

SCANG ACA shines during AFOA

Another inspection down makes another inspection ached by the SCANG during the 1st Air Force evaluation of the Aerospace Alert Control. The Alert Forces Operational Assessment ran from Sept. 25-27, and while on base the team of eight inspectors looked at maintenance, operations, command post, and security forces.

In an e-mail, Aerospace Control Alert Commander Lt. Col. Keith Miller, said throughout their visit the team was impressed with the unit's attitude, professionalism, and courtesy.

"They were also very impressed in the progress made between their initial visit in May of last year and what they saw this week," Miller said. "We're well on the way to being one of the premier ACA units in a short time."

The AFOA consisted of a no-notice scramble to intercept two target aircraft simulating two situations that might require alert fighter assistance. The first target was a USAF C-21 Learjet simulating a business jet with an onboard oxygen system failure and an unresponsive aircrew enroute to Atlanta from Orlando. The second aircraft was a Civil Air Patrol Cessna 182 simulating an inexperienced and lost student pilot whose instructor suffered a heart attack while enroute to Marion County Airport. Both aircraft were intercepted by McEntire alert F-16s and the situations were resolved using



(Photo by Senior Master Sgt. Ed Snyder, 169th FW/PA)

The weapons load team, from the 169th Fighter Wing's Aerospace Control Alert unit, is evaluated during a weapons reliability check. The team consists of Master Sgt. Jeremy Pow, team leader, and Senior Airmen Steven Hollis and Carlos Graham.

close coordination between air traffic control, the Eastern Air Defense Sector in Rome, N.Y. and the McEntire fighter aircraft.

During that time the inspectors looked at maintenance and command post. Senior Master Sgt. Barry Boyle said there were five events reviewed in maintenance. The support section/programs performed extremely well with eight out of 10 areas with no discrepancies. Launching aircraft had no discrepancies – the second time that has happened during an inspection. Eight of 12 programs had zero discrepancies including

the big three of tool control, tech data, and training. The weapons download, reliability checks, and upload all went extremely well.

Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Witchek, Command Post superintendent, said command post was thoroughly looked at with no findings.

The AFOA is a preparatory inspection prior to the NORAD evaluation, meaning the window is now open for a "no-notice" inspection known as Fighter Alert Force Evaluation.

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

Deja vu! Swamp Foxes prepare for ORI

The SCANG is preparing for another Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI) in 2013, but work has already begun to insure continuation of past successes. ORIs are conducted to evaluate and measure the ability of a unit to perform in wartime, during a contingency or a force sustainment mission, according to Air Force Instruction 90-201, Inspector General Activities.

Phase I will evaluate our unit's transition

from peacetime readiness into a wartime posture and our ability to maintain and sustain essential home station missions during and after the deployment of mobility forces. Phase II will evaluate our ability to meet wartime tasking.

A team comprised of more than 70 inspectors is scheduled to arrive November 2013 to observe how well McEntire is prepared to deploy at a moment's notice. This will

include anything from personnel paperwork to how many aircraft take off on schedule.

However, before the ORI begins, the SCANG will go through several phases of an Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE), which will concentrate on training for the actual inspection. Col. Mike Manning, vice wing commander of the 169th Fighter Wing, said, "The ORE is like a scrimmage.

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Commander's Corner



Lt. Col. Allen Stewart 169th Logistics Readiness Sq. Commander



By the time you read this I will have been at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, for a couple months. But to get here I had to go through a twelve day course called "Combat Arms Skills Training" (CAST) at Camp Anderson-Peters inside of Camp Bulles in San Antonio, Texas. The camp is Tier 3 pre-deployment training and dedicated to Airman 1st Class Carl L. Anderson and Staff Sgt. Dustin Peters. Both were killed by IED's during convoy operations.

The course description is, "All students (Officer, Enlisted, and Civilian) will be placed in strenuous training scenarios used to teach skills in weapons firing, communications, mounted and dismounted individual and team movements, and map/compass/GPS navigation. Students must be highly motivated and both mentally and physically prepared to perform rigorous combat scenario-based tasks."

Some other requirements are to be able to wear Individual Combat Equipment (ICE) weighing 36 pounds. Students have to carry an M-16 or M4, and an M9 (holstered). As well, carry ammo for both weapons and Individual First Aid Kit (IFAK). Pre-deployment planning for CAST is a task in itself! It includes Tier 2A and 2B training. This includes M-16/M9

qualification, lots of CBT's, immunizations, and Ancillary Training.

Once you arrive to Camp Anderson-Peters you realize very quickly you are not at a USAF base! We were the first group out of ninety eight personnel to arrive. We were issued our gear. Then we had to take it all to our tents. The tents house eight personnel. Amazingly, the tents did have air conditioning. Once we got settled in we had to clean weapons. Also, since we were first to get there, we had dinner detail. Food was brought in from Lackland, AFB, for breakfast and dinner each day. MRE's for lunch!

The first day of class was death by Power Point! It included Active Shooter, Marksmanship, Equipment (how to release your vest and put it back together), and "Humvee-rollover training". The next day is when the fun began. We were split in two groups, so half of us went to fire while the other half went to Humvee-rollover training. Now, remember, while doing both of these training events you are wearing thirty six pounds, or more, of ICE in 95 to 100 degree heat. The sounding call during training was, "hydrate, hydrate, and hydrate!"

The M9 firing was fine. From there we went

to Humvee-rollover training. They give you an initial idea of what a twenty five and thirty degree roll feels like and then a 180 eighty degree experience. Trust me, upside down in all that gear, hanging by your seatbelt, is not fun! You then get several spins, stop upside down, and have to get yourselves out, without breaking you neck. The next is on your side as an underwater simulation. We performed "Counter IED" training the rest of the day.

The next day we took a walk through the woods and down a road about 1,000 meters, looking for IED's! We then went back to class for "Tactical Casualty Combat Care" (TCCC) and Basic Communications, both while under fire. Basic Communications was geared around calling in 9-Line reports for IED's and casualties and SALUTE reports.

The next day was the "Box of Death"! As hard as it was, it was kind of fun. We had fire squads and injured personnel out in the field. We had to lay down suppressive fire at the Box of Death while a couple of personnel went out and dragged the wounded airmen back to cover to perform TCCC. The instructors fired paint guns out of the Box of Death and we returned fire with what looked like, and sounded like, an M-16 round but had no more impact than a BB gun.

The next day was "Land Navigation" and "Mounted Operations" training. We had to use compasses and maps to find our way through the woods. That afternoon, we rode around in Humvees learning defensive tactics during convoy operations. We had to learn what to do when a vehicle was taken out by an IED, how to recover the wounded (TCCC), call in 9-Line IED and casualty reports, lay down suppressive fire, and get out of there as quickly as possible. The following day was M-16 firing and we fired 180 rounds in standing, kneeling, "weak hand" and prone positions.

Sunday was a day off! Monday we actually went out and got hit with IED's and attacked while performing TCCC, 9-Line reports and suppressing enemy fire. Tuesday consisted of "Urban Tactics" and later was Small Unit Tactics (SMUT) training. It took about a month to get rid of the Poison Ivy! Wednesday was the field training exercise where all that we have learned came together for a three hour finale with lots of intense scenarios!

It was tough training. I ate as much as I could and still lost 6 pounds in twelve days. We came in every day soaked in sweat from head to toe. But, we learned a lot. And, a shout out to the CADRE at Camp Anderson-Peters! What a great bunch of guys. So, if you ever have to go to CAST make sure you are mentally and physically prepared for some very rigorous training. It can't give you the reality of battle, but it gives you a glimpse into the "Fog of war". I'll see y'all in January!

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First and foremost I want to take this opportunity to welcome back everyone who deployed in support of the 169th Fighter Wing 2012 Air Expeditionary Force. What an intriguing experience to see all the different AFSC's and skill levels merge together and perform such an enormous and challenging task with outstanding results! As usual the Swamp Fox family pulled together in the most adverse and hostile environment to overcome any obstacle bestowed upon them. **GOOD ON YOU!**

Many of the supervisory positions were not filled by the normal section NCOs. This afforded the opportunity for new and upcoming NCOs to manage and direct their duty sections, which they did flawlessly. As I have stated before, we are in good hands in the future with such motivated and professional leadership in the making.

Obviously a leader is only as good as the people that he or she manages. To be a great leader you need to have great people. These type of Airmen are the reason the mission was completed in such an exceptional manner given the amount of three-level qualified personnel that deployed. The considerable long hours and hard work

was a cooperative effort by the most ambitious group of Airmen in the United States Air Force. This was evident by the number of munitions expended, combat missions and sorties flown.

Not to overlook all the hard work and support by the select group of individuals who manned the home front back at KMMT, what an extraordinary effort given by all. Their dedication was instrumental in carrying on the daily task to support flying, alert, drill, and the painstaking swap-out of deploying personnel.

Moving on, we are faced with another task which will be the 169th Fighter Wing 2013 Operational Readiness Inspection. The plans are being coordinated, classes scheduled and equipment prepped. This is the easy part. Working to get each and everyone's skill development at their peak performance level will take an enormous amount of hours with training and exercises. Mindset with a positive attitude is the first major contributor for a successful grade. And as always sustained commitment and strong perseverance will carry you thru with a genuine sense of accomplishment. As if you have never heard this



before: 'WE WILL NOT FALTER AND WE WILL NOT FAIL'.

"Individual commitment to a group effort - that is what makes a team work, a company work, a society work, a civilization work." ~Vincent Lombardi ~

Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength		Recruiting/Retention		
		Gains:	MONTH	YTD
Officers:		Prior	7	7
Authorized	135	Non-Prior	1	1
Assigned	137	Total	8	8
Percent Manned	101.5%	Losses:		
Enlisted:		ETS	0	0
Authorized	1190	Discharge	0	3
Assigned	1175	Medical	0	0
Percent Manned	98.7%	Resignation	0	5
Total:		Retirement	2	2
Authorized	1325	Transfer	1	2
Assigned	1312	Other	1	1
Percent Manned	99.0%	Total	4	13
(as of October 14, 2012)		Net Gain/Loss	+4	-5

Recruiting Progress

We're at 99.0 percent!



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

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...



For Your Information ...

Harvest Hope - please drop off

The NCOAGA will begin its annual food drive during the November UTA. Donations can be dropped off at the gates each morning or in designated squadron boxes. The unit collecting the most poundage of food will win a prize! To volunteer or for more information call, Master Sgt. Tony Barfield, 803-647-8231.

TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS)

Starting Jan. 1, 2013, electronic payments will begin instead of the current monthly billing cycle. It is imperative to get the word out to your unit members that are enrolled in TRS, that they need to setup monthly premium payments to be made by either recurring Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or recurring Debit/Credit Card (Visa/MasterCard only). FAILURE to adhere to this billing change will cause their coverage to be terminated. To contact a regional TRICARE contractor visit the following website: www.tricare.mil/contacts

CCAF Fair

The 5/6 Council will host this first-time event. All enlisted members are invited to come and learn about the CCAF degree process. Representatives from Shaw AFB's Education Center and Saint Leo University will be available. Join us Saturday, Nov. 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dining Facility.

Eagle Scouts

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the Eagle Scout, any SCANG members that are former Eagle Scouts are asked to head down to the pond site at 4:30 p.m. on Sat., Nov. 3 at the Boy Scout Jamboree. For more information contact Lt. Col. Glenn Boatwright at 803-360-9890.

POSH/HRE Training

This required training will be conducted at 1 p.m. during the Saturday UTA in the 169th Fighter Wing Auditorium.

Finance expanded hours

A MilPay/Travel Pay specialist, in room 117, is available from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. each drill day to offer assistance to those who can't conduct their finance business during normal duty hours.

New CAC PIN Reset System

A new CAC PIN Reset system is operational in the Maintenance Squadron Orderly Room. The system is available to reset CAC PINs for members who have been locked out. The new station is a result of a suggestion implemented by the Community Action Information Board and provides timely CAC PIN reset capability to the base, especially saving time for maintenance personnel who no longer will need to go to Customer Service just to get a PIN reset. The system is located in room 205 upstairs in the hangar.

Dressed and ready?

The Chief's Council hosts its annual chiefs retirement banquet (and names the newest Honorary Chief), Nov. 2, 6 p.m. at the Fort Jackson NCO Club. Dress is mess dress, semi-formal or suit and tie. More information will be provided next month.

Enlisted Force Council

The Enlisted Force Council meets each drill weekend. Breakouts follow immediately after for the individual organizations. This includes, NCOAGA, Top Three, E5/6, Airman's, Diversity and Diamond Council members.

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

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*.

Job Openings

The 169th Medical Group is seeking a Unit Training Manager. Current experience preferred. This is an E-5 position. Call 803-647-8296.

The 169th Maintenance Squadron has an opening for a First Sergeant. Candidates must be Master Sgt. or Tech. Sgt. promotable. The closeout date is Nov. 4.

The 169th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron also has an opening for a First Sergeant. Criteria and closeout date are the same.

For either position (or both), submit a letter of intent, resume, passing PT score and RIP to Chief Master Sgt. Robert Davis, the 169th FW Command Chief, at *robert.davis.4@ang.af.mil*.

The 169th Civil Engineer Squadron has an opening for a Civil Engineer Officer, AFSC 32E3G. This is also open as a commissioning opportunity.

Position advises commanders and government officials on effective use of Civil Engineering resources. Develops and implements civil engineer (CE) force employment, and provides staff supervision and technical advice. Performs and manages CE functions and activities to provide facilities and infrastructure supporting the United States and allies.

For entry into this specialty, undergraduate or graduate academic degree is mandatory in architecture or civil, electrical, environmental, construction, architectural, industrial, or mechanical engineering in a school whose respective program is accredited by a nationally recognized body in engineering; or in architecture in a school that is accredited by a nationally recognized body in architecture.

Please drop off or mail package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and RIP and AFOQT Scores by Nov. 21, 2012 to:

Master Sgt. Chris Sewell
The Village at Sandhill
110-8 Forum Drive
Columbia, S.C. 29229

One-on-one, State Command Chief Crowson

This month, The SCANG News sits down with Chief Master Sgt. Larry Crowson, the State Command Chief for the South Carolina Air National Guard. As the top enlisted leader in the SCANG, Crowson is responsible to the Adjutant General and the Assistant Adjutant General-Air for quality of life issues and concerns of enlisted Airmen.

SCANG NEWS- You've been the State Command Chief since January. How's it going so far?

CHIEF CROWSON- It's been unreal and to see everything working from this level is unbelievable. The first thing I'd like to say is to thank everyone for all they're doing out there. The operations tempo has been high and is going to stay high. We (deployed) two years ago to Balad where we maintained two different airframes and then we went and did this past deployment to Afghanistan by ourselves which was a big deal. For the Airmen who sacrifice their time to do that and the time being away from their families, it's obviously more than just a job, it's a passion. Now we've got this combined Phase One/Phase Two (Operational Readiness Inspection) staring us in the face.

SCANG NEWS- Isn't it unusual for a wing to come back from a deployment and get hit with an ORI?

CHIEF CROWSON- It is unusual. But I think that's going to be the future for the Air National Guard. As airplanes taper down the demand is still going to be there. That's what we're trying to figure out how to do these (inspections) with less practices and less stress on everybody. It all comes down to our DOC (Designed Operational Capability) statement. On an AEF deployment, we might only perform a small portion of that. The IG team however wants us to prove we can do the entire DOC statement.

SCANG NEWS- You're also an advisor at the NGB level on enlisted issues right?

CHIEF CROWSON- Yes. As soon as I got this job, I wanted to get on the Enlisted Field Advisory Council (EFAC) to (Director of the ANG) General Wyatt. There are seven EFAC representatives across the country and nothing changes in the enlisted force until the seven of us vote on it and make our recommendation to the ANG Command Chief and then the ANG Director. I was appointed as

the primary EFAC representative for Region Four. There are seven regions and Region Four is one of the largest people wise. General Grass was recently sworn in as the new Chief of the National Guard. To show you just how important our EFAC is, one of the first things General Grass did was to ask for inputs. From Region Four, I asked "What is the future of the Guard?" As airplanes are wearing out and not being replaced, I asked, to use a maintenance term, "What iron is going to be on the flight line?" There's 89 flying units and those flying units are the heartbeat of the Air



(Photo by Master Sgt. Marvin Preston, 169th FW/PA)

National Guard. We fly airplanes better than anybody in the world. If you pull our best card away from us, where does that leave us?

SCANG NEWS- What are some of the issues the EFAC has been working on?

CHIEF CROWSON- For the enlisted corps in the Air National Guard, there's seven major areas. The first one is enlisted professional development or force development. In other words, what are we doing to develop our enlisted personnel? We've met at McEntire and we're going to implement what they're doing at the national level, that is, a scorecard. We're going to look at if the Airman has any in-residence PME. Have they taken any joint courses? That scorecard is coming.

The next item is EPRs for enlisted. There's a new personnel system coming out called "3-in-1" for Guard, Reserve and Active duty. When they do that it will force us into EPRs. In June 2013, EPRs will start for senior NCOs. And that will work for a year and we'll see how it goes. A year after that, the rest of the Airmen will get them. The EPRs will be every two years like the Reserves.

The next one is the CCAF Associates degree. That's coming like a freight train. That will go into effect the first of the year. There will be a two year grace period for E-8s and E-9s and there will be no waivers. I say that if you're not enrolled in the process or already have your CCAF, you're behind the power curve. I've been telling everyone this for the last ten years: The requirements to be a Senior and Chief are going to change. And what my job is as the State Command Chief is to make sure that our Airmen are changing at a pace we can do.

The next thing is ancillary training. What I mean is that they want to cut that down to give us more time to concentrate on our AFSCs.

Next, the fitness program is here to stay. If you're struggling with that you need to get in the gym. I think a lot of people thought that when we got a new Chief of Staff of the Air Force that might change. But it's not.

The next one is the enlisted grade review for E8s and E9s. The Air Force only funds one and two percent and the ANG is sitting at two and five percent. We can't keep doing that. They're pulling money from the operational side in order to pay that bill. That

means (the Guard) will have fewer E8s and E9s in the future.

Lastly, there's suicide prevention. The bottom line is that (senior enlisted leaders) have got to get out of the office and be out there with the troops and be face to face with them.

That's the seven big items that we're facing for the Air Guard.

SCANG NEWS- Any closing thoughts?

CHIEF CROWSON- If you think about all this it makes sense. I mean if we truly want to be Total Force, if we want F-35s on the flight line, we've got to up our standards in the South Carolina National Guard and the National Guard. To wrap this up, General Wyatt and (Command Chief of the ANG) Chief Muncy say "We've got to tell our story." For seven percent of the budget, (the Air National Guard) provides 25 percent of the people and 40 percent of the aircraft. I say it's a great day to be a part of something as great as we are here.

(Interview by Lt. Col. Jim St.Clair, JFHQ/PA)

In Memory of Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Dinkins

September 22, 1963 ~ September 28, 2012

Lisa passed away this afternoon after a valiant battle with cancer. Lisa was a traditional guardsman in Communication in the Audio Visual Section, was First Sergeant of the Support Group, and was most recently serving in the Legal Office. Additionally, she was the fulltime draftsman / CADD operator in Civil Engineering until her health prevented her from working. She was an active member of the McEntire Honor Guard. Her brother Bill "Hum" Dinger retired from the CE Equipment Shop about 1995. Please remember Lisa's husband Bill, daughter Taylor, son, Cody, mother Mary Ann Dinger, brother Bill Dinger, and other members of her family. We will certainly miss Lisa.

~ Nelson McLeod ~



New "Spiritual Maintenance" office

The SCANG Chaplain Corps has opened a "Spiritual Maintenance" Chaplain Office in the Base Operations building. This office will be staffed on UTA weekends by newly assigned SCANG Chaplain, Capt. Alan Findley and Staff Sgt. Rudy Skelton. Chaplain Findley and Staff Sgt. Skelton will serve together as a Religious Support Team for those assigned to the Operations and Maintenance units as they care for the Airman's soul.

According to Wing Chaplain, Lt. Col. Brian Bohlman, "The location of this office helps us to provide a ministry of presence, care and hope to those located in the maintenance and operations areas." To reach a chaplain during drill weekends, please call 803-647-8265 or send an email to: 169fw_hc@ang.af.mil



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)



Honoring by giving the "Gift of Life"

Airman 1st Class Alex Chang, a crew chief assigned to the 169th AMXS, donated blood to the American Red Cross, Oct. 14. The blood drive held was held at the base canteen in honor of Senior Master Sgt. Lisa Dinkins.

Dinkins' mother, Mary Ann, and daughter, Taylor were on hand at the blood drive as the Swamp Fox family came together to give 44 pints said Master Sgt. Selina Chavez, who organized the blood drive.

(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

ATTENTION!

The December issue will be our last hard copy of the SCANG Newsletter. To access current stories and updates about McEntire JNGB, please visit our website at www.169fw.ang.af.mil and use the tabs listed below:

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Climbing the ladder of success!

"Deputy Adjutant General, Maj.Gen. Lester Eisner presents Lt. Col. Guy Alexander with his commander's pin in a ceremony held at the Adjutant General's headquarters in Columbia on Oct. 5, 2012. Alexander, formerly the Deputy J-2 for the Joint Force Headquarters, transferred to the Tennessee Air National Guard last month and is the new commander for the 247th Intelligence Squadron at the 118th Wing in Nashville. His new squadron will be involved in Digital Network Intelligence and will execute tasks relative to the cyber domain."

(Photo by Staff Sgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)

American Indian Heritage Month

American Indian Heritage Month is observed every November in the United States. What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a whole month being designated for that purpose.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y.. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years, they adopted such a day.

In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence,

Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, declaring the second Saturday of each May as an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.

The year before this proclamation, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On Dec. 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of N.Y.. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in Sept. In Ill., for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day we observe without recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990, President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating Nov. as "National American Indian Heritage Month."

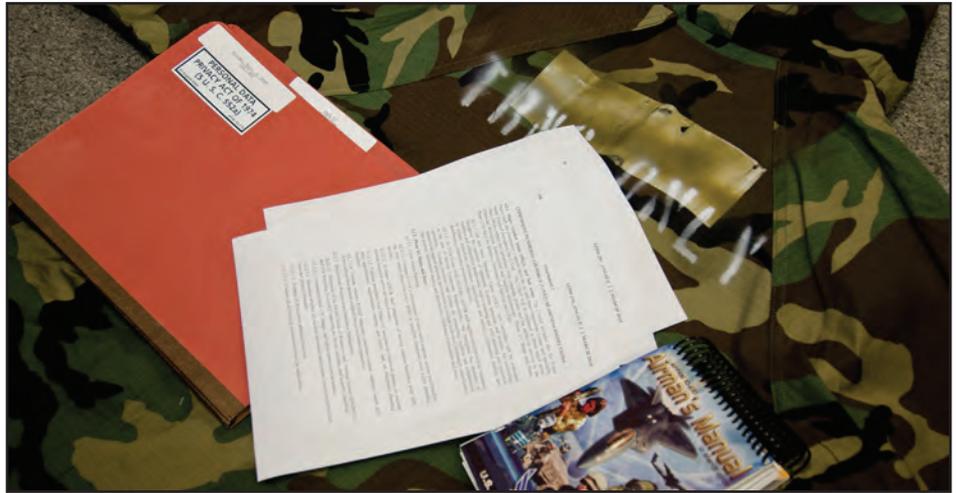
(Commentary by Tech. Sgt. Sherryl Linkous, 169th MDG)

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The ORI is our Super Bowl, and how a unit performs in an inspection could very well be a determining factor for such things as BRAC and Total Force Initiative (TFI) discussions.” Manning said the most important thing for success is to have a good attitude, because a grade on the ORI will go a long way in establishing or maintaining the good reputation of the SCANG. “One of the reasons we have more than 150 active duty members here has to do with our reputation on past inspections,” Manning said. “Our reputation is always on the line when these inspections occur.”

The last ORE/ORI at McEntire was in December 2007 for a Phase I inspection, which was followed by a Phase II in December 2008. However, the greatest difference in the upcoming inspection is that both phases will occur in succession. The objective for combining the inspections is to save money, while also allowing the units more ‘white’ or free space on their schedules. “We prepped almost three years before the last inspection, compared to less than one year for this one,” said Manning. “Not only that, we will now have approximately 12-18 hours to transition from Phase I to Phase II, instead of an entire year. It’s good to get it all done at the same time.”

The wing is expected to be evaluated in four areas: initial response, employment, mission support and the ability to survive and operate in a hostile environment. Initial response consists of processing through a mobility line, so it’s essential Airmen have their mobility folders, ancillary training and shots up-to-date.



(Photo by Master Sgt. Marvin Preston, 169th FW/PA)

As always, operating in a simulated chemical environment (ATSO), will be important and inspectors will evaluate how Airmen respond to force protection conditions, alarm condition changes, MOPP levels and attacks. Inspectors also evaluate the ability of the base population to identify, mark, report and avoid post-attack hazards as well as how individuals perform self-aid and buddy care. “Self-Aid and Buddy Care stands to be emphasized during the ORI because that’s what’s happening in the field right now,” said Manning. “I expect the inspectors to pay close attention to our ability to provide aid to our wingman while continuing the mission.”

In preparation for the upcoming exercises, the wing has scheduled mandatory attendance the Friday before both the January and February UTAs, with more mandatory days to be announced in the months following. Although McEntire has scheduled these ad-

ditional days for preparation, Manning feels that if the inspectors were to show up right now, the SCANG would perform well. “We don’t cut corners in getting the job done,” he said. “The inspectors can come and inspect us any time they want, and I’m 100 percent sure we would pass.”

“Shaw AFB just underwent a ‘no notice’ inspection a few months ago for a Phase I, and the inspectors watched them deploy on an actual deployment,” said Manning. “We would do fine on a ‘no notice’ inspection, because we are prepared. However, we can expect that something will always go wrong with the best laid plans,” said Manning. “If we react to chaos with a positive attitude, this will be a piece of cake.”

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



South Carolina Air National Guard Employer of the Year Nomination Form

(SCANG members can nominate an individual and/or company)

Name of Employer/Supervisor _____

Company Name _____

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Company Phone Number _____

Name of SCANG Member Nominating Employer _____

Unit: _____ Phone (on base) _____ Phone (off base) _____

Attach Narrative

(Be specific in describing how your employer has supported you and the SCANG)

Return to Senior Master Sgt. Kevin Thomas, 169th FW / Email: kevin.thomas@ang.af.mil

New chemical ensemble: a breath of fresh air

The SCANG is issuing a new chemical warfare suit designed to better protect Airmen, while eliminating the mess of residual charcoal on uniforms and everything else the old chemical gear came in contact with. The Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology, or JLIST, chemical warfare suits are deemed to be more lightweight, charcoal-free, and will eventually replace the Battle Dress Overgarment (BDO).

“I love the fact that the new suits have less charcoal, and are much lighter than the old ones,” said Master Sgt. Michael Burgess, Warehouse Supervisor of the 169th Logistics Squadron. “To add to that is the convenience of having the more comfortable M50 masks which is being issued along with the JLIST. “The new mask has two filters, instead of the one, which should enable members to breathe easier,” said Burgess. “But I guess that won’t be confirmed until we begin our ORE/ORI in the year to come.”

Staff Sgt. Christopher Cahill, Material Management Journeyman, said that McEntire received approximately 1,200 masks for the swap-out, and hopes to complete the issue during the November UTA. Cahill said that he and Master Sgt. Andrea Hopwood, of the 169th Mobility Readiness Spares Package, helped speed the issuing process by inspecting more than 300 masks for possible defects before UTA. “It’s also helps save



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)

Senior Airmen Anthony Fields and Johnny Nates, 169th Maintenance Squadron, check for proper fit for their new Joint Service Lightweight Integrated Suit Technology (JLIST), Oct. 13, 2012.

time if the members know their sizes before coming over,” said Cahill.

Hopwood said that another important part of completing the swap-out process is to have a fit test done on the new mask in Bio-Environmental to insure that the seal is good. This one-time requirement will also test the drink system. Hopwood said, “This fit test takes about 5-10 minutes to complete, and does not include the gas mask inserts, which must be ordered through your optometrist.”

The new chemical ensemble that personnel will receive is the result of a DoD effort to field an ‘across-the-board’ chemical protective clothing ensemble that is more lightweight than its predecessor. According to the U.S. Army Study Guide, the JLIST has undergone extensive user evaluation and field and laboratory testing, and should reduce heat stress, last longer, and withstand more washings than the previous ones.

Staff Sgt. Sharon English, of the 169th Logistics Squadron, who works with mobility equipment, and is responsible for issuing equipment, such as the JLIST, Masks, Field Gear, and boots said she hasn’t heard many complaints about the new JLISTs during the swap-out. “On the contrary, most of the personnel who came in seem to think that the new suits are much better than the old ones because of the elimination of the charcoal,” said English. “Others have said that

they like the fact that the hood is attached to the jacket, instead of on the mask itself. That alone, should reduce the time it takes to put the suit on.”

The JLIST suits are designed to be effective for up to 45 days and can be washed up to six times without reducing their efficiency against chemical agents. They are also designed to easily shed liquids. The fabric is backed with a thin “liner laminate that incorporates carbon beads, and also serves as a “selectively permeable membrane” that lets moisture out, but does not let chemical agents in.

Based on Staff Sgt. Cahill’s experience, the combination of the new JLIST and the M50 masks should prove to be a hit among SCANG members. He said that he trained with the M50 in basic training, but when he got to his base, he received the old MCU2P mask. He said he turned and asked someone, “What do I do with this? “I love the new mask, and even ran a 5k with it on,” said Cahill. “Quite honestly, the old ones felt like you were sucking air through a straw.”

With OREs and the ORI looming in the near future, the JLIST and the new masks are sure to be a breath of fresh air for the Swamp Foxes.

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



(Photo by Master Sgt. Marvin Preston, 169th FW/PA) Master Sgt. Leslie Koger, from the 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron, patiently completes her new M-50 gas mask “fit test”, Oct. 18, 2012.



We have been running around 45-50 folks the past several Breakfasts, not exactly sure why the lower attendance other than maybe the Officers Club syndrome? However, we must persevere for at least another six-eight months. Then we will have a newly refurbished NCO Club facility. The Fort Jackson MWR folks are doing their best to keep us happy. They keep telling me we are their best group? I take their word since they appear to be sincere about wanting our business and keeping us happy. We had no first timers this time, and one guest, Mrs. Susan Colby. We had no McEntire Liaison this time due to conflicting schedules, but we did have one of our 'famed' raffles, which turned out to be our most lucrative raffle ever, \$124.00, and guess who won, none other than Doris Luellen, who normally collects the raffle money. She was gracious and gave to our fund a generous portion of her winnings. We also raffled off one of Whitey Hewitt's bowls that he traditionally offers to our raffle. Chuck Bland won that. I immediately re-filled our Petty Cash monies, and deposited the rest into the Retirees Account. Currently we have almost \$1100.00 in our account to use as we see fit.

McEntire History: 22 years ago, November 1990, Desert Storm call up, altogether 727 of us went over to Saudi Arabia, many of us, and some are still active members serving with the Air Guard. There were a variety of units from the Base that went. Some stayed as little as three months while others may

have stayed as much as seven months. I had 183 days under my belt, enough to earn the Short Tour Ribbon, and still cleaning out sand from my clothes, OK not really. We are honoring the last of the 2002 Retirees, and they are: Maj. George Ronan. Chief Master Sgt. Richard Piucci. Senior Master Sgt. Alex Cooper. Master Sgts. Steven Braswell, Carol Jacobs, Charles Shaw, Donald Morris, Irvin Holmes, Robert Oliver, Bernard Montgomery, and Fred Woodard. Tech. Sgts. Robert Windhorn, and Joseph Riddle.

Since we are in the middle of football season, back in the late 40's and early 50's there were 'morale' trips to some away football games and the Goony Birds provided the transportation to them, usually political dignitaries. Ah those were the days, at that time members of the Congaree Air Base provided transportation to both USC and Clemson games periodically. Recently our Governor had to pay for the use of South Carolina owned planes, so you can see what the difference of about six decades has done to us?

Now comes the hard part! I don't know if many of you noticed, but the Base is not going to be sending out printed copies of SCANG News any longer. So how do we get to see the monthly newsletter, which really won't be monthly to some degree anymore. It will be more instantaneous as time progresses and there is better sophistication of the process, and that is electronically.

This is going to be hard for the folks who

have no computer, or access to one. But for those of us who do, we have to adapt and get our SCANG information electronically now. I am not sure how I will adapt myself, and how I can help those who will be having difficulty dealing with this. I don't know if I will download the SCANG News monthly and send it out to the folks who are on our email address now or what? Since these folks can do it themselves. So we will be in a transition period until we can get into a routine flow. Bear in mind this will be a savings for the Base, but an imposition on many of our retirees who have no means of capturing the SCANG News. The website for receiving updates about the SCANG is, www.169fw.af.mil and then go to the "News" tab. (The 12-page newsletter we have all been accustomed to receiving will not be produced). Actually the Air Force has been frowning on the use of printed material, so one thing led to another. Most of us will work through this, it may take some adaptation, but we will do it, so standby?

Next month our Breakfast will be on Election Day, this has happened before, since we have chosen the First Tuesday for our Breakfast/Luncheons for the most part. Here is my suggestion, come to Breakfast and then go vote, the lines will not be as long. Some folks may have voted early, but the vast majority usually wait until Election Day. Our November 6th Breakfast will be at the Fort Jackson Officers Club, starting at 0830. I hope to see you then.

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Officer Promotions

None

Enlisted Promotions

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Matthew Delles, 169th LRS

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Nathaniel McLeod, 169th CFT

Senior Airman

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Retirements

Chief Master Sgt. Russell Oswald
35 years - 169th AMXS

Senior Master Sgt. David Brabham Jr.
29 years - 169th MXG

Senior Master Sgt. Candace Cox
25 years - 169th MDG

Master Sgt. Timothy Bowers
20 years - 169th MXS

Master Sgt. Randal Christianson
22 years - 169th MDG

Master Sgt. Shane Guyett
20 years - 169th MDG

Master Sgt. Kenneth Rose
22 years - 169th MXS

Tech. Sgt. Dedria Lykes
17 years - 169th LRS

Welcome Active Associates

Staff Sgt. Grace Tufares / Orderly Room, Det. 1

Airman 1st Class Curtis Nye / 169th AMXS

Fitness Center Tips

With the holidays fast approaching here are a few food swaps that are easy to change, to make your favorite recipes a little healthier for you.

If the recipe calls for, try healthier options.

Eggs / use **Egg whites substitute**

Seasoning Salt / use **Salt-free seasonings, fresh or dried herbs**

Oils / use **Applesauce**

Sour cream or mayo / use **Plain low fat yogurt or plain greek yogurt**

Flour / use **Whole wheat flours**

Dry bread crumbs (casseroles) / use **Plain oats**

If you are going to indulge in the good treats or casseroles of the holidays you want to eat them as early as possible, maybe opting to do the family get together at lunch vs. dinner. Start your meal with a big glass of water and a low sodium soup and/ or salad will keep you from taking in too many unwanted calories.

Go to the gym early and burn some calories. You will be more inclined to make better food choices after a good workout! Make sure you get in your "gym time" over the holidays and make them as important as the rest of your to-do list! This is a good habit to make with your time off over the holidays!

Stress seems to be an issue over the holidays, so here are a few things to try to alleviate that! Make sure you are getting your 6-8 hrs of sleep each night. Stay well hydrated with the water that our bodies requires. Take that 10 min. walk outside to get your Vitamin D. Those 10 min. in the sunlight will make even the dulliest of days instantly brighter. Definitely a good mood booster here! Start your day with a walk or run. It doesn't have to be more than 15 min. to start your day off right!

Let me know if you have any questions!!!

(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.

Airman Leadership School

(class start dates -- five-week duration)

(56 seats for ANG members)

2012

Noncommissioned Officers Academy

(class start dates -- six-week duration)

(75 seats for ANG members)

PME Schedule

MCGHEE TYSON ALS

14 JAN 13 - 14 FEB 13

4 MAR 13 - 4 APR 13

22 APR 13 - 23 MAY 13

15 JUL 13 - 15 AUG 13

16 SEP 13 - 17 OCT 13

MCGHEE TYSON NCOA

5 NOV 12 - 12 DEC 12

8 JAN 13 - 14 FEB 13

26 FEB 13 - 4 APR 13

16 APR 13 - 23 MAY 13

9 JUL 13 - 15 AUG 13

10 SEP 13 - 17 OCT 13

What's for Lunch? Saturday

Roast Turkey, Baked Ham,
Corn, Green Peas, Cornbread
Dressing w/Gravy, Rice

Sunday

Steamship Round Beef, Pork
Chops, Baked Sweet Potatoes,
Cabbage, Mashed Potatoes,
Rice Pilaf

** All with 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

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven." Ecclesiastes 3:1

Have you ever imagined what it would be like to not have the function of your mobility? What if you could not pick up a newborn baby to give them a kiss and welcome them to the world or hike the Appalachian Trail through a fall canopy of colored leaves? There are many things we take for granted until we have them no more.

This is also true of the important people in our lives. After they are gone, we remember the impact they had and how they touched us. Even though we are separated from them physically, their legacy will continue to live on.

In my civilian chaplain ministry, I help come alongside families who are grieving the end of a pregnancy or their baby's death. I watch as they discover meaning and remembrances of the brief life as a guide to help them cope and carry on the memory.

Press on in the reality that your life is shaped by those who joined you on your journey of life, no matter the breath, and rest in the comfort of God as your ever present help no matter the circumstance. I encourage everyone to pause this coming holiday season and remember the lives of loved ones who have died. Love and memories shared are strengths that death can never take away. Please join us on Sunday, Nov. 4, at 0815 and 1100 for our first Annual Remembrance Service in the Wing Headquarters Auditorium.

May God's blessings and peace be with our Swamp Fox family in times past, present and future.

(by Chaplain, 1st. Lt. Christina Pittman)

Worship Schedule

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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A Swamp Fox welcome to our new chaplains!

Chaplains, Capt. Benjamin McEntire (left) and Capt. Alan Findley administer their oath of office to Chaplain, Lt. Col. Brian Bohlman at the Newberry, S.C. Opera House, Sept. 27, 2012. These are exciting times for the SCANG Chaplain's Office as their staff grows to care for the spiritual needs of the Swamp Fox flock. Keep an eye out for future stories as they continue to expand their services to the base.

