

157th Services Flight changes command

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Stebbins, JFHQ Public Affairs

Saturday of the January drill there was a change in leadership for the 157th Services Flight from Lt. Col. Laurie McAvoy to Maj. Jennifer Haggard. Just as the beginning of the phrase by Alexander Graham Bell states, "When one door closes, another opens," the story of this latest change in command here at Pease reflects.

During the ceremony, McAvoy was presented with the Meritorious Service Medal for distinguishing herself in the performance of outstanding service to the United States while assigned to the services flight.

157th Services Flight Base Services Specialist, Senior Master Sgt. George Little, read the citation to those that gathered in the celebration. "During this period, Col. McAvoy was instrumental in the refocus of training within the services flight. Her vision brought to reality an annual training deployment of the services flight to Otis Air National Guard Base, Cape Cod and to Badin, North Carolina. Doing focused week-long training allowed services members to concentrate on required services related home station training enhancing unit cohesion and readiness. To ensure that the services flight trained as a unified group, she volunteered to return to Services Combat Training more often than required for her own training. Colonel McAvoy enhanced the base fitness program and created the first ever Services Flight Fitness Club that serves as a bench mark for other units to follow."

"When Lt. Col. McAvoy came to be our services commander, she did not know anything about services, but she got involved in everything we did, leading by example; she did not expect you to do anything she would not do alongside you. She learned and grew with us," said 157th Services Flight Inventory Management Specialist NCOIC, Master Sgt. Lori Johnson.

Johnson attended the annual services training deployments McAvoy initiated and said, "She had a vision and held each one of us accountable to meet that vision. The standards she held us to were high and through all of it, she was able to create much more camaraderie amongst us as a team. We were all finally able to work together with a mission and a goal. She also had a work-hard, play-hard mentality that worked for us, rewarding us for all of our accomplishments."

157th Services Flight Lodging NCOIC, Tech. Sgt. Joseph Samson, said, "Lt. Col. McAvoy had a knack for maximizing people's potential and encouraging them to excel. She seemed to know how to find somebody's strengths and helping them focus on those strengths. She also had a great talent with mentoring the new members coming into the flight. Everything the Air Force ever taught us, she brought to the plate."

In regards to the new fitness club, 157th Services Unit Fitness Program Manager, Tech. Sgt. Robert Rojek said, "This program is a stepping stone to get our whole base involved in a circuit training program here at the base fitness facility in building 149. We will be testing this new program over the next few months and offering the end result to all members here upon the completion of our roll-out, estimated to begin around August of this year. This will include fitness classes such as a 'boot-camp' class as well as a circuit training system to offer 10 to 12 different exercise stations, having the individuals do approximately 2-3 minutes of exercise on each station then doing 2-3 minutes of running in-between each exercise, providing a total body workout, then a cool down and stretching with a yoga based stretching routine."

After presenting McAvoy with a memorabilia photo slide-show presentation, the members of the services flight rendered McAvoy one final salute and then welcomed in Haggard as their new commander with a salute as well.



Maj. Haggard returns the first salute rendered to her by the 157th Services Flight.



(Photos by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157 ARW Public Affairs)

Lt. Col. McAvoy salutes Col. Dunkelberger before relinquishing command of the 157th Services Flight.

McPhee wins Traditional Guard Person of Quarter

By Master Sgt. Norma Long,
Retention Office Manager

Please congratulate Tech. Sgt. Daryl McPhee of the 133rd Air Refueling Squadron for the 1st Quarter Award Winner of the NHANG Traditional Guard Person of the Quarter. Honorable mention goes to: Staff Sgt. Eric Danard (MXS) and Tech. Sgt. Derek Gould (SFS). Thank you to the individuals who took the time to submit the above individuals. McPhee has his own special parking spot and receives \$50 from the Minuteman Fund. Next nominations will be due March 15.



Photo by TSgt Aaron Vezeau

Changes on the way for UTAs

Several members of the Wing participated in a week long Air Force Smart Operations for the 21st Century (AFSO21) process to address Unit Training Assemblies (UTA) and how they are scheduled and conducted.

The goal of the group was to reduce conflicts in scheduling and avoid rescheduling of UTA activities, develop a standardized process to plan and execute drill activities, and allow more time for Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) training.

One recommendation of the group was to have four hours of AFSC training every Sunday morning of UTA (with the possible exception of March and June due to other training requirements).

Currently, many customer service organizations within the Wing miss out on AFSC training time due to the nature of their business. In the new plan, every organization would adhere to this schedule allowing all members to benefit from AFSC training.

The group's action plan includes a policy letter outlining changes, creating a training team and appointing members, and implementing the AFSC training block policy.

This AFSO21 team aims to have approximately 36 hours per calendar year of dedicated AFSC training, a reduction of time in upgrade training by five percent and a five percent improvement on ATMIS ancillary training statistics.



Until then, you can call the snow phone if there is snow on the way. The number is (603) 430-2556 or 2557 and is used to report delays or closures to Pease ANGB with all of the latest base conditions. If there is no current message on the line, you may assume it is a normal workday at Pease.



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French wins Gruber Award

The Gruber award is a National Award given annually to the National Guard Judge Advocate or paralegal who best represents the spirit of Major General Gruber. During his career, General Gruber established himself as one of the most effective, entertaining and sought after speakers before military and civilian audiences. His innovative and creative teaching techniques facilitated the learning process and inspired others to do the same.

Those of you who have had the opportunity to see him brief or present know that this is a well deserved tribute to his talent and dedication.

Please congratulate Maj. French when you see him.



Maj. Jed French, Staff Judge Advocate of the 157th ARW, is awarded the Major General Gruber Excellence in Teaching Award for 2008 at the Annual Survey of the Law in Denver, Co.

Helping our wounded warriors

By Staff Sgt. Dorrin Finley, 157 ARW Public Affairs

On December 7th, Retired Col. Robert Monahan of the 157th Air Refueling Wing with the coordination of Lt. Col. Robert "Father Bob" Cordery and Bonnie Rice helped make a contribution to the Wounded Warrior Ministry Center. (WWMC).

The WWMC or commonly known as the Chaplain's Closet began in late 2002. The WWMC provided another way aside from hospitals to help wounded service members get personal items such as clothes, shoes, toothbrushes, shampoo, etc, in order to get them through a few days at the hospital until their bags arrived from the field. Donated items also include CDs, DVDs, phone cards, quilts, sweat pants, athletic shoes, and duffle bags. The WWMC has expanded and is now accessible 24/7 with 22 volunteers who donate more than 600 hours a month of their time.

Donations from the 157th ARW were sent out by one of our KC-135s already scheduled for a mission to Germany. Several boxes were filled with games, writing paper and supplies, socks, shirts, snacks, coffee, books. The following week, another flight carried more boxes to be sent to the WWMC for pick up. Members from the 157th helped package and load them once again for the send out.

The 157th ARW takes pride in helping our service members and families. There is no mission too big or too small that the 157th cannot handle. When our service members are in need, we answer their call.

Father and son reunite overseas

By 1st Lt. Jeffrey Kipp, 260 ATC Squadron

Both myself and my son, Airman 1st Class Benjamin Kipp, are currently deployed for approximately seven months in different areas of responsibility. I am deployed as the 332 EOSS Operations Officer for Joint Base Balad in Iraq and Ben is working for the 386th Civil Engineering Squadron at Ali Al Salem Airbase in Kuwait.

The past year has been very busy. Ben left for Basic Military Training in early March 2008 immediately followed by technical training school at Sheppard Air Force Base. He returned to Portsmouth just a week before I deployed to Iraq in September.

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Independence Hall Dining Facility

Dining Hours
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Saturday

Teriyaki Chicken
Steamed Rice
Steamed Carrots
Steamed Spinach
Deli Sandwich Bar

Bread and Salad Bar
Assorted Cakes
Assorted Hot and Cold Beverages

Meal Price \$3.85

Sunday

Beef Stroganoff
Egg Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Buttered Corn
Green Beans
Deli Sandwich Bar

Bread and Salad Bar
Assorted Cakes
Assorted Hot and Cold Beverages

Meal Price \$3.85

*Menu may be
subject to change*

*Menu offerings
will be limited due to
real world contingencies*

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While at technical school Ben accepted a 179 day rotation to Kuwait knowing that he would be deploying in late December, but also knowing that the time-frame that father and son would see each other would be very minimal-possibly stretching to a year and a half of not seeing each other.

Both of us are very appreciative of this opportunity to serve our country at a time of need. It feels great to deploy and do our part along with being af-

fording the opportunity to develop professionally in our respective careers. Ben having recently finished technical school is only a 3-level so it is a great opportunity for him to get on the job training in the deployed environment. I having recently finished my upgrade training and also am appreciative of this chance to deploy to a location that boasts the "busiest" airfield in the Department of Defense, also an opportunity not often afforded to someone lower in rank.

Regardless, we are both doing our jobs working in concert with our active duty counter-parts proving once again the line between what the active duty and the Air National Guard brings to the table is seamless.

However, this week marks another milestone for Ben, his 22 birthday. Being deployed is one thing but being deployed for your birthday sometimes

makes the distance between home and away grow. So when I was afforded the opportunity to travel from one base to another to see him, I jumped at it. Having coordinated with Ben's OIC, NCOIC and his first sergeant, everyone was in on the surprise except Ben, so when I walked in and said hello, his jaw just dropped.

Although a few days prior to his actual birthday, we shared a meal, a hug and a few laughs. In Ben's words, "Thank you for being able to see me on my birthday, it meant a lot. It was the best present I could ask for. Since I couldn't go home you brought home to me."

It is not something either of us will soon forget and just re-emphasizes what great jobs we have as Guardsmen. It affords us a life-time memories and opportunities not available to just anyone. "GO-GUARD!"



Father and son reunited overseas.

Recruiter Rap

By Staff Sgt. Dorrin Finley, 157 ARW Recruiting Assistant

Welcome New Members!

Devon Carroll, ATC

Kevin Leach, LRS

Timothy Hayden, LRS

Jose Pagan, SFS

Got Cash?!

Want to make an easy \$2,000? Register with G-Rap and get paid for helping us enlist your friends and family. Right now this is only for traditional members however a full-time G-Rap is in the works!

Five things for GUARD RECRUITING ASSISTANTS to make more money

1. Once you register yourself, go out and nominate friends, family and co-workers that might be interested.
2. Keep adding notes about how you helped "recruit" your nominees on a weekly basis.
3. Refer the nominee to a recruiter to be pre-qualified.
4. Do not promise a nominee anything such as a specific job or bonus.
5. Keep in touch with the recruiter throughout the process.

If you haven't registered yet, please go to www.guardrecruitingassistant.com to earn \$2,000 per referral.

For the latest officer vacancies please call Master Sgt. Daniel Pollard at (603) 430-3508

On the calendar:

College Fair at Merrimack High School, Feb 3

School Presentation at Alvirne High School, Feb 5

High School visits throughout the year. Call us if you'd like to attend an event at your local school

Call Tech. Sgt. Ron Connary (603) 365-7237 for Concord, Bow, Goffstown, Manchester West/Central, Pittsfield, John Stark, Merrimack Valley, Pembroke, Hopkinton, Franklin, Laconia, Prospect Mountain, Winnisquam, and Plymouth.

Call Tech. Sgt. Brad LePelley (603) 365-0287 for Nashua, Manchester Memorial, Keene, Salem, Alvirne, Pinkerton, Merrimack, Londonderry, Timberlane or any school in the southwestern part of New Hampshire and would like to take a walk down memory lane.

News from Seacoast Civil Air Patrol

The Seacoast Composite Squadron of Civil Air Patrol assisted again this year with the 157th Air Refueling Wing Winter Carnival and many enjoyed this activity. Additionally the squadron "adopted" a deployed family of a 157th ANG member for Christmas and provided the family with food for a holiday dinner, gift cards to Market Basket, gifts for the children and a wreath for the door. It is a good feeling to be able to help out those whose loved ones are away during the holidays. The cadets had a Christmas party at their December 18th meeting and the seniors had a get together at the Olive Garden shortly after Christmas.

The Wreaths Across America convoy to Arlington National Cemetery stopped at Winnacunnet High School in Hampton with their tractor trailers of wreaths. Col Hardy, Maj. Hardy and Col. Sambold attended this event. The squadron sold sponsorships for wreaths as a fundraiser for the squadron and the wreaths sold were sent to Bayside Cemetery in Laconia. Maj. Hardy also coordinated the Wreaths Ceremony at the NH State Veteran's Cemetery in Boscawen on Dec. 13.

Back in November the cadets took the Presidential Fitness Challenge. Five cadets earned the National Level award. To do so they had to reach the Mitchell level in five events for age and CAP grade. This included sit ups, mile run and other fitness goals.

Pilot meetings continue to be held on the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the Wilbrandt Auditorium. Squadron meetings for cadets are held each Thursday evening from 6:30 to 9 p.m. All youth ages 12-18 are eligible to join. Senior members meet the second Thursdays for training and the third Thursdays for staff meetings. For more information go to www.seacoastsquadron.org or contact Maj. Goupil, Squadron Commander at (207) 439-4906 or Maj. Hall recruiter at (603) 289-8923. For more information on Civil Air Patrol go to <http://gocivilairpatrol.com>.

Former CAP Cadet Piazza receives Mitchell Award

Story by Maj. Penny Hardy, Seacoast Squadron Public Affairs Officer

The General Billy Mitchell Award, the first of four major Civil Air Patrol cadet awards, was recently presented to former cadet Robert Piazza in a ceremony in the office of Col. Richard Martell, 157th Air Refueling Wing Commander. Piazza earned the award three years ago when he was a cadet in the Seacoast Composite Squadron, but due to his going away to college it was never presented. The ceremony was attended by his whole family as well as Squadron Commander, Maj. Nic Goupil, Deputy Commander Maj. Mike Hall, and former cadet Tim Brennan who is now attending West Point.

Piazza, the son of Charles and Cheryl Piazza of York, ME is now a junior at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, NY where he has chosen double majors in nuclear and mechanical engineering. Upon completing high school, he received a



Col. Martell presents the Mitchell Award to Robert Piazza.

four-year Naval ROTC scholarship to RPI. At Rensselaer, Piazza is active in the American Nuclear Society, Rensselaer Christian Association of which he is vice president and the NROTC trick rifle team. He also volunteers weekly at a local food pantry in Troy and teaches a Bible study class at church.

Cadet Piazza earned eleven ribbons including the Mitchell while a member of Seacoast Composite Squadron, CAP which he joined his sophomore year in high school to gain leadership training and experience and to learn more about aerospace fields. His two brothers also joined CAP. Michael now attends the US Air Force Academy and Matthew is a Cadet Airman First Class having just recently joined the squadron.

After graduation in 2010 from RPI, Piazza will receive his commission in the US Navy where he hopes to become a submariner.

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel

Randall Dyer, OPS
John Newhall, OPS

Chief Master Sergeant

John Symington, JFHQ

Master Sergeant

Frank Perry, MXG

Technical Sergeant

Nicole Costigan, MDG
Robert Dutton, ATC
David Yarnes, Jr., ATC

Staff Sergeant

Allan Kirker, SVF
Trevor Leone, MXS
Eric Stephens, ATC
Kari Peterson, Wing

Senior Airman

Amanda Woodard, SVF
Ryan Lessard, MXS
Kenneth Newell, MXS

Airman 1st Class

James Nasuti, STUFLT

Air Guard members participate in Lynch inauguration

By Maj. Stephanie Riley, 157 ARW Medical Group

On Jan. 8, I had the distinct honor of performing in the role of an aide de camp during the inauguration of Governor John Lynch. The term aide de camp is French for a "camp assistant" and traditionally, in many countries, it is an officer on the personal staff of a general that participates in ceremonial functions. In this case, a group of officers, both retired and active, were selected from all of the branches of the military represented in the state. This group met at the State House a few hours prior to the start of the inauguration to be administered the oath of office by the Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. Kenneth Clark. We then proceeded to the governor's chambers where we were able to socialize with the dignitaries who we would later be escorting into the legislative chamber. When it came time to assemble for the inauguration, the dignitaries took their places in the order they were to be seated. The aide de camps then lined up with the individuals or groups that they were assigned to escort to their seats. Those being escorted included the attorney general, Supreme Court justices, executive councilors, and department heads of programs such as Homeland Security. Upon reaching the entrance to the legislative chamber, the aide de camp would hand the card with the name of the dignitary on it so that the Sergeant at Arms could announce the entrance of that person or group. Clark had the distinct honor of escorting Gov. Lynch and his wife, Dr. Susan Lynch. Once all



The Adjutant General and members of the Air National Guard participate in the inauguration of Gov. John Lynch.

of the dignitaries had been seated, the aide de camps were then able to be present for the inauguration ceremony itself. This was the second time that I have had privilege of being an aide de camp and both times I have found it to be very interesting to meet the people who make up our state and local government. I would recommend to anyone that gets asked to participate in an event such as this to take advantage of the opportunity.

DoD updates anthrax vaccination policy

By Maj. Stephanie Riley, 157 ARW Medical Group

Just when we thought we were up to date on the latest anthrax policy the DoD comes out with new changes that went into effect in December of 2008. According to an information paper distributed by the Military Vaccine Agency on Dec. 23, 2008, the FDA approved a change in the route of administration for the anthrax vaccine from a subcutaneous injection to intramuscular. The FDA also approved a change in the vaccination series by removing the two week dose which reduced the series from six shots to five shots and then an annual booster.

For those of you new to the military or unaware of the requirement for the anthrax vaccine, let me give you a little background information on anthrax. The disease is caused by a bacteria called *Bacillus anthracis*, which likes to form spores that survive for long periods of time in the environment. The spores are resistant to heat, light, and harsh environmental conditions. They are responsible for causing three types

of disease, depending on how the bacteria gets into the body: cutaneous (skin), gastrointestinal, or inhalational anthrax.

Anthrax spores make a potent biological weapon because the spores can hang around for a long time and are the perfect size to be inhaled into the body and lodge in the lungs. The symptoms and incubation period of human anthrax vary according to the route of transmission. Inhalation anthrax usually occurs anywhere from 1-43 days after exposure, whereas cutaneous and gastrointestinal anthrax may begin anywhere between 1-12 days. The fatality rate for inhalation anthrax is nearly 100 percent in an unprotected, unvaccinated person who is not treated promptly. This compares to the fatality rate for cutaneous anthrax, which is 20 percent, and gastrointestinal anthrax at 25-60 percent.

Many of you may remember the anthrax spores attacks during the fall of 2001, shortly after the 9/11 tragedy.

Exposure to contaminated mail was the apparent source of the infection in all the patients affected and it resulted in 11 confirmed inhalational cases, 7 confirmed cutaneous cases and 4 suspected cutaneous cases. It was estimated that 32,000 people were potentially exposed and five of the 11 people infected with the inhalation form actually died. These attacks proved that anthrax is a serious threat that not only can cause death but also can disrupt government operations, cause widespread hysteria and threaten the U.S. postal delivery service.

Anthrax vaccines have been around since the 1950s and were initially tested on employees that worked in mills that processed animal hides. The Federal Government has licensed the anthrax vaccine since November of 1970. It has been studied extensively by organizations such as the CDC, FDA and Institute of Medicine and has been found to be a safe and effective vaccine.

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A recent series of clinical trials by the CDC evaluated the effect of changing the route of administration and reducing the amount of shots to be given, thus resulting in the recent change in DoD policy.

The current DoD policy is that the anthrax vaccination is mandatory for uniformed personnel that are deployed, or deploying within 120 days, to U.S. Central Command (CENTCOM) or Korea areas of responsibility for 15 or more consecutive days. It is also mandatory for certain uniformed personnel assigned to special units and units with bio-defense related missions. For those who previously received at least one dose of the vaccine and are no longer deployed to US CENTCOM or Korea, they may continue the series on a voluntary basis.

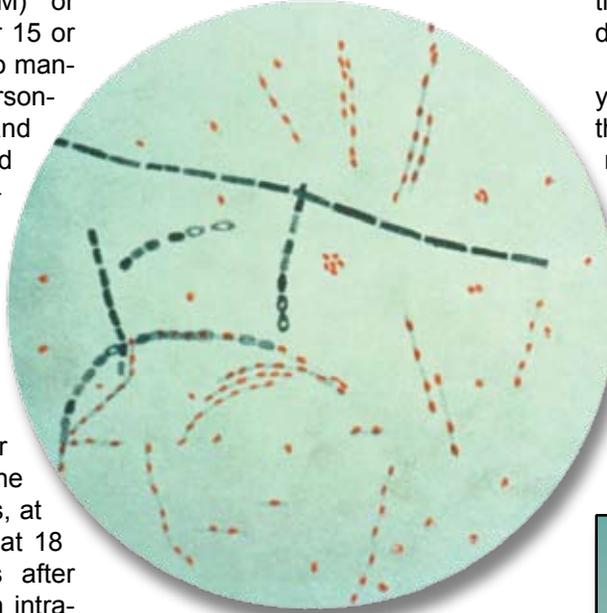
The FDA-licensed schedule of shots of the anthrax vaccine is now five doses given over 18 months: at day 0 (the day the first shot is given), at four weeks, at six months, at 12 months, and at 18 months, then annual boosters after that. All shots will now be given intramuscularly, in the deltoid muscle, to reduce the occurrence of adverse reactions at the injection site like warmth, tenderness, swelling and nodule formation. It is very important that you do not receive anthrax shots earlier than the next due date. If you are late in getting a shot, the next doses will be based on the date the last dose was given and not when it was originally scheduled.

For people who stopped the series when the anthrax vaccine program was put on hold, they would pick up where they left off and not have to restart the series.

As with any vaccination, a person needs to be in a military status to receive the shot. If any type of adverse reaction were to occur it should be reported to the Medical Group so that the appropriate action can be taken. What

you may expect when receiving the shot is a burning sensation that may occur immediately after getting the shot and may last about a minute. It also may cause soreness, redness, itching, swelling and a small lump at the injection site. Other symptoms may include muscle or joint aches, headaches, rashes, chills, low-grade fever or nausea. The symptoms usually go away within one week. Severe allergic reactions occur less than once per 100,000 doses.

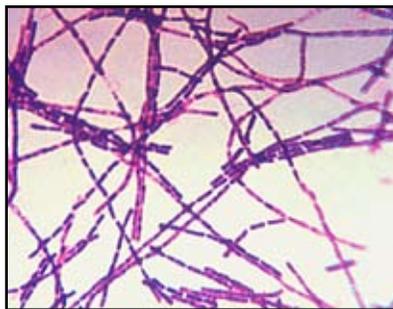
When you get your anthrax shot, you will be given a tri-fold brochure that should answer any questions you may have about the vaccination. If you do have further questions when getting the shot, medical personnel are available to provide information. The bottom line is that DoD takes the threat of anthrax very seriously and expects all deploying personnel to be properly vaccinated.



Bacillus anthracis from agar culture.

Photomicrograph of *Bacillus anthracis* from an agar culture demonstrating spores; Fuchsin-methylene blue spore stain.

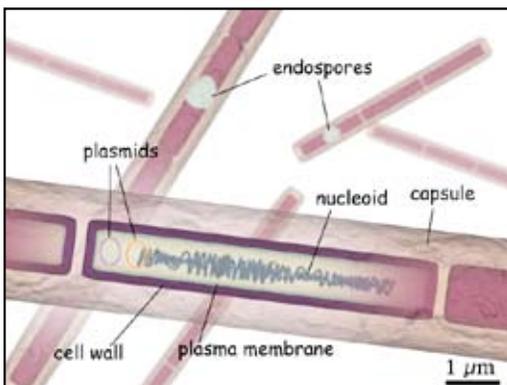
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A photomicrograph of *Bacillus anthracis* bacteria using Gram-stain technique.

Anthrax is diagnosed by isolating *B. anthracis* from the blood, skin lesions, or respiratory secretions, or by measuring specific antibodies in the blood of persons with suspected cases.

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Bacillus anthracis

Scientific classification

Kingdom: Bacteria

Phylum: Firmicutes

Class: Bacilli

Order: Bacillales

Family: Bacillaceae

Genus: Bacillus

Species: *B. anthracis*

Binomial name
Bacillus anthracis
Cohn 1872

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E-MAIL LISTING

For updates on events, activities, discounts and benefits, contact Bonnie Rice to have your e-mail address added.

During our recent computer/e-mail conversion some of the Family Program e-mail listings were lost – if you would like to be added or re-added to the Wing Family Program e-mail listing contact Bonnie Rice at the above e-mail address or phone number. Please note: some e-mails are not being received at the base –when an e-mail is received, a response will be e-mailed back – if you have not gotten a reply be sure to call.

Retirees, we also have a retiree e-mail listing. Please specify if you would like to receive all e-mails that pertain to and include our retirees or just to be on the e-mail list to receive the Refueler when you request to be added to the e-mail listing.

DEPLOYED FAMILY INFORMATION GATHERING

Our next deployed Family Information Gathering will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 6 p.m. at Pease Air National Guard Base, Building 16, Conference Room. Families of our deployed members are highly encouraged to attend. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to get to know other deployed families. If you are interested in attending these meetings, please RSVP to Bonnie Rice (as soon as possible) so the meal can be planned. These monthly gatherings are still open to those who have had their loved ones return as well. Our monthly deployed family gatherings are normally scheduled on the second Wednesday of each month.

PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE DAY IN CONCORD

What: Passport Acceptance Day in Concord

Who: All NHNG Members and Civilian Employees and their immediate family members

When: Thursday, February 26, 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon)

Where: Building 57, Pembroke Road, Concord, NH – It should only take 15 minutes to process your application, provided you bring all the proper documentation.

Details: If you are interested, contact Bonnie Rice at (603) 430-3545 for a complete flyer with details.

RSVP required via e-mail to bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil. Space is limited, please sign up as soon as possible.

TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

Date: Feb. 9-13

Location: Wilbrandt Auditorium, Pease ANGB, NH

RSVP: To reserve your spot call Bonnie Rice at 430-3545

What: The TAP Program that had been traditionally held at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has moved to Pease! This is program presented by the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Fleet and Family Support Program and the Department of Labor/Employment Securities. If you are transitioning from a military to a civilian career you may be interested in attending the next TAP seminar. This workshop is designed to assist voluntarily and involuntarily separating or retiring service members make a successful career transition. Members should plan to attend at least six months prior to separation or retirement. Casual civilian attire is suggested. Spouses are welcome.

MILITARY DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS

Remember to ask if a business offers a military discount – you may be pleasantly surprised!

Jardiniere Florists, 26 Deer St, Portsmouth, offers a military discount on flower purchases call (603) 427-5560 for details.

Under Armour Retail Store offers Military Discount

What: Show your Military ID (including dependant card) for an additional 10 percent off

Address: Kittery Place Mall, 336 US Route 1, Kittery, ME 03904

Phone: (207) 438-9012

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SCHOLARSHIP**

What: Defense Commissary Scholarships for Military Children

Deadline: It is the applicants' sole responsibility to ensure that their complete application package is received at a commissary by the close of business on February 18. Please note that this is not a postmark date!

For additional info and to download an application go to: <http://www.militaryscholar.org/>

THE 2009 AIR FORCE RESERVE/AIR NATIONAL GUARD TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

What: Announcing the 2009 Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits. Please disseminate the information to all Air National Guard members. The Teen Leadership Summits are only for Air Guard and Air Force Reserve youth. The camp is 100 percent funded and the youth will fly into Atlanta or Jacksonville (depending on the summit location) from the closest major airport to where they live.

Who: The AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits are open to all 15-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard members.

Deadline: The application deadline is April 6. Application and criteria are located at the following website: <http://www.georgia4h.org/afrangteensummit/>. Below you will find more detailed information about each summit:

SUMMIT 1

Date and location: July 13-17 - Wahsega 4-H Center, Dahlonega, GA (site of the 2008 Summit)

1st Summit Details: Attendees will be flown into Atlanta-Hartsfield International Airport. This Summit will focus on developing an awareness of programs and services available to AF Reserve and Air National Guard dependents. Activities include high/low ropes course, rock climbing, white water rafting, environmental education and leadership classes.

SUMMIT 2

Date and location: July 27-31 - Jekyll Island 4-H Center, Jekyll Island, GA

Details of 2nd summit: Attendees will be flown into Jacksonville International Airport.

This Summit will build upon information gained at the first Summit so attendees should come with a basic understanding of programs and services available to them as dependents of AFR/ANG. Speak Out for Military Kids training will be provided as well as programs focused on ocean/marsh life and the local history. Activities will include sea kayaking/canoeing, dolphin tours, biking, a day at Cumberland Island National Seashore, leadership activities and more.

If you have any questions, please contact: Ms. Stacey Young, HQ AFRC/A1SY, Chief, Family Member Programs Stacey.young@afrc.af.mil, 478-327-0971, DSN 497-0971 or Ms. Brandi Mullins, HQ AFRC/A1SY, Specialist, Child and Youth Programs brandi.mullins@afrc.af.mil, 478-327-2090, DSN 497-2090

For additional info and an application go to: <http://www.georgia4h.org/afrangteensummit/>

TAX PREPARATION INFORMATION:**MILITARY ONESOURCE OFFERS FREE TAX PREPARATION AND FILING**

Military OneSource will once again provide free tax consultation and filing services to military service members and families during the tax season. Users will have free online access to the TaxCut Basic program.

- Maximize your refund
- Simple, easy process
- Use your tax refund wisely – save and pay off debt!
- Visit www.Militaryonesource.com to file your federal and state taxes.

Users must register for Military OneSource and log on to the site for access to the online TaxCut program. A separate logon for the TaxCut site is required.

Those eligible for the program are active duty, Guard and Reserve (regardless of activation status), spouses and dependent children (authorized in DEERS), family members handling the affairs of a deployed service member, DoD employees working in support roles (Army Community Services, Fleet & Family Services, Family Support Center, Marine Corp Community Services), and severely injured service members or family members handling their affairs.

Participants will have free access to the H&R Block Basic TaxCut program. Those with more complicated returns may incur charges if they upgrade to the H&R Block TaxCut Premium program.

Participants can e-file one state resident return for each federal return that they e-file with TaxCut Online.

New Hampshire Military Ball

Ticket pricing couples

\$ 40 E1-E4

\$ 65 E5-E6

\$ 75 E7-E8 / O2-W02

\$ 85 E9 / O3-W03 & above

\$75 / Retirees / Civilian

Singles 1 / 2 of couple cost per rank



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Music by - 39th Army Band



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