much as a damper on my impression of the effort that was put into it. To me, you are Outstanding! I don't need the IG to tell me that. I know you will dig down deep and rise to the challenges of the coming year. Take time to thank your family, your employer and yourself for the job you do. Thank you.

# A Man Born To Fly!

By: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis  
145th Public Affairs

From his first ride in a Ford tri-motor airplane back in 1933, Lt. Col. (Ret) Ralph Easterling knew what he was going to dedicate the rest of his life to. This Flat Rock native from the mountains of North Carolina stuck with his dreams of flying and would jump at the chance to soar in a fighter jet if his doctors and the FAA would let him.

Anyway, at a recent Dining Out held by the 156th Airlift Squadron, Easterling shared some of his aviation experiences and notably talked about his service during World War II where he flew fighters in and around New Guinea in the South Pacific Theater as part of the Fifth Army Air Force.



*Easterling's welcoming committee when he arrived in New Guinea to begin flying with the 49th Fighter Group, which was part of the Fifth Army Air Force.*

Regarding his start in aviation, he wasted little time. Two years after his first flight, he wangled himself a job working at the Flat Rock-Hendersonville airport where his adventure first began. Doing whatever was asked of him, he soon began rubbing shoulders with many of the “barn-storming” early aviation pioneers that moved around the country introducing the public to the wonders of flight.

**FLY -IN- FLY**  
**THIS FLY**  
**Giant Tri-Motored Ford**  
14-Passenger All-Metal Airplane

**SPECIAL PRICES**  
July 27th, 28th, 29th and 30th  
7 A.M. to 11 A.M. Rates 50c - 11 A.M. to 5 P.M. Rates \$1.00

Scenic Trip over Mt. Pisgah \$3.00  
1-Hour Scenic Trip over Mt. Mitchell \$5.00  
2-Hour Scenic Trip over Smoky Mountains \$10.00

THURSDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY  
**Parachute Jump and Stunt Flying**  
**HENDERSONVILLE AIRPORT**  
Two Miles from Hendersonville on East Flat Rock Road

An ad like this caught the attention of a young teenager in 1933. After his first flight, Ralph Easterling knew that he was destined to fly. More importantly, he had the determination to pursue that dream—to never quit.



*Not yet nineteen, this is Ralph Easterling as young cadet training at an airbase in Ocala, Florida.*

“A million dollar feel, for a one dollar bill, for 15 minute ride over Hendersonville!”

With the war clouds developing in Europe it wasn’t long before the United States was forced into the fight against Nazism and Imperialism. Just about to turn nineteen, Easterling found himself a cadet and finishing up primary flying school at Ocala, Florida. “Somebody had to have that tough duty”, he kidded the audience he was speaking to.

Finishing training at various bases in the Southeast and flying a variety of aircraft including the AT-6, the P-40, as well as the P-47; he was preparing to be sent to Europe since they had just made all the cadets buy heavy winter uniforms. So it was a surprise when his combat orders came through in February of 1944 directing him to New Guinea in the Pacific Theater. To raise some laughs from the crowd he showed a picture of his welcoming committee when he arrived in the islands.



*It wasn't all hardship. "Sometimes we could scavenge discarded lumber from crates being brought in by ship. We'd commandeer a jeep or two and drag the pieces up the hill to make pretty good lodgings for ourselves."*

In reality, he was soon introduced to his squadron’s hard bitten colonel who told him and fifteen other new arrivals, “Welcome to New Guinea and to the 5th Air Force. You gentlemen have just be selected to fly P-40’s into combat.” According to Easterling, “there was dead silence in the room, then almost in unison we said, ‘Sir, those are obsolete!’” Needless to say, the colonel was not amused and Easterling quickly adapted to life in the 49th Fighter Group which flew two squadrons of P-40’s and one squadron of P-38’s.

And speaking of adaption—life on these isolated island outposts was no picnic either. “Everyone was expected to pitch-

in—you could be flying a mission one moment and digging a ‘slit-trench’ the next. But we did the best we could under the circumstances—and sometimes we could live quite comfortably.” He showed a picture of him sitting in front of his hooch.

Easterling said that while some of the island had paved runways most of the airstrips that he took off and landed on were sod, Kuna grass, or coral.

While in the Pacific, Lt. Col. Easterling had the honor of serving with several of the most decorated

combat aces including Richard (Dick) Bong, and Thomas B. (Tommy) McGuire, Jr. He had the privilege of seeing General Douglas MacArthur pin the Congressional Medal of Honor on Dick Bong, then a major, after he had shot down his twenty-fifth Japanese aircraft. “I’m very proud that I flew with such a bunch of distinguished and remarkable flyers.”



*“Gentleman, you’re going to fly P-40’s into combat,” his colonel said. Easterling sits at the controls of his “obsolete” fighter plane, which he indeed flew against the Japanese.*

power and aviation safety. While serving in the Air Guard and later in the U.S. Air Force Reserve, he has always stayed a friend and supporter of our mission. Needless to say, we’re proud of his dedicated service to his country, this state and the City of Charlotte.



*Lt. Col. Easterling is proud to have served with a group of amazing flyers. In this group photo taken in front of Easterling’s fighter plane are two of the Pacific theater’s top “Aces”, Richard (Dick) Bong with 40 victories (3rd from right), and Thomas (Tommy) McGuire, Jr. (2nd from right) with 38 victories.*



*As keynote speaker, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Ralph Easterling addresses the attendees of the second annual 156th Airlift Wing Dining Out.*



# Air Guardsman Honored For Doing His Job

**By: Tech. Sgt. Steve Wilkins**  
145 AW / Public Affairs

A senior Officer from Charlotte Air National Guard's 145th Airlift Wing was honored recently during a traditional ceremony recognizing several airmen for their outstanding efforts.

Col. Roger Williams currently serves the 145th AW as commander of the 156th Operations Group, where he is responsible for the leadership, guidance and direction of C-130 air crews assigned to the unit. Not too long ago Col. Williams was half a world away, at Bagram Airfield in Afghanistan directing operations conducted by soldiers, sailors and airmen during Operation Enduring Freedom in the Global War on Terror.

He coordinated and directed ground and air forces ranging from ground combat operations to deployment of air strikes and transport of the wounded.

"My responsibility was making sure that all soldiers, sailors and airmen were supported so they could do their jobs effectively," said the humble commander.



*Photos by: Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Christiansen*  
Brig. Gen. Iwan B. Clontz pins the Bronze Star on Col. Roger Williams. He was awarded this medal for his meritorious actions while on duty in Afghanistan.

Col. Williams has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal for his actions. The Bronze Star, the fourth highest American combat award is given for meritorious actions, accomplished with distinction in connection with military operations of the Army on the ground, against an opposing armed force.

Col. Williams' command, which he said "protected those on the ground, so they could do their jobs, and innocent non-combat-

ants," experienced increased activity in the conflagration and required careful disposition of several highly sensitive incidents. Because operations ran around the clock, Col. Williams said there were plenty of long days and sleepless nights, as his detail of A-10, F-15, E6B, C-130, and UH-60 aircraft worked tirelessly to eliminate the enemy. Col. Williams is also credited with maximizing the efficiency of growing forces during that time.

"This is really about them," said Col. Williams of the crewmembers carrying out their missions. "Anyone else in my position would have done the same thing, and they continue to do it."

But 145th Airlift Wing commander Tony E. McMillan says Col. Williams' performance validates the Department of Defense move bringing National Guardsmen from strategic reserve into operational roles because it shows Guardsmen are as capable in handling combat missions as their active duty counterparts.

"This is further evidence the training and professionalism throughout the North Carolina National Guard places our people among the best at whatever they do, wherever they go. Col. Williams' efforts in theater demonstrated a capability Guardsmen have to operate under highly stressful, extremely challenging circumstances with considerable success at the highest levels. I am certain he has not only distinguished himself, but established within his co-workers and their associates a deeper level of trust in what the North Carolina Air National Guard can do in our nation's defense.

On that note, Col. Williams agrees, adding "A guardsman is equipped and trained to be ready to go anywhere in 72 hours or less to do the job for the airlift mission." But he contends Guard preparation doesn't end there. "You can plug and play Guardsmen anywhere, at any level. We're set up for that."

## Mission Support Group Benefits From Dynamic Leadership Duo

**By: Tech. Sgt. Steve Wilkins**  
145th AW Public Affairs

North Carolina National Guard Wing leadership took a bold step in October 2006, splitting command responsibilities of a major command position. The North Carolina National Guard was losing its Mission Support Group Commander to promotion and needed a newer, fresher model.

The largest unit in the Wing, the Mission Support Group provides the organizational structure and leadership for security police, engineering, personnel, services, communications, and logistics. The critical support the Mission Support Group



*Photos by: Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Christiansen*  
The Bronze Star is the fourth highest American combat award given for meritorious actions, accomplished with distinction in connection with military operations of the Army on the ground, against an opposing armed force.

provides aircrews, medical and operations staff, maintenance technicians and others enables them to function at the top of their game, worry-free and ready to win.

In addressing the issue, Air Guard leaders were concerned about maximizing efficiency of operation. Several important inspections were coming up and the Group commander needed to focus strategically on both operations and planning. There would be a great deal to accomplish in the coming years.

The resulting decision culminated with the appointment of two men to the position; one full-time and one a traditional Guardsman. People wondered how their management styles would merge and whether they'd get messages mixed or signals crossed. They wondered how the two men would work together, and whether they could even get along. Much of the trepidation was moot.

"Lt. Col. [Newton] Huneycutt and I are interchangeable," said Col. Clarence Ervin, Mission Support Group Commander. Col. Ervin is the traditional Guardsman sharing command responsibility with full-time director Lt. Col. "Newt" Huneycutt. He continued, saying "we think a lot alike; at times it's scary.

"Today, after working with him for nearly three years scarcely a day goes by that we don't finish a sentence for one another, or discover yet another thing we have in common," Huneycutt said of Ervin.

"They took charge just prior to the Unit Compliance Inspection, which preceded the Unit Readiness inspection the unit just completed," according to Brig. Gen. Iwan Clontz, North Carolina National Guard Assistant Adjutant General for Air. Clontz contends some of the most critical weight applied to inspection criteria recently has been with support functions, further intensifying the importance of Mission Support Group command.

Gen. Clontz said for the relationship to work that the teammates would have to check their egos for the duration of their dual assignment to avoid stepping on toes, staying in lanes and treating one another fairly. Ervin said their relationship "is one of communication, mutual trust and respect," adding "we both live the core values (Air Force core values of Integrity, Service before self and Excellence Always) and that makes it easy to trust."

As Gen. Clontz pointed out, the challenges were directly ahead of them, upon assignment. The pair had their work cut out for them. "There were some personnel challenges requiring addressing," said the general. "I don't think any of the leadership, except one in place for this ORI was in place for the last one."

"I think that the greatest challenge we've faced is getting the right people in the right places within the organization," said

Huneycutt. "It's paid tremendous dividends to the Wing," he continued.

What seems to have paid off is that Airmen under their command hear a single message, regardless who they're speaking with or management they're dealing with.

Col. Ervin said he won't ask anyone to do anything he wouldn't be willing to do himself. But he added quickly that Airmen should be ready to deal with him quite frankly. "I hold people accountable," he said, adding "I make it a point of addressing behaviors that are contrary to good order and discipline at the first occurrence." Col. Ervin said he doesn't hesitate making tough decisions, but takes time to explain his rationale. "They aren't always happy with it, but at least



*Photo by Staff Sgt. Richard Kerner, 145th Public Affairs*  
*Congenial, compatible and communicating as one, Lt. Col. Newt Huneycutt and Col. Clarence Ervin work together to make the Support Group run smoothly and ever ready to meet the needs of all it serves.*

they'll know its business, not personal."

Anyone thinking they might skirt the tough guy and get the cupcake was severely mistaken, as Lt. Col. Huneycutt's approach mirrors Col. Ervin's. "My style is pretty much nonsense, straightforward, what you see is what you get. If you've ever heard Col. Ervin speak, you've heard him say "take care of your business," so we've worked well from the start," said Lt. Col. Huneycutt.

Lt. Col. Huneycutt said managing the largest group in the Wing requires keeping a lot of balls in the air simultaneously, so there are a couple of things essential to making the relationship work: "the individuals involved need to be interchangeable in their leadership philosophy and vision for the group; the Traditional commander must have enough faith in the director's judgment to let him run the business on a day-to-day basis and; the director must be able to step aside and let the commander be the front man when he's available."

Gen. Clontz' assessment is that with the inspections successfully behind the unit that Cols. Ervin and Huneycutt have left their egos far behind and "continue to do an outstanding job."

Yet, despite any setbacks the pair is having fun with their

job as well. Col. Huneycutt says of Col. Ervin, “He keeps telling me I would have gotten him in trouble had we been in school together.”

Ervin adds, “I have had a ball in the 145th Airlift Wing. I don’t know of any other job I can have the fun I have had and get paid for it. I have been blessed to be a part of the greatest military family in the United States.”

## More Than 600 Local And State Emergency Responders Geared Up For Disaster Training

**By: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis  
Public Affairs**

The North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, North Carolina National Guard and North Carolina Division of Forest Resources conducted a training exercise June 20-23 to test their capabilities to process and move personnel and equipment and supplies in and out of the state following a major disaster. The first such training held in the state, the event incorporated over 600 staff and volunteers from the North Carolina National Guard both Army and Air as well as other local and state agencies.



*Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Brian Christiansen, 145th Public Affairs*  
NC Army Guard helicopters flew numerous sorties in support of this four day emergency training exercise.

The concept is to establish a centrally located collection site where emergency responders can be gathered, be accounted for and then dispatched as needed to where they can be most effectively utilized. The JRSOI must be able to process, credential, feed, and house between 250 to 500 people daily to effectively manage the need for and use of supplies during the course of the exercise.

The Air Guard’s Support Group played an important role in making the exercise run smoothly. Tasked with helping bed down the exercise players and assure adequate sanitation

The four-day exercise was held at the Forsyth County’s Dixie Classic Fairgrounds and Education Building adjacent to the Lawrence Joel Vets Memorial Coliseum in Winston-Salem.



*Photo by: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis, 145th Public Affairs*  
Sharing a place at the table. Lt. Col. Barbara Doncaster, mission commander for this exercise, and Senior Master Sgt. Randy Hart from the 145th Airlift Wing’s Safety Office participate in daily debriefings where the status of the exercise can be shared among all agencies including the NC Forestry Service who was the lead agency for this event. What’s going right and what could be done better are topics important to making the State of North Carolina better ready to respond to any type of future manmade or natural disaster.

about some of CE’s involvement. “We came in as early as possible, knowing that we would be using equipment from other agencies that, while similar to ours, isn’t exactly like what we use. Our first task was to setup two field expedient showers. This exercise gives us an opportunity to become familiar with such items and get acquainted with our counterparts from the various emergency agencies that do similar things.”

“Our goal is to test the plan for processing assets that would be transported to or from the state following a major disaster,” said Doug Hoell, director of DEM. “We want to be sure we can quickly and efficiently get people food, water, medical help and supplies they need when they will need it most.”

During or following a disaster, state emergency management officials can request to borrow or use resources from other states as part of a national emergency management assistance compact. For instance, during the Midwest flooding last summer, North Carolina sent a field hospital and supporting medical staff to Indiana. In 1999, the state received

and showering facilities. They were also on hand to attend to a variety of electrical power needs that always need attending to when accommodating such a large contingent.

145th Civil Engineer, Master Sgt. Jason Huffstedler, spoke



*Photo by: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis, 145th Public Affairs*  
Senior Master Sgt. Rob Ramsay, was the NCO in charge of managing all of the various vehicle movement into and out of the joint collection facility in Winston Salem throughout the Joint Reception Staging Onward Integration (JRSOI) training exercise.

military police and National Guard troops to help with security following Hurricane Floyd.

An effective plan is what is absolutely essential if we are to use these resources wisely. Testing that plan is crucial to be sure it's the best one possible. Thanks to all Air Guard personnel that participated.



*Master Sgt. Jason Huffstetter, 145 CES, was on hand to provide facilities setup and civil engineering services in cooperation with other emergency responding agencies during a recent emergency management exercise held in Winston-Salem.*

*Photo by: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis, 145th Public Affairs*

*Lt. Col Barbara Doncaster briefs her team from the NC Air National Guard prior to the arrival of nearly 350 NC Army National*



*Photo by: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis, 145th Public Affairs*

*Guard troops. The Air Guard's main function was facilities management at this designated collection site.*



*Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Brian Christiansen, 145th Public Affairs*  
*Staff Sgt. Jerome Horton, 145th Small Air Terminal, maintains a vigilant watch over the comings and goings at the reception center's main gate.*

# Mission Support Group Goes Through Changes

*By: Lt. Col. E. Hugh Daughtry*

There are changes within the Mission Support Group as the Mission Support Flight and the Services Flight combine to form the 145th Force Support Squadron effective September 1, 2009. Although this change should be transparent to the majority of Wing members, for those in the MPF and SVF, it is an exciting time, a time to embrace the new organization and reemphasize the services provided to the Wing. An activation ceremony will be held Sunday morning, October 4, in The Carolinian here on base.

The creation of the Force Support Squadron was initially part of a program-action decision approved by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force in 2007 and implemented by the Air Force in 2008. The logic was to merge the two flights in an effort to streamline processes, increase efficiencies, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining two separate organizations. Recognizing the value and synergy generated through combining personnel and services, the Air National Guard adopted the model this year and it was implemented Guard-wide on 1 September.

For the 145th, the merging of the MSF and SVF results in a Force Support Squadron consisting of 52 members plus approximately 80 Student Flight members awaiting Basic Military Training or Technical School. The main Flights within the Squadron include: Manpower and Personnel, formerly known as the Military Personnel Function; the Sustainment Services Flight, formerly the Services Flight; and the Force Development Flight, formerly Base Training. Many titles and roles have changed for the officers and senior enlisted members within the Squadron.

As the Squadron is "built" the goal will be to establish a sustainable structure that best meets the mission needs of the 145th Airlift Wing. Although the nature of the work of the legacy flights may be very different, the commonality rests in the mutual role of providing critical services and world-class customer service to all members of the Wing. The FSS brings new recruits into the Wing and promotes them throughout their career. The FSS feeds them, lodges them, provides Morale, Welfare, and Recreation services and then eventually separates them – or hopefully retires them after a long and distinguished career. The key to success in providing these services will be a continuation of the dedicated professional service displayed each UTA in the DFAC and behind the desk/counter of the personnelists.





U.S. AIR FORCE

8

NORTH CAROLINA AIR GUARD

USAF

*Ed Cohen*

### Heritage Artwork Collection Latest Edition

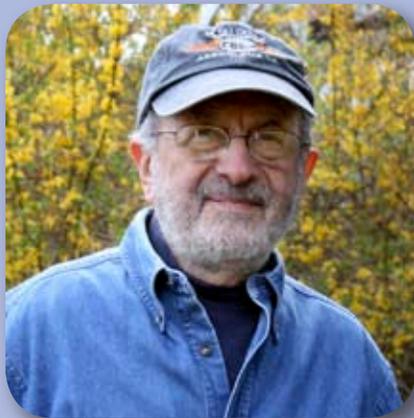
One of two Modular Airborne Firefighting System (MAFFS) equipped C-130 Hercules aircraft from the 145th Airlift Wing, North Carolina Air National Guard, lays down a blanket of flame-retardant liquid over a forested area in Southern California. The fires, stoked by 100 mph Santa Ana winds, were categorized as a major disaster. The results were more than 300,000 people driven from their homes and nearly 500,000 acres of woodlands consumed in 12 counties. Also deployed to Southern California were two MAFFS equipped C-130s from the 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard. The four Air National Guard C-130s, staged at Naval Air Station, Point Mugu, flew more than 40 missions in the first week of operations.

The MAFFS, owned by the U.S. Forest Service, is a fire-suppressant apparatus that is loaded into the C-130's cargo area. Consisting of a series of five pressurized tanks, the MAFFS can hold 3,000 gallons of flame-retardant liquid that is dropped along the leading edge of a fire to block the spread of flames. Flown on Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve C-130 aircraft, the aircrews require special training to fly these civil support missions. MAFFS crews are buffeted by thermal gusts, wind, and smoke as they drop their payload while flying between 150 and 200 feet above the ground.

Since 1974, the MAFFS has saved land, lives, and property from wildfires in the U.S. and abroad. Currently there are three Air National Guard C-130 units capable of operating MAFFS. In addition to the 145th AW and the 153rd AW, the 146th AW, California Air National Guard, also flies MAFFS-equipped C-130s. These units continue

to stand at the ready to support civil emergencies.

This work of art "Quenching the Flames" was painted by renowned Aviation Artist, Gil Cohen.



To see how to download or order a print, go to:  
[http://www.ng.mil/resources/photo\\_gallery/index.html](http://www.ng.mil/resources/photo_gallery/index.html)

### Commissary On-Site Sale Coming Again In October

Due to the unprecedented success of the previous Commissary On Site Sale, the Defense Commissary Agency will once again take their show on the road. Take advantage of spectacular savings on popular grocery items at the commissary on-site sale October 2-4 at the North Carolina Air National Guard Base near the Charlotte-Douglas International Airport.

Savings of 40-60 percent can be found at this sale featuring club packs of popular items and a variety of products including frozen pizza, steaks, ribs, chicken, boneless/skinless chicken breasts, sports drinks, bottled water, soda, pet food, detergents, household cleaning products, paper products and a selection of fresh fruits and vegetables and much more.

This sale will run from Friday through Sunday and will operate from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. each day of the sale. The sale is open to authorized commissary shoppers – active-duty military, Guard/Reserve, retirees and their family members. Bring military ID to enter. Cash, checks, major credit cards accepted and debit cards.

This is a great benefit for military members, guard/reserve, and our retired community. This sale is returning to Charlotte due in large part to the success of previous Commissary on-site sales we have had here. This is a special effort by the Defense Commissary Agency to bring this service to military members and retirees that might not, due to location, have the opportunity to frequent a commissary. Put it on your calendar and tell all your military friends in the local area.

The North Carolina Air National Guard Base is located on the east side of Charlotte – Douglas International Airport. Billy Graham Parkway is the easiest way to get to our installation. Take exit 33, if you're driving on Interstate 85; or take exit 6B if you're on Interstate 77. Once you're on Billy Graham, look for Morris Field Drive. There will be green road signs directing you to the NC Air Guard.

If you have questions please feel free to contact the 145th Airlift Wing, Public Affairs Office at 704.391.4239 or 704.391.4441 or via cell at 980.721.4032.

### 245th CEF Takes Long Road To Help In Central Africa

#### 145th AW Public Affairs

Several members of North Carolina's Air National Guard presented Embassy officials and military leaders in Central

Africa with ideas that can be used through military and diplomatic channels to improve relations there.

Col Mike Ray and LtCol John Wolverton from North Carolina Air National Guard's 245th Civil Engineering Flight traveled to Stuttgart, Germany and Bagui, Central African Republic to meet with Frederick Cook, United States Ambassador to the republic of Central Africa, Timothy Smith, a Deputy Chief of Mission at the US Embassy in Bagui, Central African republic, Jean Francois Bozize, Minister of Defense for the Central African Republic and several others August 24 through September 4.

Part of US Africa Command, a Department of Defense Unified Combatant Command, the 245th CEF is assisting AFRICOM's Engineer Division in development and implementation of DoD Peace Keeping Operations funding.

Col. Ray says this trip looked at existing conditions and capabilities to identify short term training opportunities for US Military Engineers to work with Central African Armed Forces Engineers then identify both short and longer term PKO projects which could include training opportunities for ANG Prime BEEF and/or Red Horse units.

AFRICOM, which was established as a separate command for Africa in October of 2008 exploits the emerging strategic importance of Africa. Both State Department and DoD officials fully recognize that peace and stability on the continent impacts not only Africans, but the interests of the U.S. and international community.



*FACA Troops welcome us to Camp Kassai*

**I n v o l v e d** with engineering opportunities that can benefit even individual citizens the 245th CEF's activities contribute to improving security, development, diplomacy and prosperity in Africa

In making the trip, Cols. Ray and Wolverton took the one weekly scheduled flight from Paris late Wednesday evening, arriving in Bangui early Thursday morning. Because the plane, returns to Paris late that same evening, a trip to Bangui is at least a week long.

The team met with Ambassador Cook and his staff for an excellent overview of the CAR, explaining the history of US involvement, major political struggles of the country during the last four decades, and the current political and humanitarian situation. The Ambassador explained the country is phenomenally rich in natural resources. He stressed that

we should focus on ways to "teach" rather than simply "provide."

They were provided a tour of Camp Beal and escorted to the nearby Engineer Battalion camp, greeted by Engineer Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Julian Kotaly and a small squad of troops. The soldiers may be challenged with resources, but they are clearly proud of their roles and what they do.

"Their primary challenge is that they lack the means (equipment and materials) to execute their mission. They have no tools, no materials, no vehicles, nothing." Col. Ray said he would find it hard to believe "had I not been here to see for myself."

Embassy staff later hosted the team on a day trip to Boali Falls, approximately 90km northwest of Bangui, providing an

overview of life and conditions in rural CAR that can only be described as primitive.

Boali Falls is a beautiful natural resource and a popular tourist location in the country. The Ambassador stated that the current



*Col Ray, Ambassador Cook, LtCol Wolverton, Lcdr Sensenig*

administration feels they are making progress and he agrees with the assessment. He added the 245th involvement is a part of that progress now and welcomes the engagement.

From the falls, the team saw the country's hydro-electric dam, the only mass power generation facility in the country. "We also learned more about this facility and country's infrastructure during our meeting with Ms. Meike Van Ginneken, a civil engineer working for the World Bank in Bagui. Ms. Van Ginneken manages infrastructure programs. The World Bank provides funding for such projects.

Although the team's first return visit, possibly as early as January of 2010, could incorporate topographic survey training and information, overall it seems the unit will focus initial efforts on teaching water supply, energy and drainage techniques, which Ray and Lt. Col. Kotaly hope will strengthen Central African Republic's "capability and increase their capacity to project and participate."

According to the ambassador, "Our primary goal should be to train the engineers in expeditionary water treatment techniques that they can easily replicate and transfer to the rural villages."



Air Field Management NCO, Staff Sgt. William Whitaker, Jr. works with Senior Airman Eugene Bradley from the Command post in testing the 156th Airlift Squadron's emergency 10KW diesel generator that supports building 3.

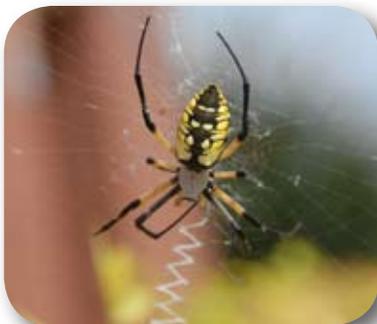
Erik Maiers, a member of the Student Flight walks with his future supervisor, Tech. Sgt. Larry McGee, pushing a JP-8 reclamation cart away from a C-130 Hercules inside the fuel cell hanger at the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, N.C. Maiers will be departing for basic training, and onto tech school to become a fuel system technician. Unlike the regular Air Force, Air National Guard new recruits occasionally have a unique opportunity to work with their future work centers under close supervision.



Senior Airman Jeremy Jemigan, a Readiness Instructor assigned to the 145th Civil Engineer Squadron, directs a group of airmen on where to find answers in their Airman Manuals, and how to react to different scenarios

while in their chemical suits during a Chemical Biological Radiological, Nuclear Exercise (CBRNE) at the 145th Airlift Wing, Charlotte, N.C.

Whoa! On your way to the Dining Facility this past September UTA did you see the beautiful spider and its magnificent web? Known as a "True Orb Weaver", its distinctive yellow and black markings remind us that Halloween is not too far off.



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Brian E. Christiansen, 145th Public Affairs

# 2009 Flu Clinic

Flu season is just around the corner and anyone can be a potential target. Your best protection against the debilitating effects of this virus is to get a flu shot. For this reason, the 145th Airlift Wing is sponsoring an onsite flu shot drive from 8:30 – 12:30 October 6, 2009, in the Medical Clinic.

## ABOUT THE FLU

The flu is a disease of the breathing passages caused by the influenza virus. It affects people of all ages as it spreads through the air from person to person. The virus can be as contagious as the common cold and is easily transmitted from people who are already infected. You can also get the flu from those who have been exposed, but have not yet developed symptoms. This means that you can be contagious and not even know it.

The flu is more serious than a cold, often causing severe symptoms such as body aches, exhaustion, high fever, respiratory inflammation, congestion, cough and more. You could be ill for a week with some symptoms lingering for up to a month. For people that are classified by the Centers for Disease Control as high-risk, it is especially important to get vaccinated. This group includes people over 65; a household contact of persons at increased risk of flu-related complications, anyone with heart disease, diabetes, kidney disorder, blood disorder or an impaired immune system.

## A FLU SHOT IS YOUR BEST SHOT AT PROTECTION

Flu vaccine is 75 to 90 percent effective in preventing infection. Contrary to a popular myth, you cannot get the flu from the vaccine since it is made from highly purified, egg grown viruses that have been rendered noninfectious.

The vaccine causes your body to produce antibodies that protect it against the virus. Even if you received a flu shot last year, you still need to receive another one this year to remain protected. The reason being, each year the flu strain changes and your body slowly loses its immunity to the flu.

As with any vaccine, flu vaccine has some side effects. Less than 1/3 of those who receive a flu shot will experience some soreness at the vaccination site, and only 5 to 10 percent will suffer mild side effects such as low-grade fevers and headaches. Anyone with a history of hypersensitivity to eggs or egg products should not receive a flu shot since the vaccine is grown in hens' eggs.

October and November are the optimal months for flu vaccination. However, getting vaccinated later will still prevent illness in most flu seasons. The CDC recommends that vaccination continue through December and as long as vaccine is available. So if you want to be sure you're healthy for the holidays or that much-awaited vacation, don't leave it up to chance. Attend our company flu drive and get vaccinated!

# No Pain, No Gain

2 Corinthian 1:3-7

By: Chaplain Trendce Hudson, 145th Airlift Wing

How do we handle pain in life? There is a story of a mule that fell into the farmer's well. The farmer heard the mule and decided that neither the mule nor the well was worth the trouble of saving. Instead, he enlisted some of his neighborhood buddies to help haul dirt to bury the old mule in the well and put him out of his misery.

Initially the old mule was hysterical! But as the farmer and his neighbors continued shoveling and dirt hit his back a thought struck him (as even mules think sometimes). It suddenly dawned on him that every time a shovel load of dirt landed on his back.... HE SHOULD SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP! This he did, blow after blow, "SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP....SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP.....SHAKE IT OFF AND STEP UP," he repeated to encourage himself. No matter how painful the blows and how distressing the situation seemed, the old mule fought panic and just kept right on SHAKING IT OFF AND STEPPING UP!"

It wasn't long before the old mule battered and exhausted, STEPPED TRIUMPHANTLY OVER THE WALL OF THAT WELL! What seemed like it would bury him actually blessed him, all because of the manner in which he handled his adversity.

We can learn a lot from the old mule in how to handle adversity. God teaches in the scripture that we can find comfort in the midst of sufferings and pain when we realize:

1. Jesus Christ is our compassionate comforter. (v. 3-4)
2. Jesus Christ shares in our sufferings. (v. 5-6)
3. Jesus Christ is our hope. (v7)

This is great news! We can handle the challenges of life because God is our comfort. Jesus endured undeserving suffering, pain, and shame. He asked the Father to intercede and stop His suffering, but He also knew that His Father was with Him always. Therefore, we are encouraged in our suffering and pain to continue to have hope. God never promised that we wouldn't suffer or have pain in this life, but He did promise that He would never leave us or forsake us during the pain. If Jesus had not endured the pain, we would not have eternal life. NO PAIN, NOT GAIN.



Chaplain Trendce Hudson



Air National Guard photo by: Master Sgt. Keith Dennis, 145th Public Affairs

Guidance for grief. Chaplain Sandy Yow shares the podium with Monica Robinson, a widow and mother of three from the Charlotte area. Robinson answered questions posed to her by Chaplain Yow regarding her own experience of losing a husband due to suicide a couple years ago and how she moved through her own grieving process. Suicide has been a growing problem in the military in recent months. Chaplain Yow initiated the discussion to help raise awareness of the issue, share advice on how to recognize some of the danger signals, and offer some suggestions on how to provide appreciated care giving to those who have experienced such a tragedy in their lives.

### SPECIAL OLYMPICS

Chapter 7 has an opportunity to help out at some of the sporting events in Charlotte for Special Olympics. The dates are October 21-24; you can volunteer for any amount of time, one day, all days or part of the day. The duties would be cheering the athletes, walking with them to the next event, carrying gear, and helping out anyway you can, more to come on this opportunity at the meeting.

### Operation Santa Claus

This December we're hosting York Place Episcopal Church Home for Children for our Operation Santa Claus. A few weeks ago, this school from Kings Mountain, NC came out for a tour of our base and this was the nice thank you letter sent to us from Ms. Kathy Grier, director of development and public relations.

As always, we hope all will generously contribute and volunteer for this worthwhile, fun annual event that brings so much joy to the children. More details to come.



August 24, 2009

State Command Chief Terry Henderson  
N.C. Air National Guard  
4930 Minuteman Way  
Charlotte, N.C. 28208

Dear C CMSgt. Henderson:

Since the first day that I received MSgt. Lester Terry's news that the N. C. Air National Guard wanted to "adopt" York Place as your 2009 Operation Santa Claus recipient, I have been overwhelmed with the new relationship we are forming.

Words cannot begin to describe the experience that the York Place children and staff experienced Friday on your base. Everyone had a fantastic time! From the moment we arrived on base until CMSgt. Andy Huneycutt waved goodbye to the last car in our convoy on the way off of the base, women and men of the N.C. Air National Guard went above and beyond to make us feel welcome. We will be forever grateful for this experience.

Please know how much we appreciate what you are doing to help our children. May God continue to bless us with your friendship.

Peace,

Kathy Grier  
Director of Development/PR

### Scholarships



More good news! Another serious and hard charging student, Monica R. Reid, won a \$500.00 USAA Scholarship. Ms. Reid is a sophomore majoring in Economics at Winston-Salem State University. Last school year, Monica managed to maintain a 4.0 grade point average and was honor student of the year at her school. Pictured here are her parents Master Sgt. Norbert and Rosalind Reid, Monica, Brig. Gen. Iwan B. Clontz and Col. Tony McMillan.



Rising high school 11th grader, Dakota Johnson received the Junior Division NCOAGA scholarship of \$600.00 from Brig. Gen. Iwan B. Clontz and Col. Tony E. McMillan. Proud parents, Senior Master Sgt. Eric Johnson and Capt. Stephanie Johnson, say that right now he is thinking about studying to be a physician.



Congratulations to Katherine C. Akers who was awarded this year's Senior Division NCO Academy Graduates Association Scholarship totaling \$1,300.00. She is pictured here with her mother, Lt Col Ginger Annas, her stepfather, Chief Master Sgt Mike Annas, and Brig. Gen. Iwan B. Clontz, who presented her the award. Katherine attends Western Carolina University as a freshman and has aspirations to become a dentist.

# ESOH CAMP Assessment Team Coming To Town!!

You may have already heard the term “ESOH inspection” or “ESOH-Camp” in the past few weeks. Hopefully, after reading this article you have a better idea of what that is and what it will mean to you and the 145th Airlift Wing.

During the week of 26 – 30 October a team of contractors will be coming to base to conduct what is known as an Environmental, Safety, and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment. The purpose of the assessment program (that is where the term “ESOH CAMP” comes from) is to determine where we stand with regard to compliance on those programs. For those of you that may or may not know, non-compliance in any of these areas can lead to a potential regulatory notice of violation and even fines in some cases. This contractor – led assessment team is designed to identify those program areas that may be in non-compliance in order that they may be corrected prior to any type of outside regulatory visit. The team will assess those programs pertaining to Flying Safety, Ground Safety, Munitions, Environmental, and Occupational Health.

So what is your part in this process you may ask? You need to be familiar with those AFOSH Standards and Environmental Regulations that pertain to your particular job that you do here daily or on UTA. Not only that, but where actions are required such as inspections or training those things must be thoroughly documented, typically on forms such as the Air Force Form 55, Safety and Health Training. I believe it has most recently been proven during our ORI experience that there is a safety conscious attitude here at our Wing. We

certainly need to continue to keep that going as a part of our daily practice.

Another relatively new program that will again be evaluated this time around is compliance with the Environmental Management System (EMS) which is governed by EO 13423, “Strengthening Federal Environmental, Energy, and Transportation Mgt”. This is again where we must walk the talk! Each individual at the Wing must know that we have a Wing Environmental Policy statement which outlines your responsibilities in protecting our environment.

Through this Executive Order and our Wing EMS program we have identified eight key aspects where we intend to focus our efforts on environmental improvements. Those areas deal with energy/water conservation, reducing hazardous waste generation, reducing petroleum use, reducing vehicle emissions, and improving recycling efforts. All of these efforts must become part of your daily culture as you go about doing your job here at the Wing.

Lastly, this is an assessment where the contractors will be out visiting each of the work areas. First impressions are lasting impressions. It goes without saying that you should give them your utmost respect and answer their questions when you have the knowledge to do so. If not, tell them you will get back to them with an answer. Follow through on your promises. You know your job better than any other, so it is time to shine when the assessors come your way. So the next time you hear someone talking or asking about the ESOHCAMP, you can help them get informed, prepared, and in compliance!

## H1N1 Influenza

H1N1 is a new novel virus that first caused illness in early 2009. It spreads like seasonal flu.

### Preventive Measures

- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue, or cough & sneeze into the crook of your elbow
- Discard used tissues
- Avoid touching eyes, nose, mouth – germs spread
- Avoid close contact with sick people
- Clean surfaces of tables, desks, door knobs, keyboards, and phones
- Get adequate rest and eat well
- Follow public health advice regarding social distancing

### Response Measures

- Seek attention from health care providers if you develop a fever, headache, extreme tiredness, cough, sore throat, runny / stuffy nose, muscle aches, nausea, diarrhea, or vomiting.
- Limit contact with others if you have flu-like symptoms
- Stay home for at least 7 days after illness onset or you have been free of symptoms for 24 hours

More information available at:

[www.flu.gov](http://www.flu.gov) [www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu](http://www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu)

[www.fhp.osd.mil/aiWatchboard](http://www.fhp.osd.mil/aiWatchboard)

## Policy Change Benefits Disabled Airmen

By Daniel Elkins

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

**RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas (AFRNS)** — A policy change by officials here now allows some Airmen retiring with less than 20 years active service to receive retirement certificates.

A change to Air Force Instruction 36-3203, Service Retirements, authorizes Airmen who are retired permanently for disability with less than 20 years of active service to be issued Department of Defense Form 363AF, Certificate of Retirement. Previously, the policy limited presentation of certain retirement documents to Airmen with 20 or more years of active service.

“The rule set had always been 20 years to get the certificate without a good look at those on the permanently disabled retirement list,” said Col. William Foote, the Air Force Personnel Center director of personnel services. “However, to be fair to those Airmen who are impacted by conditions beyond their control, it’s only right that we recognize their honorable service.”

The change in policy is a result of feedback received through the Air Force Wounded Warrior Care Program, according to Maj. Juan Garcia, the AFPC Retirements Branch chief. The program stood up to provide policy and overarching support to wounded, seriously ill or injured Airmen, their families and families of the fallen.

“Given today’s realities, we’ve found that there are a lot of people who have done great things for their country, and we want to take care of them,” Major Garcia said.

He added that the policy change is one of the ways the Air Force continues to honor the sacrifices of our wounded, ill and injured Airmen.

Further, the policy change authorizes the presentation of the presidential certificate of appreciation and issuance of Air Force Form 1344, Certificate of Appreciation, to spouses of Airmen who are permanently retired for disability with less than 20 years of active service.

For those Airmen who are on the temporarily disabled retirement list, this change does not apply since their retired status is temporary, and they could continue to serve.

For more information about this change, visit <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil/> and type “retirement” into the search engine or call the 24-hour Total Force Service Center at 800-525-0102. (Courtesy of USAF Manpower, Personnel and Services News)

## VA Simplifies Compensation For Post-Traumatic Stress

American Forces Press Service

**WASHINGTON, Aug. 24, 2009** — The Veterans Affairs Department is taking steps to help veterans seeking compensation for post-traumatic stress disorder, VA Secretary Eric K. Shinseki announced today.

“The hidden wounds of war are being addressed vigorously and comprehensively by this administration as we move VA forward in its transformation to the 21st century,” Shinseki said.

VA is publishing a proposed regulation today in the Federal Register to make it easier for a veteran to claim service connection for PTSD by reducing the evidence needed if the stressor claimed is related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity. Comments on the proposed rule will be accepted over the next 60 days, and a final regulation will be published after consideration of all comments received, VA officials said.

Under the new rule, VA would not require corroboration of a stressor related to fear of hostile military or terrorist activity if a VA psychiatrist or psychologist confirms that the stressful experience recalled by a veteran adequately supports a diagnosis of PTSD and the veteran’s symptoms are related to the claimed stressor.

Previously, claims adjudicators were required to corroborate that a noncombat veteran actually experienced a stressor related to hostile military activity. This rule would simplify the development that is required for these cases, officials explained.

PTSD is a recognized anxiety disorder that can follow seeing or experiencing an event that involves actual or threatened death or serious injury to which a person responds with intense fear, helplessness or horror, and is not uncommon in war. Feelings of fear, confusion or anger often subside, officials noted, but if the feelings don’t go away or get worse, a veteran may have PTSD.

VA is bolstering its mental health capacity to serve combat veterans, adding thousands of new professionals in the last four years. The department also has established a toll-free suicide prevention helpline — 1-800-273-TALK — and has a Web site available for online chat in the evenings at <http://www.suicidepreventionlifeline.org/Veterans/>.

(From a Department of Veterans Affairs news release.)

# Promotions

To Colonel	
Bradley n. McRee	245 CEF
Michael T. Ray	245 CEF
To Lieutenant Colonel	
Anthony C. Costanzo	245 CEF
To Major	
Mary E. OConnor	156 AS
To Captain	
Paul J. Allen II	156 AS
Elisa A. McGhee	
Mathiew J. Witte	156 AS
Jeffrey A. Wnek	145 MD
Richard A. Quick	156 AS
To First Lieutenant	
Kathryn H. Burnell	156 AES
Robert S. Hegler, Jr.	156 AS
To Second Lieutenant	
Franzey E. Medina	156 WF
To Chief Master Sergeant	
Maurice L. Williams	145 LRS
To Senior Master Sergeant	
Harry E. Arthur III	118 ASOS
Randall L. Jones	145 CES
LaTonya D. McPhail	145 AW
John D. Murphy	235 ATC
Ned W. Seaman	156 AS
Anthony T. Simmons	235 ATC

To Master Sergeant	
Jeffrey S. Brown	156 AS
William M. Cofer Jr.	145 SFS
Almon D. Partain	145 MXS
Johnathan R. Stallings	235 ATC
To Technical Seargent	
Reginald A. Bonepart	156 AES
Matthem R. Ciampa	156 WF
Charles E. Davis	156 AS
Nathan B. Dennis	156 AS
Tanja A. Donelson	145 MDG
Michelle L. Edge	156 AES
Matthew D. Miller	118 ASOS
Brandon D. Scott	145 CES
To Staff Sergeant	
Timothy D. Bost	145 MXS
Erik R. Carroll	235 ATCS
Adam R. Cassidy	145 LRS
Latoya S. Hall	145 MDG
Malcolm T. Kennedy Jr.	118 ASOS
Erik A. Leacock	145 AMXS
Brandon E. Skidmore	156 AS
To Senior Airman	
Marshall C. Collins II	118 ASOS
Aaron M. Rankin	156 AES
Blake A. Sigmon	118 ASOS
Michael B. Smith	145 SFS

# Enlistments

Rank	Name	Unit
A1C	Brock, Ryan D.	145 SFS
A1C	Carte, Shane A.	263 CBCS
SSgt	Dozier, Russell G.	156 AS
SrA	Frazier, Neal T.	145 MXS
A1C	Hankins, Lindsay K.	145 AW
SrA	Hardy, Bobby N.	118 ASOS
SrA	Holmes, Matthew T.	156 AS
A1C	Huneycutt, Jeremy T.	118 ASOS
A1C	Karaszewski, Kaitlin N.	156 WF
A1C	Kvantas, Justin R.	235 ATCS
SrA	Marsh, Antronius T.	145 MXS
Capt	Mitchell, Selicia M.	118 ASOS
A1C	Morris, Joseph A.	145 MXS
SSgt	Nelms, Steven G.	145 OSF
A1C	Pettit, William G.	145 MXS
SrA	Shick, Douglas	118 ASOS
SrA	Singleton, Stephanie L.	263 CBCS
A1C	Sours, Jesse R.	145 MXS
SSgt	Stover, Joel B.	235 ATCS
SSgt	Studer, Ryan B.	118 ASOS
Capt	Vervoort, Edwin P.	245 ATCS
A1C	Wentz, Jerray B.	145 MXS
SSgt	Yoder, Levi G.	263 CBCS

*Congratulations to Lt. Col. Quincy N. Huneycutt III for receiving the 2009 Region 4 I.G. Brown Command Excellence Award from the ANG NCO Academy Graduate Association. Here Huneycutt receives his award from local chapter president Senior Master Sergeant Chris Amburn. Huneycutt is the 145th Mission Support Group, Deputy Commander.*

Photo by Staff Sgt. Rich Kemner, Public Affairs



145TH AIRLIFT WING  
NORTH CAROLINA AIR NATIONAL GUARD  
4930 MINUTEMAN WAY  
CHARLOTTE, NC 28208-5797

Presorted Standard  
U.S. Postage  
**PAID**  
Permit No. 1076  
Charlotte, NC



*Here a group picture of the 145th Security Forces Squadron team members after the Operational Readiness Inspection in June at Alpena, MI. This was one of many teams and individuals who received recognition from the IG team.*