

Reddel assumes command of NHNG

By 1st Lt. Sherri Pierce, 157 ARW Public Affairs

Surrounded by family, friends and fellow National Guardsmen, Maj. Gen. William N. Reddel III assumed command of the New Hampshire National Guard June 7. The ceremony recognizing the 25th Adjutant General took place in the drill hall of the Joint Forces Headquarters in Concord.

"I believe in servant leadership," Reddel said to the National Guard members in the audience. "I believe that I work for you and you don't work for me. It is my job to take care of you. It is my job to make sure you have the best equipment and the best support because that is the only way we get the job done."

"You are my second family," he continued. "I am very proud of you. You are the one percent of this nation who has written a blank check to the United States Government for an amount up to and including your life."

Governor John Lynch was in attendance to welcome and congratulate Reddel on his new position. "I know General Reddel is up to the challenge of maintaining the standard of excellence set by General Clark and each of the previous Adjutants General because General Reddel understands the importance of making sure New Hampshire's Guard members are as prepared as possible for overseas deployments, that we are supporting the families of the Guard while they are serving overseas and that we are giving Guard members every assistance possible when they return home," said Lynch. "I have very confidence that General Reddel will continue the important mission and the long proud tradition of the New Hampshire National Guard."

"General Reddel is taking on an enormous responsibility and I know that New Hampshire and all of you are in the best of hands, very capable hands," said Congresswoman Carol Shea Porter.

"General, we welcome you to service as the Adjutant General of the New Hampshire National Guard," said Congressman Paul Hodes. "We congratulate you. We know that your tradition of excellence and service will continue as you lead our National Guard," he added.

During the ceremony, Reddel was also promoted to major general. His wife, Becky, daughters Alexis and Jordan, and the Governor, "pinned" his major general rank on him.

Reddel has 30 years of service in the Air National Guard. "I was born and raised in the Guard," he said.

He is the former Chief of Staff of the New Hampshire Air National Guard and has also held various pilot positions in his tenure to include commander of the 157th Aircraft Generation Squadron and the 133rd Air Refueling Squadron.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Curtis Lenz, 157 ARW Public Affairs)

Major Gen. William N. Reddel III gets his rank "pinned" on by his daughters Alexis and Jordan during his promotion and assumption of command ceremony June 7.

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Commander's Column

By Col. Richard P. Martell

On the heels of being awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for the ninth time, we were also presented with the John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophy. We were one of only two wings who earned this honor. This award solidifies the type of OUTSTANDING work you all are doing. It takes every member in the Wing working together and performing at the highest level to garner these two distinctive accomplishments.

Thank you and congratulations!



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Major General William N. Reddel III
The Adjutant General, New Hampshire
4 Pembroke Road
Concord, NH 03301-5652

Dear General Reddel

It is my distinct pleasure to inform you that the 157th Air Refueling Wing, New Hampshire Air National Guard, has been selected as a recipient for one of two Major General John J. Pesch Flight Safety Trophies. The outstanding contributions of the 157th Air Refueling Wing make them most deserving of this award.

Please pass on my personal congratulations to the 157th Air Refueling Wing. Their selection for this prestigious award reflects great credit upon themselves, the state of New Hampshire, and the Air National Guard.

The point of contact for Special Trophies and Awards is Master Sergeant Sue E. Roth, NGB/A1PS, commercial (703) 607-0901, DSN 327-0901, and email sue.roth@ang.af.mil.

Sincerely

HARRY M. WYATT III
Lieutenant General, USAF
Director, Air National Guard



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Chief Eaton retires after 41 years

By Tech. Sgt. Jim Dolph, 157 ARW Public Affairs

Chief Master Sergeant David Eaton retired during the June Unit Training Assembly after almost 41 years of service in the New Hampshire Air National Guard. After passing the torch as the Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant for the 157th Air Refueling Wing to Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Blonigen, a retirement ceremony was held for Eaton honoring his long service to State and Country. Eaton, a life-long resident of New Hampshire, graduated from Franklin Institute of Boston in 1968 and immediately enlisted in the New Hampshire Air National Guard as a traditional guardsman.



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Curtis Lenz, 157 ARW Public Affairs)

Chief Master Sgt. David Eaton accepts the American flag from Honor Guard member Chief Master Sgt. Michael Bascom during his retirement ceremony June 7.

In 1970, he became a full time technician in the Maintenance Squadron working on C-124 Globemaster aircraft. In the years to follow Eaton became a crew chief, witnessed the 157th transition from the Military Airlift Command to the Strategic Aircraft Command, aircraft changes from the C-124 Globemaster and C-130 Hercules to the KC-135 Stratotankers, and the primary function of moving fuel instead of cargo.

In the summer of 1977, Eaton, then a Crew Chief, flew on one of the Wing's first KC-135 aircraft that refueled the then, experimental "B-1 Bomber." Although this type of refueling mission would be considered routine by today's standards, at that time refueling one of the Air Force's newest bombers helped demonstrate the National Guard's ability to meet "First Line Response Capability" roles.

Eaton continued to advance in both his duty career field and higher education. Other positions he held included Quality Assurance Specialist and Flight Chief for Flight Line Aircraft Maintenance. In 2004, he retired as a full time technician and assumed the position of Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant as a traditional guardsman.

In attendance at the ceremony were senior New Hampshire National Guard officials, members of the Wing and his family including his wife Nancy and his two children Brittany and Nathan. Col Richard Martell, Wing Commander and Col Carol Protzman, Vice Wing Commander, gave heart felt thanks to Chief Eaton for his mentoring efforts, not only to enlisted personnel, but support to officers as well. After the formal presentations, Eaton spoke briefly and closed by saying, "I was blessed to have found the Wing and the people in it."

When asked what he plans to do after retirement Eaton said "I might spend more time fishing, or I might build a garage, but, I am really looking forward to spending more time with my family."

Independence Hall Dining Facility

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



Saturday

- Chicken Teriyaki
- Rice Pilaf
- Glazed Carrots
- Taco Bar
- Waffle Fries
- Fresh Deli Sandwich Made to Order
- French Onion Soup
- Salad & Bread Bar
- Assorted Desserts

Sunday

- Barbeque Spareribs
- Baked Beans
- Corn on the Cob
- Baked Potato Bar
- Fresh Deli Sandwich Made to Order
- Salad & Bread Bar
- Corn Chowder
- Salad Bar
- Assorted Desserts

As always, correct change of \$4.25 is greatly appreciated.

Menu subject to change without notice.

What is the Northeast Tanker Task Force?

Story submitted by the Tanker Task Force Staff

How do you move over 120 fighter aircraft in 30 days to and from the OIF/OEF Theater of Operations? The Answer: Northeast Tanker Task Force (NETTF). Right here at Pease ANGB, the TTF staff plans, coordinates and launches fighter delivery missions using Active, Guard and Reserve tanker assets. These fighter drags are called 'Coronets', which are defined as missions in which a tanker refuels and escorts fighter aircraft as they deploy between bases. The tanker provides air refueling support enroute, eliminating the need for the fighters to make numerous fuel stopovers. For tanker aircrews, Coronets are among the most challenging and enjoyable missions. Tankers also aid in weather avoidance, oceanic navigation and communication, and command and control of the mission.

The majority of OIF/OEF delivery missions occur every 4th month during the Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) rotation with fighter units swapping over in the Area of Responsibility (AOR). In between the AEF months, the TTF plans foreign aircraft delivery, air show support, depot maintenance delivery and Navy/Marine moves. Normally, tankers are assigned to move one fighter unit into the AOR then take the outgoing unit back home. During the most recent AEF in May, runway closures in the Mediterranean Sea coupled with reduced parking availability in the AOR forced Air Mobility Command to try a new concept. Instead of specific tankers assigned to move set fighter units, an 'airbridge' would ferry fighters along into the AOR. Similar to a relay, the fighters would be refueled and escorted, then passed like a baton to the next upstream tanker.

The key to the new concept was location and the TTF staff deployed to Cairo, Egypt and Moron, Spain to set up forward Coronet Operations. Relying on both the KC-10 and KC-135 airframes, the relay system was put in place. Crews flew to and from a set base and moved fighters both Westbound and Eastbound. In addition to limiting the number of bases required, the new concept saved fuel by reducing post mission 'drone time' after the air refueling was complete and aided maintenance and aircrews in becoming accustomed to their forward operating location.

The safe and effective delivery of the fighters requires extensive coordination not only with the bases involved but with several major commands (AMC, ACC, USAFE, CENTAF), multiple US embassies, and with the air traffic agencies in the airspace used. By month's end, the fighter support required for the combatant forces was in place and the outbound units had made it home safely. With the approach of September, the process will begin again.



(Photo by Tech Sgt. Jeff Stoermer, 22nd ARW)

Wing Inspector General ≠ UCI

The term Inspector General is very broad and IG programs exist throughout various MAJCOMs within the Air Force and agencies within federal government. In the Air National Guard and Air Force, the term IG typically connotes rigorous inspections and evaluations. While inspections and evaluations are critical elements of the overall IG program, the Wing IG is responsible for something else.

The Wing IG ensures the existence of responsive Complaint Resolution and Fraud Waste & Abuse (FWA) programs. In implementing these programs, The Wing IG must ensure a complainant's allegations are vetted through objec-

tive fact-finding. Some people, perhaps fearing backlash or reprisal, choose to file their complaints anonymously, yet the IG program has considerable provisions to safeguard against reprisals.

When a Wing IG receives a complaint, anonymous or otherwise, he/she processes it through a rigorous procedure known as the Complaint Resolution Process. The process culminates in one of five actions in response to the complaint. The actions are: dismissal, referral (to another program e.g. Military Equal Opportunity), assistance (resolution of the complaint outside the IG process), transfer (to another IG), or an actual IG investigation.

The FWA program is designed to use all available means to prevent, detect and correct instances of fraud, waste or abuse and to discipline the perpetrators and recoup losses. Prevention and detection of fraud, waste or abuse is critical. The success of the FWA program lies with each member of the NHANG. Any individual aware of fraud, waste or abuse situations or a corresponding lack of controls should report the situation to the Wing IG.

Individuals with questions about the Inspector General program should contact Lt. Col. John Greenan, the Wing Inspector General, at (603) 430-3300.

Blonigen becomes new Wing Command Chief

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Stebbins, JFHQ Public Affairs



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Curt Lenz, 157 ARW Public Affairs)

Chief Master Sgt. Brenda Blonigen receives the Wing flag from Col. Richard Martell signifying her assumption of her role as Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant.

She has also been honored several times as the State of N.H. First Sergeant of the Year in 2001, 2003, and most recently in 2007.

When asked about this new position and what she looks forward to in her new role Blonigen replied, "I am going to focus on helping to develop and mentor the top three senior enlisted folks, Master Sgt. and above so that they in turn can apply this knowledge to their NCO's, trickling down training to all enlisted to better prepare the next generation to take over."

"I also look forward to being able to help the enlisted folks reach their goals and provide them with a voice to the senior staff. When there is a problem, I will always be here to listen to the enlisted force. I may not always be able to solve a problem, but I will always try to help understand and try to solve the problem."

During a Sunday afternoon wing ceremony held here at Pease over June's drill, the Wing celebrated and welcomed a new Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant (WCCMS), Chief Master Sergeant Brenda Blonigen prior to the retirement ceremony of former WC-CMS, Command Chief Master Sergeant David Eaton.

"Chief Eaton was a great mentor, listener, and he will be sorely missed. I can only hope that I can fill the shoes he left, Blonigen said.

She comes into this position after being the First Sergeant for Wing Staff and the Operations Group since March 1998 and has been a chief master sergeant since June 2007.

Blonigen brings a vast world of knowledge and experience to this position as she has been in the military since July 1980 and has served as a Security Policeman, a Para Legal Journeyman and has been a First Sergeant for ten years. She is a current member of the New Hampshire Air National Guard and has been serving on active duty since April 2004. In her civilian capacity, Blonigen is a Sergeant with the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department, State of New Hampshire. She has deployed to several locations such as Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar and Camp Victory, Baghdad, Iraq.

A taste of basic training from an MTI



(Photo by Staff Sgt. Curt Lenz, 157 ARW Public Affairs)

A Military Training Instructor (MTI) from Lackland Air Force Base takes the 157th Air Refueling Wing Student Flight through a formation run on Pease Air National Guard Base June 7. One of the goals of Student Flight is to prepare members for Basic Military Training (BMT) and help them be successful. What better way than to bring an MTI to them!

Recruiter Rap

By Staff Sgt. Dorrin Finley, 157 ARW Recruiting Assistant

Welcome New Members!

William Waters, MXS
Eric Moulton, ATC
Scott Hunt, MXS
Alec Vargus, ARW

Michael Zayac, LRS
Christian Kuhn, OSF
Duane Smith, CES
Mike Kraus, CES
Bradley Hunt, CES

David Hopkins, MXS
Matthew Dobben, MXS
Christopher Musumeci, MXS
Christopher Brown, LRS
Michael Schaefferkoetter, MXS

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:

August 29 - Air National Guard Night- Fisher Cat Stadium - Manchester
Sept. 19-20 - NASCAR in Loudon
Oct. 3 - Apple Harvest Fest- Dover

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

Call Staff Sgt. Hope Townes (603) 365-0933 for Portsmouth, Dover, Newmarket, Raymond, Epping, Oyster River, Coe-Brown Academy, Northwood, Sanborn Regional, and Winnacunnet.

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.

Call Tech. Sgt. Ted Brissette- Regional Recruiter for southern Maine and New Hampshire (207) 415-3490



From left to right: Tech Sgt. Brad LePelley and Cadet Alex Guittarduring the presentation for Pinkerton Academy's JROTC Most Improved Cadet.



From left to right: Ron Williams, Staff Sgt. Hope Townes, and David Turner during Spaulding High School Senior Awards night presentation

Sgt. Keene is retiring!

Please join us
in wishing him farewell

Saturday, August 1st

1:30 p.m.

Building. 149



**Air University &
Granite State College
Bachelor's Degree**

Information Session

Sunday, 2 August 2009

at 1300 hours

Bapp Auditorium

Call SMSgt Porter (430-3521) for details

TSGT DAVID G. GUINDON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



The TSgt David G. Guindon Memorial Scholarship will be awarding:

Two scholarships:

*One college scholarship in the amount of \$500.00

*One Honorary college scholarship in the amount of \$1000.00

*Available on 25 August 2009 to be used in the First semester of academic year 2009-2010

*This scholarships will be awarded **ONLY** to:*

Dependent or family member of former or current 157th Air Refueling Wing (NH Air National Guard) member who served in a combat AOR.

APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED BY OR EMAIL NLT 15 Aug 2009, IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED. APPLICATIONS CAN BE OBTAINED FROM WING FAMILY PROGRAM OFFICE

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:

Phil Cote at (603)-430-3555 or Bonnie Rice at (603)-430-3545.

APPLICATION FOR
TSGT DAVID G. GUINDON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP



Applicants
Name: _____

Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone
Number: _____

Sponsor/Military Members
Name: _____

Sponsor/Military Members
Military Unit: _____

AOR Location and Dates
Served: _____

Name and location of educational institution attending, or have been accepted:

In order to be considered for the scholarship, each applicant must submit the following:

1. Copy of the Sponsor/Military Members DD214 or a copy of travel voucher showing travel to a Combat AOR.
2. Two Paragraphs outlining applicants educational and future goals.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR EMAILED BY 15 AUGUST 2009, TO BE CONSIDERED FOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS IN AUGUST 2009. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER 15 AUGUST 2009, WILL BE RETURNED WITHOUT CONSIDERATION.

**MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
TSGT DAVID GUINDON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
C/O PHIL COTE
64 MEADOWLARK LANE
GOFFSTOWN NH 03045**

News from the Seacoast Squadron CAP

By Maj. Penny Hardy, Seacoast Composite Squadron Public Affairs Officer

The Seacoast Squadron cadets visited the ultralight fly-in at Sanderson's field in Greenland for their meeting on July 16. As many of the cadets in the squadron, sixteen to be exact, were attending the joint NH/VT cadet summer encampment at Norwich University in VT during the time of the visit, there were only a few members available. The trip to Sanderson's has been an annual visit for the last three or four years or more. The cadets always enjoy going there where they can get up close to the aircraft and ultralights and watch them fly off of a small hill there.

The previous month a group of cadets went to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard where they boarded the cutter USS Campbell and got to see the whole ship from stem to stern and top to bottom. This ship does drug interdiction when at sea along with many other missions. As Civil Air Patrol has a Drug Demand Reduction (DDR) program this visit tied in with that program.

Cadet Commander Capt. Alicia Hagman has been awarded a national CAP flight scholarship to be used towards soloing in a powered aircraft. She will be taking flying lessons with the help of this scholarship and hopes to solo this summer. Last summer she attended the National Powered Flight Academy. Most recently, Hagman graduated from Cadet Officer School and received her flight's Top Speaker Award as well as the school's Academic Award.



(Photo courtesy Maj. Jason Smith)

CAP cadets who visited Sanderson's field July 16.

Members of the squadron also participated in a Memorial Day parade in Durham. One of the squadron's cadets is attending the Springfield, VT glider academy. This is a week long event getting cadets a lot of glider training weather permitting. The squadron web site is under reconstruction but information about Civil Air Patrol can be found at: www.gocivilairpatrol.com For local information contact Maj. Mike Hall, Commander at (603) 289-8923.



(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Ron Connary, 157 Recruiting Office)

First Lieutenant Sherri Pierce administers the oath of enlistment to Alec Vargus July 18 during a Fisher Cats Game. Vargus will be a member of the 157th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs Office

Another successful Special Olympics

By Master Sgt. Norma Long, Recruiting and Retention Office

The Special Olympics took place this year on June 12 & 13 at UNH. We would like to thank the following members who participated in the opening ceremonies on Friday night: Airman 1st Class Josh Stewart (CMF), Senior Airman Sean Avery (MXS), Col. Pete Sullivan (MXG), Col. Richard Martell (ARW), Lt. Col. Todd Swass (MXS), Col. Paul Hutchinson (Operations), Senior Master Sgt. Jim Roberts (ARW) and Senior Master Sgt. Jason Griffith (ARW). The honor guard team was Senior Master Sgt. Alice Belanger (CES), Master Sgt. Steve Shea (MSF), Staff Sgt. Joey Nachez (CES) and Master Sgt. Todd Buttrick (CES).

Friday the day started off with rain and quickly cleared. The weather did not stop the Olympians from doing their best and completing their events. We were so busy on Friday we had to take shifts to eat our delayed lunch. Saturday the day turned out to be a little warmer and dry. We had several new volunteers who worked together to ensure the Olympians were recognized. Everyone had a great time and we were very exhausted by the end of the day.

We also want to recognize the following individuals for volunteering their time for the Awards Presentation: Senior Master Sgt. Bill Hardekopf (CES), Senior Master Sgt. June Fonteyne (MDG), Senior Master Sgt. Alice Belanger (CES), Master Sgt. Norma Long (MSF), Tech. Sgt. Rob Rojek (SVS), Tech. Sgt. Joe Madore (MDG) and Tech. Sgt. Shaun Shea. The rest of the team was volunteers from Student Flight: Airman 1st Class Ryan Keller, Airman 1st Class Heather Guay, Airman 1st Class Amanda Nicholson, Airman 1st Class David Belliveau, Airman 1st Class Kyle Godfrey, Airman 1st Class Brian White and Airman 1st Class Kelley Williams.

Promotions

Colonel

Peter Sullivan, MXG

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John Birnie II, CES

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Conrad Anctil, LRS
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Eric Labbe, MOF

Technical Sergeant

Steven Logan, MDG
Kenneth Kelley, ATC
Michael Petrin, OPS

Staff Sergeant

Constantia Dunlap, JFHQ
Danielle Lewis, ARS
Alexander Smith, OPS
Jeffery Seale, AMXS
Benjamin Whitehill, ATC
Ray Thomas, ATC
Ryan Merrill, LRS

Senior Airman

Benjamin Kipp, CES
Matthew Openshaw, MDG

Airman 1st Class

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Luke Underwood, STUFLT
David Turner, STUFLT
Benjamin Bauman, STUFLT
Christopher Wood, STUFLT
Sean Wood, STUFLT

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E-MAIL LISTING

Many discounts, benefits and event notices are announced during the month – if you would like to receive these notices as they are received, contact Bonnie Rice to have your e-mail address added to the Wing e-mail listing. Retirees, we also have a retiree e-mail listing.

DEPLOYED FAMILY INFORMATION GATHERING

Our next deployed Family Information Gathering will be held on Wednesday, August 12 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.

TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

Date: August 17-21

Location: Wilbrandt Auditorium, Pease ANGB

RSVP: To reserve your spot call Bonnie Rice at (603) 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.

“Operation Thank You!”

What: “Operation Thank You!” This event is a tribute to our military families. Those of you that have attended any of the previous year’s events will know that the day includes a delicious barbeque lunch provided once again by the Meathouse; and music and entertainment for families. For additional details contact Bonnie Rice at (603)-430-3545, bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil.

Date: Sunday, August 9

Time: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: Red Hook Brewery, Pease Tradeport, Portsmouth NH

Cost: Free to military members and their dependants (with ID cards).

For planning purposes, if you are attending with a large group please RSVP.

Proceeds from “Operation Thank You!” will benefit the Chaplains Emergency Relief Fund.

PASSPORT DAY

I have had several requests to have another Passport Day - I have gotten the approval of the Passport Center to offer another passport processing date. The NH Air National Guard has partnered with the National Passport Center in Portsmouth through the Federal Executive Association to host a Tourist Passport Day in Building 16, Upstairs Conference Room, Pease Air National Guard Base on Tuesday, 4 August 2009. We will be doing some evening appointments to accommodate family schedules.

Please note: There are updates from our last passport processing day noted below in this e-mail.

Call Bonnie Rice at (603)-430-3545 for information.

RSVP required via e-mail to bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil.

Going on a Cruise or taking a trip to Canada? As of June 1 you will now be required to have a Tourist Passport or Passport Card or other WHTI complaint document! Go to: www.travel.state.gov which provides up to the minute information as to what documents are acceptable for travel. Travel cards are now available during this Passport Processing Day.

The major benefits for you are:

- * No need to stand in lines at an acceptance facility that has no appointments, such as the Post Office.
- * The waiver of the \$60.00 expedite fee.
- * You will receive your passport within a few weeks of the application being accepted. The normal process time is 6 weeks.

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

When: Tuesday, August 4

Time: 2 to 7 p.m.

Where: Building 16, Upstairs Conference Room, Pease Air National Guard Base – It should only take 15 minutes to process your application, provided you bring all the proper documentation.

Why offer this now?

The Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act of 2004 mandated that the Secretary of Homeland Security, in consultation with the Secretary of State, develop and implement a plan to require U.S. citizens and foreign nationals to present a passport, passport card or other secure document when entering the United States. The proposed time line for passport requirements is available at: www.travel.state.gov. Currently all U.S. citizens must show proof of identity and proof of U.S. citizenship when entering the United States from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda and the countries of the Caribbean by land or sea. Passports are required for air travel outside the US. On June 1, 2009, the U.S. government will implement the full requirements of the land and sea phase of WHTI. The proposed rules require most U.S. citizens entering the United States at sea or land ports of entry to have a passport, passport card, or other travel document approved by the Department of Homeland Security.

- * CAREFULLY READ ALL THE APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS!
- * RSVP is required!: To RSVP e-mail Bonnie Rice at: BONNIE.RICE@ang.af.mil if attending.
- * Applications also available from Bonnie Rice
- * Must bring 2 PASSPORT Photos
- * Must NOT be in uniform in the passport photos
- * Birth Certificates MUST be CERTIFIED COPIES or ORIGINALS- Not NOTARIZED
- * FEES REQUIRED WHEN SUBMITTING PASSPORT APPLICATION IN PERSON (FORM DS-11 or DS-82)

The following fees apply when submitting Form DS-11 in person:

What Are You Applying For?	Application Fee	Execution Fee	Total Amount You Pay
Passport Book (Age 16 & Older)	\$75.00	\$25.00	\$100.00
Passport Book (Under Age 16)	\$60.00	\$25.00	\$85.00
Passport Card (Age 16 & Older)	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$45.00
Passport Card (Under Age 16)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$35.00

The following fees apply when submitting Form DS-82 by mail. [or in person at the acceptance day at Pease]

What Are You Applying For? (Are You Eligible to Renew?)

Passport Book (Age 16, previous passport issued after age 16) \$75.00

Passport Book (Under Age 16) Minors under age 16 must use Form DS-11

Passport Card (Age 16, previous passport issued after age 16) \$20.00

Passport Card (Under Age 16) Minors under age 16 must use Form DS-11

When applying at a Passport Agency, both the Application Fee and the Execution Fee are combined as one payment to the "Department of State."

- * Checks and/or money orders made out to "Department of State".
- * NO CASH will be accepted.
- * Special Requirements for Children: For children under age 16 (including newborns), both parents or the child's legal guardian(s) must appear and present the following:
 - * Evidence of the Child's US citizenship
 - 1 Evidence of the child's relationship to parents/guardian(s), AND
 - 2 Parental identification, and
 - 3 Guardian(s) must have written appointment of guardianship and written authority to apply for a passport for the minor(s).
 - * If only one parent appears you MUST also submit one of the following:
 - * Second parent's notarized written statement consenting to passport issuance of the child,
 - 1 Primary evidence of sole authority to apply, OR
 - 2 A written statement (made under penalty of perjury) explaining the second parent's unavailability
 - * Each minor child applying for a passport must appear in person
 - * Minors: Under 16 years of age
 - * Each minor child shall appear in person.
 - 1 For security reasons, parental consent may be requested.
 - 2 If your child does not have identification of his/her own, you need to accompany your child with identification.
 - * This is for a TOURIST PASSPORT only
 - * You may use your Military Passport as proof of citizenship if you are applying for the first time, but you MUST bring it with you.

For Frequently Asked Questions about the new requirement go to:

http://travel.state.gov/travel/cbpmc/cbpmc_2225.html

The Two-Parent Consent changed on February 1, 2008. All children under the age of 16, need consent from both parents for the issuance of a passport. (the two-parent consent law used to apply to children under the age of 14) Lastly, the WHTI (Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative) that would effect land and sea crossings has been extended to June, 2009.

SPOUSE OPPORTUNITIES

OPERATION HOMEFRONT MILITARY SPOUSE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM EXTENDS DEADLINE

Total of \$100,000 to Be Awarded to Spouses to Support Continuing Education

SAN ANTONIO – Operation Homefront is extending the deadline for its 2009 Military Spouse Scholarship Program to Aug. 1, 2009. Open to legal spouses of active duty U.S. military personnel, the initiative will award 37 scholarships for a total of \$100,000 in financial assistance.

The scholarships will be awarded on August 30, 2009 and are based on the applicants' written essays, their commitment to volunteerism and their grade point average. Applicants must be accepted to an educational institution and use the funds within 24 months, with funds being paid directly to the school. The initiative is made possible through the generosity of Bank of America.

Applications for the scholarships are available via www.operationhomefront.net All applications must be postmarked by Aug. 1. Applicants with questions about the program should contact the Operation Homefront national office by phone at 210-659-7756.

MILITARY SPOUSE CAREER ADVANCEMENT ACCOUNT PROGRAM

With Congressional authorization in Public Law 110-417, the Department of Defense is implementing the Military Spouse Career Advancement Account Program, providing resources and assistance to spouses of active duty services members, Guard and Reserve with a spouse on orders for one year, supporting their pursuit of a successful, long-term, portable career.

This centralized, virtual program, accessed through Military OneSource, will provide counseling and funding, up to \$6,000, to assist with licensure, certification or education opportunities leading to portable employment opportunities.

- A spouse will call the Military OneSource Center (1.800.342.9647) and speak with a Career and Education Consultant.

- The Military One Source Career and Education Consultant will assist the spouse in selecting a career goal and entering a Career Plan into the online system "My Career Advancement Account."

- Upon approval of the spouse's Career Plan for education, training, certification or licensure, Department of Defense will provide direct payment to the Payee (school, institution, or program) through the designated government Portal.

- The spouse will report back to Military OneSource upon completion of the Plan and receipt of employment.

This Department of Defense funded program will be available April 2009. Program specifics are available for your review at www.militaryonesource.com.

The DoD point of contact is Mr. Mike Tevnan, 703.908.1237, mike.tevnan@moscenter.us.

MILITARY FAMILY OF THE YEAR

The National Military Family Association is taking nominations for its National Military Family Association's Military Family of the Year, now through 7 August.

Any family, active duty, guard or reserve, from any of our Armed Service Branches can be nominated, and nominations can be made by anyone 18 years or older. The nomination form includes an essay on why the nominator feels the family is extra-ordinary and should be the National Military Family Association's Military Family of the Year. Seven finalist families will be flown to Washington, DC to attend the 40th

Anniversary Event on 28 October, where the winning family will be announced. The Grand Prize winning family will be awarded \$1000!

The fact sheet can be obtained from Bonnie Rice, which should hopefully answer all your questions. Nominations must be submitted online at www.militaryfamilyaward.org and the deadline for submission is August 7, 2009.

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YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES

UNH Camp Wildcat Summer Camp Military Discount

University of New Hampshire, Camp Wildcat offers 10% discount to military youth. For program details, check out their web site at <http://campusrec.unh.edu> or contact Erika Cooper at UNH Campus Recreation – 603-862-0845 or erika.cooper@unh.edu

CAMP BIRCH HILL TO OFFER MILITARY DISCOUNT

Camp Birch Hill located at: 333C Birch Hill Road, New Durham, NH 03855, has offered to allow all military kids to attend their regular summer camp programs at half price. Please help spread the word to any families you think may be interested. Families will need to contact the camp personally by calling 603-859-4525 or visiting http://www.campbirchhill.com/dates_and_rates.html

PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD INFORMATION (PSNY) INFORMATION:

Summer destination tickets for 2009 spring and summer season to be sold at ITT, Relief Valve Recreation Center, Bldg 22, PSNY, call Judy for ticket information at 207-438-2713. For information on ski rental equipment call Todd (207) 438-1514. Gear Issue is located in Bldg H-10 (PSNY), rear of building.

Upcoming Tickets Available from PSNY ITT Office

To purchase your tickets for the following call: (207) 438-2713

DEEP SEA FISHING

Date: Sept. 13

Cost: \$45 includes rod and bait

Time: 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Details: This trip is for the Military ID card hold

member and their dependants (must be 15 years or older)

NASCAR TICKETS

Date: Sunday, September 20

Cost: TBA

Location: Loudon, NH