



A1C Leamon



TSgt. Thacker



SMSgt. Rider



SMSgt. Wohlwend



The Ayers Family

Outstanding performers honored

The SCANG recently named its 2011 award winners. The Airman, noncommissioned officer, senior NCO, first sergeant and family of the year will be honored during the next base awards formation.

Airman of the Year - A1C Rachel Leamon is a munitions apprentice assigned to the Inspections Shop of the 169th Maintenance Squadron. She was born in Silver Spring, Maryland, and graduated from South Carolina's Ridge View High School in 2008 with a 3.8 GPA. She began attending Clemson University in 2008 and is currently working toward a bachelor's degree in biological science. She has served her community by helping at nursing homes, Safe Harbor, Souperbowl of Caring, The Goodwill and Meals on Wheels.

NCO of the Year - TSgt. Joshua Thacker is an F-16 crew chief assigned to the 169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. Thacker was born in South Bend, Indiana, and graduated with honors from Elkhart Memorial High School in 2000. He joined the SCANG in 2004, and in 2007, became the first quality assurance augmentee in the history of McEntire for the purpose of conducting F-16 hot pit refueling training and evaluations.

He is the lead crew chief for his team and performs duties as the primary support section supervisor. Thacker also was recognized as one of the top graduates in his 2011 NCO Academy Class at McGhee-Tyson ANGB, Tennessee.

Senior NCO of the Year - SMSgt. James Rider is the communications operations supervisor assigned to the 169th Communications Flight. Rider, who was born in Butler, Pennsylvania, transferred from the Pennsylvania Air National Guard to the SCANG as a traditional guardsman and accepted a full-time technician position within the Communications Flight in 2009. Rider's many accomplishments with the 169th include a 2008 Superior Performer group member for the Operational Readiness Inspection Phase II, 2008 Communications Flight Outstanding Senior NCO of the Year and a 2010 Superior Performer for the Unit Compliance Inspection.

First Sergeant of the Year - SMSgt. John Wohlwend is the first sergeant of the 169th AMX. Wohlwend ensures unit members are prepared to deploy while maintaining his own personal readiness. He was born in Savannah, Georgia. After spending several

years on active duty, he joined the SCANG in 1993. As first sergeant, he realized the need for and developed the 169th FW Dependent Care Plan Program. This program became a template which aided more than 45 SCANG Airmen.

Family of the Year - SMSgt. Dwayne Ayers is the emergency management superintendent assigned to the 169th Civil Engineer Squadron and also serves as the installation emergency manager. He is married to April, and they have two children, Allyson and Danielle. During 2011, the Ayers' family has been involved in a variety of organizations and activities concerning the welfare of service members and their families. As co-chairs of the golf tournament fundraiser last April, their efforts resulted in net proceeds of more than \$10,000 for unit members with life-threatening illnesses. April is the SCANG Family Resiliency Coordinator and will help implement training for families of deploying SCANG members. Their work ethic and values also have been instilled in their children, who are involved in a variety of community service endeavors.

(Story by MSgt. Pelham Myers Jr., 169th FW/PA)

For a story and photos about the Afghanistan deployment, see pages 6-7.

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Commander's Corner



Maj. Jack Phillips 169th FSS Commander



I was told a few years ago that it's important to decide which future military positions I might be interested in and determine the paths leading to each. At the time, I didn't take the conversation to heart, but, after sitting on a few high-level boards, it makes perfect sense.

I recently served as an administrative assistant on a board reviewing Air Guard lieutenant colonels for promotion to colonel. One would think the process would be simple. The panel reviews a bunch of records and everyone gets promoted. Guess again.

Boards are staffed based on a combination of panels depending on the number of competitive categories (i.e. lawyers, bio folks, dentists, line officers, etc.). Each competitive category must be represented on the board. Plus, you need an appropriate mix of Active Duty and Air Guard colonels as voting members and a general officer as the non-voting president.

The flow of the board usually begins

with education about how the Air Guard is organized, our "typical" force management techniques and our personnel records. You'd think this part would be easy as we're pretty much aligned the way Active Duty bases are, right? We have wings, squadrons and flights. So you'd think we could skip the whole organizational structure brief and move right into the records. Not so.

In this case, the board president stated that our organizational structures are pretty much the same. Everyone nodded. He then went on to say that it's rare for everyone to have experience in senior level positions, and, in fact, some folks might jump a few levels in order to be matched with specific opportunities. That's when the hands started going up and questions started flying. How can someone be expected to function when they jump three levels? Can he or she deploy in the place of an Active Duty member if they are traditional and they jumped those levels?

The board president did his best to answer

the questions. He reminded them we have at least three systems to work with – traditional, technicians, AGRs, etc. That led to more raised eyebrows and questions. And, about an hour later, the board moved on to the next stage, reviewing actual records.

They reviewed performance appraisals, awards and decorations, a one-page summary from the personnel system and recommendations from wing commanders and adjutant generals.

Numerous records were reviewed, and a few dozen were set aside for further discussion. They were the most perplexing of all. They included poorly written and missing evaluations, only a few awards listed, only a few duty history changes, weak recommendations. A fair number of these were turned back.

Once the board concluded, it really hit me. These senior members were not competing against each other for promotion. They were competing against themselves! If their record was strong enough, they made it through. If not, they didn't.

Think about that for a minute. It is late in your career, and you have performed to a level that has exceeded all expectations. You are placed in a role of responsibility by your leadership. If, for whatever reason, your official records do not properly illustrate what you've done or a board does not consider your history strong enough for the next level (lacking depth, civilian education, deployments, leadership opportunities, etc.), you might not make it to that level. Even though your own leadership and everyone else is pushing you in that direction!

This takes me back to the original point of this article ... proper development starting early from both leadership and its members, as well as good stewardship of one's records. These factors are absolutely musts in order to ensure future success.

As we move forward, we must embrace opportunities (foot stomp: deployments, supervision, command) when they are given and continue our civilian/military education (awards are important too) to ensure future success and viability.

We should not allow a board to make the hard decision for us. We want to make it clear from the start that our Swamp Foxes are developed for the future and are ready to take on leadership opportunities when they are presented!

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We've all been solicited to participate in a professional military organization. Often we think about participating but never follow through.

PMOs are formed to recognize and represent groups of individuals, their ideals, interests and goals. They often spur camaraderie and esprit de corps and frequently provide lobbyists for military legislation. Some National Guard and Air Force related PMOs are the National Guard Association of South Carolina (www.ngasc.org), the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (www.eangus.org), the National Guard Association of the United States (www.nagus.org), the Air Force Sergeants Association (www.hqafsa.org) and the Air Force Association (www.afa.org). Additionally, we have many councils, associations and committees that impact our unit. A few include the Chief's Council, Diamond Council, NCO Council and the National Guard Graduates Association.

Being part of a PMO or other formal council or association can benefit our own professional growth, give us personal satisfaction and help make a lasting impact on the future of our organization and the Air Guard. While these three reasons cannot encompass every motivation, they are at the heart of why we join professional organiza-

tions and why they exist. AFI 36-2618 calls for us to join professional organizations at all rank levels. As Airmen, we must continue to develop our professional growth in order to become better leaders, mentors and wingmen throughout our career.

Such responsibility begins the moment we make the decision to join the Air Force, not when a particular rank is achieved. Participation allows members at all levels to become involved and gain valuable skills and knowledge through a cooperative effort. How to go about accomplishing the objectives of the group will not always be found in a manual or an AFI. The experience and skills we gain will help us face the difficult challenges ahead.

Most importantly PMOs like the ones listed work diligently to ensure our quality of life is maintained to the highest standard possible while we serve and after retirement or separation. They lobby Congress on a myriad of issues from medical care, job security and pay to commissary privileges and education benefits. With the looming budget battles facing our Air Force and nation, being a part of organizations like these gives you a bigger voice (strength in numbers) to be heard by the people who ultimately will make the decisions that affect your everyday life. These are turbulent and trying financial



times. Everyone in our business is fighting for the same DoD dollars, so participation in a PMO is extremely vital. No matter your grade, job or position, there is an organization out there that will benefit from what you have to offer.

CMSgt. Lawrence Crowson, our State Command Chief, recently told me the SCANG has a goal of 80 percent of its personnel actively participating in a PMO. Now is the time to get involved, make a difference and be proud to represent your unit, base, service and local community.

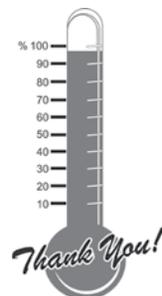
Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength		Recruiting/Retention		
Officers:		Gains:	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Authorized	138	Prior	1	13
Assigned	132	Non-Prior	0	36
Percent Manned	95.7%	Total	1	49
Enlisted:		Losses:		
Authorized	1191	ETS	0	7
Assigned	1196	Discharge	0	38
Percent Manned	99.9%	Medical	0	0
Total:		Resignation	0	3
Authorized	1329	Retirement	0	16
Assigned	1328	Transfer	1	13
Percent Manned	99.9%	Other	0	1
(as of April 14th, 2012)		Total	1	78
		Net Gain/Loss	0	-29

Recruiting Progress

We're at 99.9 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2012!
Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...

Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



For Your Information ...

Personal weapons policy

No personal weapons of any type, concealed or in plain view, are allowed on property of the SC Military and under the jurisdiction of the SC Adjutant General. Exceptions are members whose job requires them to carry weapons and who have written permission from the TAG.

R3SP Toolbox

The South Carolina National Guard has published the "SCNG Leader's R3SP Toolbox" brochure. Its purpose is to educate members about resources that help strengthen resiliency, family readiness and other personal concerns. Go to www.169fw.af.mil or, for AF Portal users, My Organization/169th FW (Products & Services).

HRE/POSH training

This mandatory training will be held at 0930 on Saturday of the May, June and July UTAs in the 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron's auditorium.

VPC-GR basics

The vPC-GR Basics electronic learning tool is the first in a planned series of web-based interactive courses related to personnel processes. It shows how to establish accounts, use the dashboard and manage action requests/work. The eLT is available via the Advanced Distributed Learning Service website (<https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>). Go to "Course List," then "Miscellaneous."

Web-HA mandatory for PHAs

SCANG members must complete their Web Health Assessments on-line. The standard paper questionnaire no longer is offered. WHAs are due during birth months but can be completed up to two months sonner (but no later than one week before that month's drill. Contact SMSgt. Candace Cox, Health Systems Specialist, 169th Medical Group, 803-647-8296.

No trespassing

The Base Firing Range, Bldg. 3320, is for official use only and closed to the public and non-authorized personnel. For more information, see TSgt. Paul Wallace, 169th SFS, NCOIC, Combat Arms, 803-647-8703.

New NCOA Course (00015)

The Noncommissioned Officers Academy correspondence course has been updated from Course 00009 to Course 00015. Enrollments in Course 00009 before Feb. 1 remain intact (those members can complete Course 00009).

Falcon's Nest All Ranks Club

Swamp Foxes are encouraged to join the Falcon's Nest All Ranks Club located adjacent to the Shoppette in the Canteen (Bldg. 157). The club features a pool table, televisions, domestic beers, well drinks and non-alcoholic beverages. Membership is a whopping \$15 per year! Perfect for promotion parties, special events and/or getting to know folks from throughout the base. Open 4-8 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and on drill weekends. Comments, suggestions, concerns and/or questions can be sent to MSgt. J.J. Jones at 803-647-8908 or john.jones.1@ang.af.mil; or TSgt. Williams Burrows at 803-647-8691 or william.burrows@ang.af.mil.

Ideas wanted

Have an idea to improve McEntire? Send it to the Community Action Information Board. The CAIB meets quarterly to improve the quality of life for Airmen on McEntire. Submit suggestions to 169FW. CAIB@ang.af.mil.

Military One Source

Free personal services are available to service members and their families 24/7 at Military One Source. For online assistance related to military life and deployments, families and recreation, health and relationships, careers and education, financial and legal crises, go to <https://militaryonesource.com>.

Financial assistance

For general information about dealing with financial emergencies, getting out of debt, paying for child care, saving for the future and more, call 803-895-1332.

Rack Up!

Though SCANG Airmen excel in everything from their daily tasks to the classroom to international competitions, their achievements often are not reflected on their ribbon racks! Award writing should

no longer strike fear in the hearts of McEntire supervisors! The process has been streamlined via VPC-GR. A few strong bullets, an AF Portal login and the following handy guide are all you need: <X:/Baseshare/Awards>.

Gate hours

Main Gate

Daily: 0430-2400

(Hours extended for night flying.)

Morrell Gate

Duty Days: 0620-0815 & 1645-1745
UTA Saturday: 0600-0815 & 1600-1700
UTA Sunday: 0600-0815 & 1530-1630

Church Gate

UTAs: 0600-0815

Job Openings

The 169th SFS has an opening for a Security Forces Officer. This is a commissioning opportunity. Submit a package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and a RIP to MSgt. Christopher Sewell. Contact him at christopher.sewell@ang.af.mil.

Applications are being accepted for the 169th Fighter Wing first sergeant position. Only current SMSgt. or MSgt. first sergeants who have completed the Senior NCO Academy Course and have the minimum time in service and grade for promotion to SMSgt. are eligible to apply. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. Sunday of May drill. Candidates should submit a resume, RIP, letter of intent and current passing PT score to Command CMSgt. Robert Davis at Robert.Davis.4@ang.af.mil. Call 803-647-8500/8592.

Traditional ANG paralegal vacancy for the 169 FW/JA. If interested, please contact TSgt. Leeann Melton at Leeann.Melton@ang.af.mil.

Swamp Foxes clean house at Army competition

SCANG teams walked away with first and second place awards at the Warfighter Sustainment Training Exercise held at the McGrady Training Center Fort Jackson range last month.

MSG Mitch Henson, the Army's state marksmanship coordinator, said the fourth annual event showcased 40 of the best marksmen in the South Carolina Army and Air National Guard. It also marked the first year of Air Guard participation.

He said, "The odd thing was that the second string of the Air Guard won first place over their first string team. I was glad they had the opportunity to participate and win."

The first place team of Maj. Andrew Thorne, Capt. William Broman, MSgt. Larry Smith and MSgt. Rick Walker was awarded the Adjutant General's Trophy, which will remain on display at the TAG building.

The second place team members were Lt. Col. Boris Armstrong, Lt. Col. Steve Allen, Maj. Shane Gainous and SSgt. Ken Lewis. Armstrong, Allen and Lewis also placed in the top 10 percent of shooters in the Pistol Match.

Armstrong won first place in the Top Gun Pistol Award and Lewis was the winner in the Excellence in Competition Pistol Match.

During the exercise, individuals and teams

were challenged in their levels of marksmanship skill and their ability to maneuver through various simulated combat scenarios. These "move-and-shoot" tactics were accomplished with the service rifle and pistol during simulated home invasions involving

but as an organization, we might need to rethink how we train. Maybe we should have a basic, intermediate and advanced class, while identifying that some might not require anything beyond the basics. We should be challenged based on our skill level."

Allen said the training exercise was fantastic. He enjoyed the camaraderie of being surrounded by and competing with great Americans even more.

He applauded the efforts of Gainous to coordinate the SCANG's participation. "Maj. Gainous was the team captain and did a fantastic job of linking us with our Army counterparts, who actually gave us some training prior to the event."

The match is designed to promote marksmanship training which affords service members from the South Carolina National Guard an opportunity to

test marksmanship skills and use weapon systems in a battle-focused environment.

Allen said, "The thing I enjoyed most about this training exercise was that no one was shooting back. There were some folks there who had actually experienced being shot back at, and I'm sure they appreciated also, that no one was shooting back this time."

(Story by MSgt. Pelham Myers Jr., 169th FW/PA)



(Photo by SSgt. Kevin Vaughn, 169th CF)

Award-winning team members (from left to right), SSgt. Ken Lewis, Lt. Col. Steve Allen, SSgt. Kevin Vaughn, MSgt. Larry Smith, Capt. William Broman, Lt. Col. Boris Armstrong, Maj. Andrew Thorne, MSgt. Rick Walker and Maj. Shane Gainous.

hostages.

Scenarios were timed during multiple target engagements, while the participants moved between different firing positions with a specific number of rounds.

Allen said, "The movement and shooting added a new dimension to this critical military training. If you wait to prepare for these challenges in combat, it's just too late.

"The training that we receive at McEntire on the static firing line is good for beginners,

Band of Brothers

Former and current SCANG members reunited recently while flying C-130s together at Bagram AB, Afghanistan. (From left to right) Capt. Joe McCormick, Lt. Col. Buck Shuler, 1st Lt. Dave Dixon, Maj. Mike Lineberger and Capt. Rick Write.



(Photo by: MSgt. Beth Hackney, 182nd AW)

Swamp Foxes deploy to Afghanistan

In its 66-year history the SCANG has grown famous for its firsts. This year's deployment of people and aircraft will go down in the unit's history as its largest since Desert Shield/Desert Storm in 1990 and the first time an Air Guard unit has tackled a deployment of this magnitude while simultaneously juggling the Aerospace Control Alert mission and vital home station flying.

The wing deployed more than a dozen F-16s and close to 500 personnel (pilots, maintenance specialists and support staff) for four months. The first wave left on Easter Sunday, with the jets leaving later in the week. Col. Michael Hudson, 169th Fighter Wing commander, said the wing's overall mission is to use air power to support the ground forces.

Though this will be the first deployment for several of these South Carolina Airmen, most have completed multiple deployments over the past 20 years (going back to Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm).

One of those Swamp Foxes who has deployed multiple times is MSgt. David Haynes, Egress Shop NCOIC. He deployed to South-west Asia eight times in his Air Force career, and his advice to first-time deployers is to "talk to people that have been there before." He has three first-time deployers in his shop. "Remain flexible and remember that dates and times will change. And, most importantly, maintain a positive attitude."

While F-16 pilot Maj. Delphin Gantt was spending a last few minutes with his wife Amanda before taking off, he said his family has a good support network. Both their fathers served with the SCANG, and, because this was his fifth deployment, Amanda knew what to expect. He said, "I am looking forward to doing what we are trained to do."

The lead up to the deployment involved an all-hands-on-deck mentality from every Swamp Fox pulling together to ensure all requirements for going in theater were met, including hours of instruction for SERE, Self Aid Buddy Care and weapons qualifications. In February, the unit pulled a "super drill" weekend to prepare the unit for deployment.

SMSgt. Sandra Roseborough with the 169th Force Support Squadron served as the NCOIC of processing. She said the team processed about 350 Airmen during the February drill and processed the rest in March.

The unit will do a mid-point swap out of personnel this summer. For the most up-to-date photos from SCANG photographers deployed to Afghanistan with the wing, check out the unit's Facebook page.

This is the wing's largest deployment since Operation Desert Storm and the fourth major deployment of its F-16s since 2002 when the wing deployed to Qatar in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and flew more than 200 combat missions in the early days of the Afghanistan Campaign. In 2003, the 169th FW deployed to Qatar in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and flew more than 400 combat missions. Then, in 2010, elements of the 169th FW deployed again to support operations in Iraq.

(Story by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

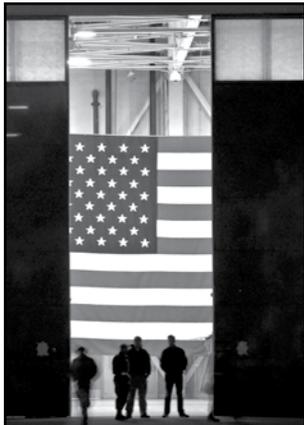


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Enjoy!



Making the “E” in e-mail count

The Tongue and Quill lists three advantages of e-mail: it's fast; it can get to more people; and it's paperless. However, people often overlook the three disadvantages: it's fast—a quickly written e-mail can fan as many fires as it extinguishes; it can get to

more people.—too many copies can clog the network and can be forwarded into the wrong hands; and it's paperless—but it leaves an electronic trail and power fluctuations can make things disappear.

Below is a list of “E” words for folks to

remember before they send their next e-mail.

Etiquette - (Protocol/Politeness). Know your audience and ask yourself if your implied tone is appropriate. Is it something you would say to the person face-to-face? If your e-mail is forwarded, will the next recipient understand what you are saying? Remember, all caps is considered shouting, and, once you send it, your e-mails can be forwarded and printed!

Encryption - (Encode). If your message contains personally identifiable information, the e-mail must be sent to only those who have the need to know the information. The e-mail must be encrypted, must include “FOUO” at the beginning of the subject line and have the appropriate Privacy Act statement as the first line in the body of the message. (See AFI 33-119, para 8.4.2.). Use the Right's Management feature in Outlook to control FOUO messages.

Effective/Efficient - (Actual/Current/Organized/Proficient). Make your words count. Ensure the “Subject” line reflects the purpose of the e-mail. Only send the e-mail to those needing the information. Use e-mail distro lists when possible or create your own in Outlook contacts. Do not send huge e-mails and clog up the network. Do not ramble. Do not use “Reply All” if everyone does not need the reply, and, if you do use “Reply All,” be courteous and cut out all the addressees Outlook inserts—BlackBerry users appreciate this! Don't be the person everyone hates to receive an e-mail from!

Exact/Explain/Enquire - (Precise/Particular/Clarify/Describe/Ask/Query). Keep the text of your e-mail concise to get the point across. If you are the sender, explain the purpose of your e-mail up front so recipients understand the point. Use your official signature blocks (IAW AFI 33-119, para 4.2.). Your signature block says more than your name. It says your duty title, which explains to people who you are and why you are sending out the information. Also, do not include quotes in your signature block; they are not authorized, and they are unprofessional. If you receive an e-mail you don't understand, follow up with clarification questions to be sure you reply to what is actually needed.

For questions regarding electronic communications and e-mail, contact your unit Knowledge Operations Manager or me, as Wing Senior KOM, at 803-647-8765.

(Commentary by TSgt. Laura Rease, 169th CF)

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Director of Staff, Joint Forces HQ (HQ SCANG) - Col. Russell Rushe
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169th Fighter Wing

169th Fighter Wing Commander - Col. Michael Hudson

169th Fighter Wing, Vice Commander - Col. Michael Manning

169th Fighter Wing, Command Chief Master Sergeant - CMSgt. Robert Davis

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169th Operations Group Commander - Col. David Meyer

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169th Operations Support Flight Commander - Lt. Col. Scott Lambe

169th Maintenance Group

169th Maintenance Group Commander - Col. Mike Metzler

169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Commander - Lt. Col. Scott Bridgers

169th Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander - Lt. Col. Allen Stewart

169th Maintenance Squadron Commander - Lt. Col. Chris Gamble

169th Maintenance Operations Flight Commander - Maj. Brian Doyle

169th Mission Support Group

169th Mission Support Group Commander - Col. Lorinda Keck

169th Civil Engineer Squadron Commander - Lt. Col. Tim Dotson

169th Security Forces Squadron Commander - Lt. Col. Paul Laymon

169th Communications Flight Commander - Lt. Col. Mark Hall

169th Force Support Squadron Commander - Maj. Jack Phillips

169th Medical Group

169th Medical Group Commander - Col. Theresa Prince

245th Air Traffic Control Squadron

245th Air Traffic Control Squadron Commander - Lt. Col. Michael Dunkin

Special Assignment:

ANG Assistant to USAF Command Surgeon - Brig. Gen. (Dr.) Jim Chow

Aun and Aun and Aun-ward to new heights!

With his two older brothers standing shoulder-to-shoulder with him, SSgt. Jonathan Aun, a medical technician with 169th Medical Group, was pinned as a second lieutenant during a drill Sunday promotion to a packed house inside the clinic.

On April 15, Aun left the enlisted ranks to become an Air Force officer and a future doctor. He took his oath of office in the company of family, friends and fellow Swamp Foxes. His brothers TSgt. Stephen Aun and SrA Matthew Aun were all smiles as they pinned the shiny gold bars onto his dark blue service dress jacket.

The new lieutenant graduated from USC's Honors College, majored in Experimental Psychology and, in late July (after some initial Air Force training), will start at The Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine – Carolinas Campus in Spartanburg thanks to the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship.

He is one of only a few hundred selected nationwide for the prestigious scholarship. This program is one of the two main accession sources of medical personnel for the Air Force, with more than 75 percent of all medical officers currently on active duty as its graduates.

"It's a blessing," he said of getting full tuition, books and fees, and a monthly stipend.

The future doctor joined the Guard in 2007, and Brig. Gen. Jim Chow mentored him and introduced him to the scholarship.



(Photo and story by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

Proud brothers TSgt. Stephen (left) and SrA Matthew Aun "pin" 2nd lieutenant bars on newly promoted Jonathan, who recently received his commissioning through the Air Force Health Professions Scholarship program.

According to the recipient, Dr. (Lt. Col.) Jeff Smith, chief of aerospace medicine here, "really influenced me to apply for the program."

Aun said, "Serving in the military helped, and showing that commitment helped."

Once he finishes medical school, he will be a captain and will owe the Air Force four years. He said his goal is to return to South Carolina and finish his career as a Swamp Fox. He doesn't have a specialty picked out yet and wants to go through his first three years and see what he enjoys.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at McEntire," Aun said.

During the promotion ceremony, he thanked his Group commander and the entire 4NO section.

While in school, each summer he will do 45 days of active duty. Next summer, he will go to the school at the USAF School of Medicine at Brooks City Air Base, Texas and the third year is a military residency of his choice at a Naval or Air Force hospital.

"All the training I got at McEntire has provided me so much experience and certainly will help me provide the highest level of care to my future patients," Aun said.

Celebrate Asian-Pacific American Heritage

May is Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month. There will be events held nationwide to highlight and memorialize the diversity, traditions, and history of Asian Americans in the United States.

In 1978, congress passed a joint Congressional Resolution to commemorate Asian American Heritage Week during the first week of May. This date was originally chosen because two important anniversaries occurred during this time-- the arrival of the first Japanese immigrants in America on May 7, 1843 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. In 1990, Congress voted to expand it from a week to a month long celebration. In May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as "Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month."

Asian-Americans have fought on behalf of the United States since the War of 1812. Filipinos fought in the Revolutionary War, and there are accounts of Filipinos serving in Louisiana for the Confederacy during the Civil War.

Asian Americans also served following the end of the Civil War until the Spanish American War. When the USS Maine sank in Havana harbor, seven of the casualties were Japanese Americans and one was Chinese American. Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Japanese Americans in the Hawaii National Guard were called to duty to guard the beaches, clear rubble, donate blood and aid the wounded.

I myself being an Asian-Pacific American, will use this month to share my Filipino family recipes, traditions, dances, and ancestry.

My step-father came from the Philippines when he was just nine years old. He served four years in the U.S. Army and finished three years in the National Guard. My mother spent many years in the Philippines and made her residency in the U.S. permanent back in the 1960's. Along with their travels, they brought their history and customs to share with friends.

As members of the South Carolina Air National Guard, we will honor May as Asian-Pacific American Heritage Month, and recognize Asian-Americans' contributions and remember the many sacrifices they have made.

(Provided by SSgt. Sachet Ratulowski, 169th MXS)



Some of you are aware the Fort Jackson NCO Club had a fire recently that destroyed much of the club's electrical panels in the building, plus smoke damage. So where are we meeting now? The MWR folks at the Fort switched us to the Officers Club until the NCO Club is renovated, it could take a while? "They" claim we are their best and favorite group, so I take that as a compliment, and appreciate them being accomodating as well as taking care of us, the SCANG Retirees. So our first Officers Club affair produced about 50+ folks on April 3rd, there wasn't many empty chairs available since we only had seating for 58 people in that particular room, the Palmetto Lounge. We had a first-timer, Glenn King, and our group was glad to see him after the loss of his wife recently. We also had the distinction of Joe Khare showing up, proud of his West Virginia DNA? Our McEntire liaison this month was the new Assistant AG-Air, Colonel Elam. He said some very insightful words for us, and after that we just opened up the floor to see what folks wanted to announce or say, it was fun, often time-wise we don't get to do this.

McEntire History: We are still honoring the last of the "Missing Link Crew", the 1993 Retirees. They are as follows: Col. John A. Cloyd, CMSgt. James T. Chumley, SMSgt. Wilbur Vaughan, MSgt.'s Bill Page, Herbert Shealy, John Coker, Charles Steve Clark, and Robert Jerry Green, also TSgt.

Hamilton Fedder. If by chance you retired between the years 1987-1993 and you haven't seen your name in print, please let me know, my number and email address is listed below, we want to identify you. We now have over 1,100 known retirees since 1963, including the new retirees.

McEntire's planes continued: After the excitement of the F-104, the base acquired the F-102 Delta Dagger, which was a large delta winged aircraft, and served McEntire well in an Air Defense role from 1963 to 1975. When I first came to Columbia to attend USC, and playing golf at Sedgewood, I would see this plane often. I really knew nothing about the Air Guard at that time. This was the era of Vietnam, with little Guard activity involved in this war, so many Guard units participated in acting as relief for people who didn't want to be drafted into the Army or Marines. There was the ever presence of the Cold War with the Russians who were constantly sending their "fishing trawlers" up and down our coasts, as well as flights of Bears, Bisons, and other aircraft to Cuba that were always testing our awareness. This was culminated back in 1962 with the Cuban Missile Crisis, and with the aftershocks of continued flights of Russian bombers.

By the early 70's, the F-102 was getting a bit "long in the tooth" technology-wise. So the Dept. of Defense decided some changes were needed, and guess what we

were almost flying, either O-2's Observation planes, or helicopters as an Air Rescue unit. This got things moving and if Senator Strom Thurmond hadn't interceded as the senior member of the Senate Armed Forces Committee with the Pentagon, the landscape of McEntire would have been changed completely. The unit would have been cut in half, or more, if this maneuver had not been executed. Also, McEntire acquired the C-54 Skymaster for support purposes, during that era.

Our May 1st and probably our June 5th Breakfasts will more than likely be at the Fort Jackson Officers Club, so if you would make a note of that. I'll keep you posted. The times will be the same (0830), just a different location. So I encourage you to come see the new location. If we get too many people, I have jokingly said we would hold a tent revival, or maybe not joking?

If you need to contact me, my number is 803-936-0680, or my email address is rbarkalow@sc.rr.com. If you have an email address and are not included in the "Retirees Address Book", let me know, we have almost 200 people now in our address book, and that way we are able to get more and quicker information about different things. You will not be bombarded with normal email chatter, I promise.

See you at our next meeting!

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1Lt. Daniel Linkroum, 169th MDG
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Retirements

CMSgt. Clifton Weir
34 years - 169th FSS

MSgt. Brian Fowler
21 years - 169th MOF

MSgt. Douglas Striff
24 years - 169th CF

Summer Fitness Tips

Summer is around the corner, and if you don't currently have a routine at the gym or aren't sure what to do, email me at *michelle.walkerctr@ang.af.mil* and let's set up an appointment to get you moving. Having a plan will allow you to reach your goals faster, keep you safe, and ensure that you are always prepared for your PT test.

If you have a program, but can't seem to stay committed, grab a buddy that will help keep you focused. Most of us won't cancel on a friend and that may just be the motivation you need to keep each other inspired.

Remember with the heat approaching; make sure you are getting your fluids in to keep you safe, especially for those runs outside. This will also keep your muscles hydrated.

Having a great routine is awesome, but remember, that is half the battle. We need to plan our nutrition as well. Planning ahead and preparing meals to have during the day will reward your hard work in the gym. Plan to eat every 3.5 to 4 hours, this will ensure you don't starve your muscles and allow you to make better nutritional choices.

(Provided by Michelle Walker, 169th FSS)

Base Training

TESTING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Report for testing no later than 15 minutes before the test. Members testing on CDCs required for upgrade training must bring their AFIADL 9 course card with the following items documented:

Date review training began
Date due completion
Date review training ended
Supervisor's signature
Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required information are not allowed to test. For more information, contact a unit training manager.

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PME Schedule

MCGHEE TYSON NCOA

23 JUL 12 - 29 AUG 12
17 SEP 12 - 24 OCT 12



What's for Lunch?

Saturday

Roast Pork or Fried Chicken
Broccoli, Hopping John
Parsley Buttered Potatoes

Sunday

Veal Parmesan or Lemon Herbed Chicken
Steamed Rice, Scalloped Potatoes
Cauliflower Combo

Snack Line

SAT: Hamburgers and Hot Dogs with Chips
SUN: Grilled Ham and Cheese & French Fries

* All with Soup / Salad Bar / Desserts / Beverages

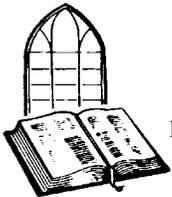
The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

REFLECTIONS

Psalm 27:19 - "As in water, face reflects face so a man's heart reveals a man."

I frequently hear the phrase, "We need to get to the heart of the matter." In our life this phrase is a personal challenge to look at the root of who we are. What makes us tick? There are circumstances and everyday events which bring out what we are made of in our character. The challenge is facing what is in the heart and is reflected to the world. Sometimes it is not pretty when trials have brought pain and bitterness. However, the beauty of getting to the heart of who we are opens up an opportunity for growth. The Bible says to count it all joy when we face trials of many kinds. My reality and yours is, choosing by faith, how we can trade negativity to reveal a heart of joy.

(by Chaplain, 1Lt. Christina Pittman)



Worship Schedule Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after roll call

Sunday

0815 - 0845 - Traditional Worship (Wing HQ Auditorium)
1100 - 1130 - Contemporary Worship (Wing HQ Auditorium)
1330 - 1400 - Catholic Mass (Eagle Vision Conference Room)

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May 16th (0900-1400)

June 3rd

August 5th

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~ Walk-ins are welcome. ~