

What does it take to host a POTUS visit?

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

It sounds cliché, but swarms of Secret Service (SS) men and women dressed in dark suits as well as very official looking members from the White House Advance Staff convene on Pease Air National Guard Base to prepare for a visit from President Barack Obama Aug. 11.

Who is involved and what does it take to safely ensure the president's arrival to and departure from Pease? To put it briefly – a lot.

Col. Richard Martell, 157th Air Refueling Wing Commander, says the Wing receives notification about a week and a half prior to the visit and that's when things go into motion. At that point, information is only shared with those who "need to know." Once the information is made public, details of the visit are still kept close hold but because of the work that is involved, more people are brought into the planning process.

The key is to "work in concert with Secret Service and the White House to properly and safely host the President of the United States and continue to do the missions we are assigned," said Martell.

From Security Forces, Logistics Readiness, Air Traffic Control, Maintenance, Civil Engineering and Public Affairs - nearly every group on base is involved in the planning for and successful execution of a visit from the President of the United States (POTUS).

Security Forces (SFS)

Secret Service arrives about a week prior to a POTUS visit to meet with several groups including SFS. Leads from Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1), the presidential helicopter, and Air Force One (AF-1), the presidential aircraft, also are present for security conversations. They discuss everything from manpower to intelligence to potential threats that can be mitigated. HMX-1 and AF-1 come with their own security so the 157th SFS mission is to augment and support them. SFS members are also partnered with SS members because they rely on the member's expert knowledge of the base and terrain.

For this particular visit, the president traveled via motorcade off Pease ANGB property and through the towns of Newington and Portsmouth. The job of SFS, in this case, is to be the central security control for the event on Pease ANG property because local authorities in conjunction with SS coordinate the motorcade once they leave Pease property. Newington, Portsmouth, State Police as well as the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office each provided members to establish a Law Enforcement Command Post so all entities have proper communications with each other throughout the event.



U.S. President Barack Obama waves from the door of Air Force One upon his arrival at Pease Air National Guard Base, New Hampshire August 11, before departing via motorcade to Portsmouth High School for a town-hall style meeting to talk about health care.



(Photos by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Vezeau, 157 ARW Public Affairs)

Colonel Richard P. Martell, Commander of the 157th Air Refueling Wing, greets President Barack Obama upon the president's arrival at Pease Air National Guard Base.

Future Leadership



I would like to share with you an announcement from The Adjutant General, Maj. Gen. William N. Reddel III, on leadership changes in the Wing.

“NH National Guard members, Brig. Gen. Sears and I are pleased to announce that Col. Paul “Hutch” Hutchinson, currently the 157th Operations Group Commander at Pease, has been selected to become the next 157th Air Refueling Wing Commander, NHANG.

He will take command of the Wing in January 2010, when current 157th Wing Commander, Col. Dick Martell, assumes his new role as Chief of the Joint Staff, JFHQ/NH.

Col. Hutchinson will also become a member of the Joint Executive Staff, which, in concert with the Adjutant General, provides joint leadership for the NHNG as a whole.

Col. Hutchinson is a KC-135R Instructor/Evaluator Pilot with more than 6500 military flight hours. He has prior active duty experience and is presently on a leave of absence from American Airlines where he serves as a commercial airline pilot.

Col. Hutchinson has been a member of the NHANG since 1999 and has held several command positions including 133rd Air Refueling Squadron Flight Commander, Squadron Commander and 157th Operations Group Commander.

Brig. Gen. Sears and I have every confidence that Col. Hutchinson will continue to build on the outstanding reputation of the 157th Air Refueling Wing.

Please join us in congratulating him as he transitions to his new leadership position.”

This announcement sets in place the building block for our Leadership Team as it transitions to the future. This will be an exciting time for all of us because these changes come at the right time as we start to focus and prepare for: a Unit Compliance Inspection next year; an Operational Readiness Inspection in four years in partnership with the 101st (Bangor) ARW; the activation next month of the 64th Air Refueling Squadron (Active Associate); the completion of the Wing Headquarters building in the spring of 2010 as well as beginning construction on a new consolidated Operations building.

As you can see, the 157th Air Refueling Wing faces numerous challenges in the years to come. As all of you fill new leadership roles, I am certain that with the new enthusiasm you will bring and building upon the successes we have already enjoyed, that you will continue to lead the Air National Guard as “..one of the Nation’s most respected Units.”

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Granite Gaahdians

By Senior Master Sgt. Fred Balas, Wing Human Resource Advisor

You've been to diversity awareness training, but how do you integrate that knowledge into leadership, team building, and personal vision? The Diversity Champions Workshop! The Granite Gaahdians (yes, that's Guardians with a local accent) is the first Diversity Champions team in the New Hampshire National Guard. The three day Diversity Champions Workshop was held at Pease from May 27 through 29 with 28 participants from both the Wing, State Headquarters and the Army National Guard.

Participants were challenged to "raise the bar" with enthusiasm, energy and passion during the intensive team building, leadership, and diversity education experience. The Granite Gaahdians met that challenge during the workshop, which progresses in three integral phases: (1) developing leadership qualities, (2) building high performance teams, and (3) leading in your organization. Diversity Champions is a learning experience that involves all participants – it's not "death by PowerPoint"!

The workshop is designed to enhance leadership confidence and effectiveness through interactive team building and trust building activities that challenge participants to let go of preconceptions and perceptions. Participants learn to trust and guide each other regardless of the barriers that often prevent people from forming high performance teams. During the three days, the Granite Gaahdians evolved into a team with clear goals of enhancing mission readiness and mission achievement.



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*Deli Sandwich Bar
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Assorted Desserts*

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Taking a bite out of crime

Airman helps capture thief over lunch break

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Stebbins, JFHQ Public Affairs

Twenty-four year old Vehicle Operations Apprentice from the 157th Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS), Senior Airman John R. Stevens, from Dover was on his lunch break while serving a day of duty at Pease Air National Guard Base on July 27 when he helped capture a thief that almost got away.

Stevens had decided to take his lunch break at the Fox Run Mall, just minutes away from the base where he serves as a traditional guardsman, serving one weekend a month, two weeks a year unless otherwise called to active duty. He was at the mall with a friend completing business in the Sprint store when he heard somebody yelling "STOP" as he saw one man chasing another out of the mall.

"We ran outside to see what was going on and the manager from Zales who had been chasing the suspect asked someone to call the police," Stevens said. "Then, there was a girl that said, 'He just did this in a store in Mass.' and it was at this point that it all hit me and I couldn't let him get away."

Stevens proceeded to jump in his car and chase the suspect up the road when he saw an officer heading towards the mall. He flagged the officer down and informed him of the man's fleeting location and identified what he was wearing.

Stevens did not stop there. When he noticed the police officer had lost the thief, he continued to chase him through deep grass and bushes as the suspect proceeded to disrobe from what must have been his 'cover' which intended to falsely identify or to alter his true identity. He had left a trail of clothing to include a shirt and a hat with a wig sewn in it in his path.

"I was yelling into the woods, telling him I would catch him. I had a hunch that he would be heading toward the highway so I got back in my car and headed in that direction and saw him again," Stevens said. "I caught up to him and stopped my car at a three foot fence he jumped over. I got out and jumped over the fence to follow."

As Stevens had suspected, the thief then ran down Route 16, a major turnpike, and even crossed the highway, nearly getting struck by two automobiles in the process.

Stevens remained close behind until the thief came across a tall chain link fence and could not evade escape further.

Stevens recalled the scene, "He stopped in the grass and turned around and looked at me with a tired distraught look on his face. It was then that he put his hands on his head and I told him to get on the ground! He got on his knees and it was at this point the officer arrived with his gun drawn and the suspect was put under arrest. Then I looked at the guy and said, I told you I would catch you."

It was then Stevens learned at approximately 11:54 a.m. the suspect, a 45 year old male, had stole a 1 karat, 14kt white gold, diamond engagement ring valued at \$7,100 from Zales jewelry store in the Fox Run Mall. Considering the thief had seemed to plan this out in such a manner, and apparently had done this same thing elsewhere, he would have most likely very well have gotten away with this act, had it not have been for Stevens.

This type of behavior and all out action is not unfamiliar to Stevens either. Shortly after joining the 157th Air Refueling Wing in Sept. 2006, Stevens was named Traditional Airman of the 2nd Quarter 2009, an honor selected from within the working ranks of one's peers in the Air Force and is based on work ethic, integrity, overall job performance, leadership and dependability, community involvement, customer focus, appearances, and being a team player.

As quoted from his nomination form, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Moisan wrote, "In 10 years of service, I have never encountered an airman as willing to learn and as motivated to accomplish the mission of the New Hampshire Air National Guard. During the early stages of December's now infamous ice storm, Stevens received notice of a possible activation and volunteered to be recalled so he could help as soon as possible, and ease the burden of activating his fellow

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Senior Airman John Stevens receives the Traditional Guardsman of the Quarter Award for the second quarter of 2009 from Lt. Col. Christopher Hurley.

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guardsmen whose homes and families were left without power. During his time on State Active Duty, he drove more than 240 accident-free miles in treacherous driving conditions.”

Moisan continued, “As a civilian, Stevens works for the Boston office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as an auto mechanic. Hired at a young age of 21, it was the fulfillment of one of John’s long-standing life goals, and a very significant achievement that anyone would be proud of. Airman Stevens is viewed as an integral part of the team at his mechanic shop which is responsible for outfitting the bureau’s vehicles with highly technical and sensitive instruments that keep the FBI one step ahead of the criminals they track. Somehow, John is able to balance his responsibilities at his full-time job with his loyal commitment to the NHANG. He maintains healthy working relationships in both of his jobs, and in his personal life, making him the very definition of a “team player.”

Master Sgt. Phillip F. Cote, Vehicle Operations Craftsman and co-worker, recalled, “I was on leave at the time of the incident. I was talking with Moisan when he informed me about what Stevens had done. I was not surprised that he would do something like that. That is the kind of person that he is, he goes 125 percent all the time. We are Citizen Airmen and what he did was show the community the he is also a concerned citizen that is not afraid to take action when something needs to be done. I think that the 157 ARW is very fortunate to have someone of Steven’s quality in its ranks. I know that the Distribution Flight takes a lot of pride in having a person of his caliber to work with.”

Stevens is a fine example of how our N.H. Air National Guardsmen serve our country and our great state of New Hampshire, right here at home...

CAP Cadets having a busy summer

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

The cadets of Seacoast Composite Squadron have been busy this summer with visits to the KC-135 simulator, the Portsmouth Airport tower, where they were able to use the ATC training simulator used to train new air traffic controllers, and got a two hour tour of the New Boston Satellite Tracking Station where they saw how the station tracks unusual items in the air and notifies NORAD of their existence if necessary.

In addition six cadets from the squadron attended the Northeast Region Basic Academy and two attended the Northeast Region Leadership Academy. Both of these events took place at Coast Guard Otis, MA formerly Otis ANG Base. At the Northeast Region Academy, cadets got to ride in a Blackhawk helicopter, used the Army leadership reaction course and obstacle course, repelled down a tower and visited the CG station along with leadership classes and other knowledge based activities. C/TSgt Hutton got a chance for a “ride along” on a coastal patrol mission with the Coast Guard.

Thursday evening August 20, a group of senior and cadet members attended military appreciation night at the Fisher Cats baseball game in Manchester. A group of the cadets marched around the perimeter of the field with an assortment of Color Guards from the military, ROTC, veterans and Civil Air Patrol prior to the game.

Seven cadets received promotions at the end of July along with a number of cadets who received encampment ribbons. Fourteen of the cadets attended the summer en-



(Photo courtesy Lt. Col. Mary Ann Croker)

CAP cadets navigate leadership reaction course.

campment at Norwich University. Cadet Commander Capt Alicia Hagman has been using some of her flight scholarship to take to the air in the Cessna 172 for flight lessons from Lt. Hill one of the squadron’s flight instructors. She hopes to solo before the summer is over.

Information about Civil Air Patrol can be found at: www.gocivilairpatrol.com or for more localized information: www.nhwgcap.org. or contact Seacoast Squadron Commander Maj. Hall at (603) 289-8923.

Recruiter Rap

By Staff Sgt. Dorrin Finley, 157 ARW Recruiting Assistant

Welcome New Members!

Alec Vargus, ARW

Brian Lothridge, MXS

Kelsey Nutt, ATC

Caroline Segovia, MSG

Shawn Carrier, MXS

Joshua White, CES

Rachel Hunt, MDG

Joseph Cooper, CES

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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:

Sept. 19-20 - NASCAR in Loudon

Sept. 26 - UNH vs Dartmouth football game

Oct. 3 - Apple Harvest Fest in 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

On July 18, Pease Air National Guard Base hosted the Police Explorers regional competition event. During this time, the recruiting team from Pease, Master Sgt. Dan Pollard and Staff Sgt. Dorrin Finley, worked the Mobile Team Challenge. There were nine teams with over 60 cadets competing. Mobile Team Challenge is geared to teach teamwork and life skills. This is done by teaching a group that they can succeed at each task by working together through cooperation, planning, trust, support, and communication. At the completion of each task, a debriefing takes place aimed at helping participants self-discover what it is they did, how they did it, and what they learned that can be taken into their lives.



Master Sgt. Daniel Pollard briefs Police Explorers.



Staff Sgt. Dorrin Finley with Police Explorers.

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Depending on the length of stay, posting requirements vary for SFS members. For however long Air Force One stays on the 157th ARW ramp, whether it is 3 hours or 3 days, it has to be guarded by SFS members. At the same time, any truck designated to refuel AF-1 also has to be guarded.

Logistics Readiness Squadron (LRS)

The LRS provides transportation, fuel, aerial port and logistics plans support. Members of LRS often act as a central coordinating point for the advance team leads for AF-1, HMX-1 and the White House. They also work with Wing team leads to ensure they have all the information they need to plan a successful visit as well as identify any shortfalls.

Providing fuel is often necessary so HMX-1 and AF-1 can get back in the air and get to their next destination. This fuel is sampled and tested and put in trucks where it is sent to a secure area under 24-7 SFS watch to prevent any potential compromise.

Vehicle Operations provides transportation for advance teams as well as transportation of reporter pools needing access to the base via a bus. They also position a flatbed truck that reporters use to view the landing and get a relatively up close look. When AF-1 arrives, members from Aerial Port drive stair trucks up to the aircraft so the President can step off the plane and walk down to the tarmac.

Maintenance (MXG)

MXG provides direct support to AF-1 and other supporting aircraft associated with a POTUS visit. When the advanced team arrives, MXG works with them to mark the exact location where AF-1 will park on the ramp as well as where the Wing's Stratotankers will be positioned during the visit.

Several days before the event, MXG sweeps the ramp with street sweeper trucks to begin the debris removal process. This happens several more times before AF-1 touches down to ensure no debris will damage the aircraft. In addition, a day before the event, MXG conducts a FOD walk to remove any foreign objects and debris from the ramp which involves members from the Wing physically walking from end to end of the ramp looking for anything a sweep truck might have missed.

MXG is also responsible for receiving all support aircraft that come in days before the actual POTUS visit. These aircraft carry support gear for the president as well as motorcade vehicles. After the President leaves, MXG must then help load the support aircraft and get them on their way to the next destination.

Public Affairs (PA)

PA coordinates with both the Secret Service and White House Press to ensure media have access to the base. With that comes press releases, RSVPs, media credentialing, shuffling them to and from their holding area to their viewing area as well as arranging for security sweeps of the gear and the press members before stepping foot out on the tarmac. Even then, they are stationed on a flatbed truck set-up a good distance away from Air Force One.

While this certainly doesn't cover every unit in the Wing that has a hand in ensuring a successful POTUS visit, it does give you an idea of the planning and manpower involved.

All this, and the President was only on Pease Air National Guard Base property for less than five minutes.

This is the first time Obama has visited Pease Air National Guard Base, but it isn't the first time the 157th ARW has hosted the president. Since 2004, the 157th ARW has supported seven POTUS visits. However, then President Bush did not always land at Pease; he often landed at an airport in Sanford in which the Wing would still provide support. Secret Service and White House Staff, regardless of the administration, has commented on how professionally and expertly the 157th Air Refueling Wing executes such a mission.

Curtailing of legal assistance to retirees

With the current workload and additional work associated with preparing for and supporting upcoming deployments the Legal Office will not be providing legal assistance to retirees effective Sept. 4. Below please find telephone numbers and locations of military legal assistance offices that will be able to provide legal assistance to retirees. This curtailment could last until the fall of 2011 but could extend based on the legal assistance workload at that time.

1. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard - Legal Attorneys travel from NAS Brunswick every Friday. Call NAS Brunswick to confirm hours and days.
2. Navy Legal Service Office - Brunswick, ME 207-921-2355.
3. Legal Office Hanscom AFB, MA 781-377-2361 Hours and additional information available online at <http://www.hanscom.af.mil/baselegalassistance/index.asp>
4. U.S. Coast Guard Station Boston, MA 617-223-8500
5. Legal Assistance Office Ft. Devons, MA 978-796-2255



21st Annual ANG Golf Classic

**1300 Shotgun Start on September 18, 2009
at Kingswood Golf Club, Wolfeboro**

Saluting former Commander Col (ret) Bob Lilljedahl and paying tribute to those deceased members who have been part of ANG golf lore with the awarding of the SMSgt (ret) Jean Bouchard Plaque

The 2009 event comes just one month prior to Bob's 80th Birthday and is the reason for the return to Bob's home course and the Friday afternoon round which will include a post round birthday salute to Bob.

The play will be "Shamble" format - A shamble is a type of golf tournament that combines elements of scramble with elements of stroke play. Like in a scramble, all members of the team tee off and the best ball of the four tee shots is selected. All players move their balls to the spot of the best ball. From this point, the hole is played out at stroke play, with all members of the team playing their own ball into the hole. So: select the best shot off the tee, move all balls to that spot, then play individual stroke play until each member of the group has holed out.

This format will allow awarding both low gross and net prizes while promoting camaraderie and a low team award to the total of the 2 best balls with handicap on each hole. There will also be the usual long and straight drives and closer to the hole. Practice balls will be available and a putting contest will be held between 12 and 1300 with the final put-off just prior to the shotgun start.

To sign up:

Send an email to ken-clark@comcast.net that includes your name and USGA Handicap (or your best estimate of what you shoot on a good day). The tournament director will assign you an uncontested shamble handicap since every player should start from a good spot on every hole.

Feel free to include four names if you have a desired group - otherwise the tournament director will use his discretion and knowledge to build foursomes that promote the spirit of the event.

The total cost for greens fees, cart, prizes and dinner is \$70. Feel free to send a check in advance made payable to the NHANG Golf Classic to:

Ken Clark
92 Upper Suncook Lane
Center Barnstead, NH 03225

Or, simply bring a check or cash to the event.

CES makes a difference at GITMO

By Army Sgt. Andrew Hillegass, JTF Guantanamo Public Affairs

For Troopers in reserve units, mandatory two-week training periods are the order of the day. Reservists know that they will have to leave their families during the year and head out to their local training facilities. For some members of the Air National Guard, they may find themselves in another part of the world for their Deployment for Training period.

Members of the New Hampshire Air National Guard's 157th Civil Engineering Squadron found themselves at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay for their yearly DFT period and are not running short of real-world conditions to prepare themselves for possible overseas deployment. Since arriving on island at the beginning of August, they have immersed themselves in almost non-stop work, completing a number of projects in a short period of time.

"We have kept very busy here. As a matter of fact, the other day [Navy] Capt. [Carl] Knuckles told us that in the first four days we were here, we completed about 10 days worth of work," said the noncommissioned officer-in-charge for the DFT, Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Bill Russell.

Although not the first location for the unit, which provides a gamut of services from construction to electrical and plumbing repair, Joint task Force Guantanamo is proving an important training tool for the Airmen.

"It is great coming down here, even if for two weeks, because we are helping out everyone here in Guantanamo, not just the JTF," added Russell, who has more than 20 years with the Air National Guard.

Air Force Lt. Col. Mike Busby, the commander of the 157th, enjoys what Guantanamo provides for his Troopers. The location has not only provided real-world training for the unit, but it also gives them the chance to experience an environment that differs greatly from their home state.

"When we come down, we have to deal with elevated temperatures, being away from home and even the living conditions. Those are the things that are going to make the difference when we deploy," said Busby.

The list of projects the team has been involved with have ranged from the relatively small, such as swapping out some electrical panels at the public works self-help building, to slightly more labor intensive projects like resurfacing the roof of the naval station's hospital.

"Our guys were out at the hospital, the first week we were here, working on their roof. It gives my guys the opportunity to complete a job that not only gave my guys roofing experience but also saved the base nearly \$50,000 in contractor costs," praised Russell, a nine-year active duty veteran.

In addition to resurfacing the hospital roof, they are also putting the finishing touches on a new gazebo, running electrical lines to the structure so that they will be able to hook up lights and a ceiling fan.

For Busby, who has been in the unit for more than 20 years as both enlisted and officer, this kind of on-the-job training is the type of thing that not only boosts the morale of his Airmen but also provides them with invaluable training that his unit has been lacking over the last few years.

"Over the last 10 years we have lost many personnel because they want to get out and do their jobs instead of preparing for inspections and other things that we have had in years past," said Busby.

Air Force 1st Lt. Carrie Smith, an engineering officer, echoed Busby's emphasis on the training as a great tool to enhance morale and teamwork within their unit of approximately 90 personnel.

"It is great that we get to come down here and have the opportunity to use equipment that we may not have back at home station. Our guys get to come down here and interact with one another and build on teamwork. We don't have to send our guys off to school to get the same training we are able to do down here," praised Smith.

Busby also recognizes the importance of overseas DFTs for his unit. He has noticed over the last 10 to 15 years the demographic of his unit has become younger. This leaves him with a force that may not hold the same jobs in the civilian world as they do in his unit.

"Years ago we had a lot more people that were doing their jobs outside of the military, so that lent us a great deal of expertise and knowledge for our guys to draw on," reflected Busby, who spent nine years enlisted as an electrician.



Air Force Airman 1st Class Mark Quinn, left, and Air Force Tech. Sgt. Andre Petrin, right, of the 157th Civil Engineering Squadron, load a concrete picnic table base onto a forklift as they repair tables at Windmill Beach as part of their twoweek Deployment For Training. – JTF Guantanamo photo by Army Sgt. Andrew Hillegass

The Cry to Live

By the 157th ARW Chaplain Staff

The news media conveys to us the growing concern regarding suicide within our communities, our nation, and our military services. The growing number of suicides among the 14 to 24 year olds is particularly alarming, which incorporates many of our military members. The sad thing, of course, is the loss of each precious life and the unseen future ramifications that each loss entails. Many times we sit by the wayside lamenting the loss of life and forgetting that we are potential "life savers" able to keep a faltering life afloat. People who are suicidal are crying out to live, so our first response is to listen, listen, listen!

Listening is foundational to suicide prevention. "I can't take it anymore; this world would be better off without me; I wish I was dead!" Sometimes the cry is obvious, and at other times, it may be much softer weaved ever so gently into the conversation or simply silent tears. An action such as giving away a prized possession can be a cry for help and essentially a cry to live. As you have actively listened to your friend you need to respond to what you have heard by saying; "Are you thinking of suicide? Are you thinking of hurting yourself?" If they say "yes" do not act shocked or surprised, remember they are in a great deal of pain, stressed and fragile. By remaining calm, gentle and engaged you can bring a bit of balance into the moment. Listen closely and you may hear what is causing his or her suicidal ideations. Offer to them appropriate encouraging words, yet do not deny their feelings. Ask questions to further the discussion and to provide more opportunity for the suicidal person to communicate. It is through your active listening you reveal to them your deep concern for their well-being.

After ascertaining that the individual is suicidal, the next step is to see if they have developed a plan to end their life. If they do have a plan, the next question is to ask if they have the means to accomplish their suicide. If the answer is in the affirmative, it is imperative to get help immediately with 911 being a ready resource. Do not at anytime leave the person until help arrives. If they request that you keep their suicide threat a secret, do not make that promise. If you love and care for the person you need to let the proper people know, now!

September, in the state of New Hampshire, is designated as "Suicide Awareness Month". The intent is to get people to be aware and actively listen for the telltale signs of suicide ideation. You can make a difference. You can save a life. As a listening Wingman, you can answer the "Cry to live!"

Learn more about your benefits

The Retention Office and MPF/Customer Service Section will be conducting two briefings on Active Duty Benefits. This is your opportunity to learn more about the Education Benefits on the new post 9/11 GI Bill, Health Care, and Early Retirement for members who have served on title 10 Active duty. Whether you are interested in this benefit now or in the future, please attend. We will go over how you can transfer Chapter 33 to your dependents. The briefings will take place at the Willbrandt Auditorium, Sept. 12, 8:30 to 11:30 and in the BAPP Auditorium on Sept. 17, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. For members who can not attend the slides will be posted on sharepoint: organization/MSF/Retention. Visit www.GIBILL.VA.GOV for up-to-date information on Chapter 33 and other education benefits. Please contact Master Sgt. Norma Long at (603) 430-3507 (GI Bill) or Tech. Sgt. Patrice Foggarty at (603) 430-3514 (Health Care, etc.)

Dwyer wins quarterly award

Please congratulate Senior Airman Alan Dwyer of the 157th Communication Squadron for the 3rd Quarter Award Winner of the NHANG Traditional Guard Person of the Quarter. Honorable mention goes to: Staff Sgt. Vinton Wallace (MSG), Staff Sgt. Steven Logan (MDG), Master Sgt. Brian Chamberlain (MXG) and Tech. Sgt. Rene LeBlanc (260th ATC). Thank you to the unit members who took the time to submit the above individuals. Dwyer has his own special parking spot and receives \$50 sponsored by the AF Sergeant Association. Next nominations will be due September 15.

Promotions

Lieutenant Colonel

Diane Smith, LRS

Senior Master Sergeant

Carlos Cardenas, MOF

Michael George, ARS

Master Sergeant

Daniel Luter, ARS

Michael Mooers, MOF

Michael Vieira, MXS

Technical Sergeant

Jeffery Smalley, MXS

Staff Sergeant

Daniel Ramos, SFS

Norman Losh, CES

Andrew Jacobs,

Eric Nelson, CMF

Derek Cote, CES

Senior Airman

Christopher Drake, SFS

Daniel Durfee, ATC

Raymond Miller, ATC

Joshua Heisler, SFS

Traditional Officer Vacancy Announcement

Position Title/DAFSC/Max Military Grade: Force Support Officer, 38FX, (2LT - MAJ) Commissioning Opportunity

Type of Position: Non-rated and non-professional

Position Location: This position will be located in the Sustainment Services Flight of the 157th Force Support Squadron, Pease ANGB, NH.

Application Information: Interested personnel can submit a resume with cover letter in the format of their choice; however, contained in the application will be evidence of satisfaction of any education or other special requirements. In addition, interested personnel will submit a copy of their baccalaureate degree (or higher) transcript, a copy of their AFOQT scorecard. Applications must be received in the office listed below no later than 4 p.m. on the Sept. 18. *Mail applications to: NH ANG/ROS, 302 Newmarket St., Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157*

Special Qualifications: Education – For entry into this specialty, undergraduate academic specialization in human resource management, business administration, sociology, psychology, public administration, mathematics, industrial engineering, industrial engineering technology, management engineering, systems management, computer science, management, organizational development, behavioral science, operations research, education, hospitality, restaurant and hotel management, recreation, fitness, finance, or accounting is desirable.

General Military Position Description: Administers and conducts Total force support operations across the A1 enterprise. Operations include organizational design and development, manpower programming and allocation; workforce planning and requirements; force management to include assignments, classifications, and education and training; performance management for both individuals and organizations; program management including finance, budgeting and Airman support; force readiness providing family development, Morale Welfare and Recreation services, and other force support operations. Related DoD Occupational Group: 271400

AFSA announces scholarship recipients

Sue Williams, AFSA Chapter 155 Scholarship Chairman Chapters 155/A155 of the AF Sergeants Association is pleased to announce the recipients of scholarships for the coming school year.

Molly Lawrence, daughter of Chief Master Sgt. Jamie Lawrence (MPF) is again the recipient of the Master Sgt. William Sowers Memorial Scholarship for continuing education. (Molly also received this award in 2007 and 2008.) Molly is a student at Lesley University in Cambridge MA. She has developed a self-designed major in Public Health and Social Behavior, and continues to be a stellar student and well-rounded young adult. Her activities include being a teaching assistant for her instructor in Social Policy, tutors at the University Center, does child care 25+ hours a week, plans programs for a club she co-chairs on campus, internship at Food for Free (a community program delivering food to frail elderly citizens in their homes) and still maintains a full class schedule with honors!

After much consideration, it was decided to award two scholarships for the Master Sgt. Neal E. Powers Memorial Scholarship this year. This scholarship is for a student entering post-secondary education for the first time – most often, they are graduating from high school at the time of application. Two of the applicants were truly remarkable in their past endeavors and goals for the future; it was virtually impossible to choose one over the other! Both students were within the top 10 of their graduating classes!

Hannah Lawrence, daughter of Chief MSgt. Jamie Lawrence will be attending Wheaton College. Hannah hopes to someday become involved with the Peace Corps and the United Nations. She has worked to educate her fellow stu-

dents on issues of genocide taking place in other parts of the world; during the election period, she encouraged young adults (aged 18 – 22) to register to vote – with a goal of 150, her team exceeded their goal! She has been active and leader for Student Council; has played sports throughout her school years; is a member of the National Honor Society; been involved in many school clubs and activities; was selected by her faculty to attend the American Legion Girls' State program. I believe Hannah will truly make a difference in the future!

Gregory Poulin, son of Master Sgt. Alan Poulin (Comm Flight), is undecided between Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Florida Institute of Technology. Greg plays cello in his high school orchestra and chamber orchestra, and for the last two years has been section leader and principal chair in each ensemble. He has been class president; served on student council every year and captained the varsity soccer and swim teams. Outside of school, he has worked at a food bank, does a great deal of volunteer work; has been a camp counselor for children ages 4 – 13, and works with the BAE Systems FOCUS (Fixing Old Computers for Use in Schools) Program as project manager supervising and teaching new students. He is also involved in Helping Hands for ALS (Lou Gehrig's' Disease) as a speaker for regional ALS Awareness meetings and helps a man coping with ALS maintain his home and independent living. Greg is a very well-rounded student and an outstanding young adult!

Congratulations to all of our recipients – I know they will continue to make their parents proud!!

Meet the new Director of Psychological Health

By Maj. Stephanie Riley, 157th ARW Medical Group

As September has been designated as Suicide Awareness month, I thought it was appropriate to look at how the NH National Guard is addressing this ever concerning issue. The suicide rates in all four services last year were higher than the national civilian average, and calls by service members and veterans to a Department of Veterans Affairs hot line indicate the problem is potentially broader than originally reported. The Air Force lost 38 airmen to suicide in 2008, a rate of 11.5 suicides per 100,000 airmen, according to a March 2009 article in the Air Force Times. The average over the past five years — since the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom — was quoted as 11 deaths per 100,000 annually. In 2008, the Army reported 140 confirmed or suspected suicides. That's 20.2 suicides per 100,000 troops — an all-time high that is nearly twice the national average of 11 suicides per 100,000.

One of the results of the concerns associated with service members' mental health issues was that the National Guard was able to secure funding for a new position known as the Director of Psychological Health (DPH). The Guard recognized that guard members and reservists don't live on a base or post with the many different resources at their disposal. They also don't have the benefit of the sense of military community one gets when living on base. The new DPH position has been put in place to help bridge that gap.

Susan Brown was hired and started working out of Joint Force Headquarters in Concord on May 26, 2009. I sat down with Susan recently to get a sense of what her job entails. Her job description states that her mission will be to "advocate, promote and guide NG members and their families by supporting psychological fitness for operational readiness." She is also available to assess, guide and assist Guard members and their families who may be experiencing any issues associated with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and/or traumatic brain injury (TBI). A Guard member and his/her family will be able to seek advice, referral, guidance and information about local and state resources that are available to help regarding any psychological health concerns. The description comes straight from her civilian contract company's application page and Susan broadened the definition by including that she is available for service members and families throughout the deployment cycle and for stressors also involving suicidality, depression and substance abuse. The primary focus is for her to be accessible and confidential so that a service member can seek out help with the least amount of impact to their family life or military career. Although the position was originally created for the Air and Army Guard, no one has been turned away that has sought help. If there are active duty service members that are home on leave or family members of active duty or other branches that seek help, they are attended to in the same fashion as our Air and Army Guard community.

Susan has an extensive background in mental health that spans 20 years. She is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor and a Licensed Drug and Alcohol Counselor for the state of New Hampshire. She has worked in substance abuse/behavioral health settings over the last 20 years to include inpatient settings, outpatient, correctional facilities and schools. She has taught both graduate and undergraduate counseling related courses and is a member of the Granite State Critical Incident team and D-BHRT (Disaster-Behavioral Health Response Team). In her spare time she volunteers as an EMT-Intermediate on a local community rescue squad. She brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the position and has been very effective in handling the referrals that the Army Guard has been utilizing her for.

Referrals to Susan can be handled a few different ways. If a service member identifies an issue that he or she wants help in dealing with, that individual can do a self referral by contacting Susan directly. If a commander has a concern about a service member, the commander can make a referral. If a service member has a concern about a family member, that person can be referred to Susan. Sometimes the referral has to do with advice about how to deal with a specific situation or it may be helping to develop coping strategies to deal with stressors of a deployment. When Susan meets with an individual it is handled very confidentially and information will only be released if the individual gives consent. Susan does not do "fit for duty evaluations" so the service member does not have to worry about career implications when meeting with her, unless something is divulged that she is mandated to report.

One of Susan's primary goals is to establish a network of clinicians that are more specifically trained in military issues. That way when she suggests that the service member follow up with counseling from a civilian provider, that provider will have knowledge of the military mindset. The NHNG is co-sponsoring military cultural awareness training for clinicians. Susan is also collaborating on training, in October, for clinicians regarding TBI/PTSD in service members.

Another way that Susan has been utilized is to provide training and information to units on issues they may identify as problems for their members. For example, she can provide training on substance abuse or post-deployment symptoms to units that have a potential for occurrence. She also is a member of various committees including the NH Community Health Program Council, State Suicide Prevention sub-committee and serves as a consultant for Counter-Drug, Case Management and the Family Support Group. She can be called upon to assist in any type of Critical Incident.

Susan Brown, the Director of Psychological Health, can be reached by: office phone 603-227-1497, blackberry 603-290-2338 or by email at susan.brown@ceridian.com

History in the making at Pease

Active Associate relationship progresses

By Tech. Sgt. Angela Stebbins, JFHQ Public Affairs

Being raised as an air force brat right here at Pease when it was still an active duty base, also being here to feel the local pains of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) in 1991, and now being here, serving as an Air National Guardsman myself, I have felt a special interest in understanding the new Active Associate relationship that is currently underway here at Pease. I have done a lot of research over the last couple weeks and felt the need to share this wonderful story with all of you.

In December of 2008, the 157th Air Refueling Wing (ARW), located at Pease Air National Guard Base (ANGB), was named as one of the three units nationwide selected as a KC-135 Active Associate unit, with July 09 slated for start of this integration. Pease was selected to become an active associate unit because of its reputation for excellence, the high tempo of operations, and its prime coastal location for executing the air refueling mission.

Just two months later, February 09, Pease hosted the Air Mobility Command's Site Activation Task Force (SATAF), who along with their National Guard Bureau (NGB) counterparts, made an initial assessment of the steps needed for Pease to transition to an Active Associate KC-135 Wing.

The Active Associate concept is a fairly young strategy derived after the 2005 BRAC and through which the Air Force proposed this strategic partnership between all divisions of the Air Force; Active Duty, Guard, and Reserve as part of the Air Force's ongoing Total Force Integration (TFI) initiatives to create a stronger, leaner, more efficient Air Force. In this concept, active duty airmen will be stationed here at Pease and incorporated into the Wings mission. The assigned aircrew, maintenance and support personnel will work side-by-side with the Guard members flying and maintaining Pease's fleet of aircraft to accomplish the wing's missions to include contingency deployments such as Operations Iraqi Free-

dom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle. Adding these active duty airmen to the New Hampshire Air National Guard's total force will enable the wing to increase the effectiveness and efficiency of its fleet of aircraft, provide better training opportunities for all, and provide even more of the professional air refueling services for which it is known.

This is being done because just like any civilian enterprise, the Air Force has to continually refocus, analyze strengths and weaknesses, and evaluate usage of finances, manpower, etc... in order to stay competitive and ahead of the changing times. This active associate allows for a much more economic way of utilizing our resources, allowing for the most effective and efficient use of taxpayer dollars.

This active association is forecasted to be fully operationally capable by September

2011 with Pease receiving approximately 135 Active Duty Air Force members in the process.

"I have no doubt that we will set the standard for the Air Force in the Active Associate Partnership." Said 157th ARW base commander, Richard P. Martell.

Selected as Commander of the active duty detachment coming in to Pease as part of this Active Associate, is Lt. Col. Christopher D. Leist.

Leist is now here, having arrived July 23rd, serving as Commander, Detachment 2, 22nd Operations Group, here at Pease Air National Guard Base. As the Active Associate Commander, he is responsible for all active duty operational, support, and maintenance aspects of the Detachment in support of the 157th Air Refueling Wing's worldwide tanker and airlift operations.

Colonel Leist entered the Air Force in 1991 as a graduate from Texas A&M University. He attended undergraduate pilot training at Laughlin AFB, TX, and earned his wings in 1993. He has served as Instructor pilot and Operations



Lt. Col. Christopher Leist works on upcoming mission plans with Maj. Marc Zubricki Aug. 14.

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Officer twice in Air Mobility Command, an Instructor and Evaluator Pilot in Air Education and Training Command and as a staff officer at the Air Mobility Command Headquarters. Additionally, he participated in Operations RESTORE HOPE, NORTHERN and SOUTHERN WATCH, ENDURING FREEDOM and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to his current assignment, he was the Operations Officer for the 384th Air Refueling Squadron at McConnell AFB, KS. Colonel Leist is a Command Pilot having logged more than 2,900 hours in KC-135R/T, C-5A/B, T38, and T37.

Leist and his wife Stefanie have eight children with ages ranging from 20 to 2: Victoria, Zachary, Asher, Dalton, Sophie, Isabelle, Jude, and Shepherd. Six of the eight kids live with them here now in South Berwick, Maine where the family just purchased a home July 31st, only eight days after arriving here. Four of the six children are adopted from China, and the couple plans on adopting another in November. The two oldest boys here are ages 10, and 7, and both are already signed up for Football.

When asked about his move here, Leist replied, "The sponsor program here has just been incredible, and what I mean by sponsor is, when we are given orders to come here, the National Guard is nice enough to assign a local member to give us a call and let you know what the local area is like, help in any way possible and when you get here, the sponsors help lead you through the steps of in-processing into Pease ANGB as your next duty location. That is what makes it easier, and reducing the stress a member has when they move is the key. It has been incredible."

"When I heard this unit was going to be open for an active associate, I almost fell out of my chair," said Leist, "my mother grew up in Goffstown, New Hampshire and I did not think I would ever get back here considering I am active duty and the active duty side of Pease had closed down so long ago in the early 90's BRAC. Now I get to live the dream of staying here and being the commander of this unit."

Leist continued, "We already have 13 active duty here now, and when it is all said and done, there will be between 120-140 here. We expect to add about 1,300 flight hours to the current flying schedule here over the next 12 months. We have operations, maintenance folks, logistics support, supply, every AFSC that is available will be here; we will even have a flight surgeon who is active duty as well as one independent duty medical technician who will be over at the Naval Shipyard so it is a true community effort on both Maine and N.H."

"With us being here, the benefits to the Active Duty folks are great," said Leist, "We get to learn from what we consider to be experts in the airframes, some of the maintainers here have up to 40 years of experience, and that is not something we do not have on the active duty side. If you have a full career, you get 20, maybe 30 years, but definitely not 40, so we can gain efficiencies and learn how to fix and fly airplanes better and then once we leave here, we get to take those experiences and efficiencies back into the active duty side and pass it on."

"This is a win-win for all involved said Col. Paul "Hutch" Hutchinson, Commander 157th Operations Group, 157th Air Refueling Wing. The New Hampshire Air National Guard already flies more hours than any other like size unit in the country. We execute at a very high rate, but I believe the active duty being here will allow us to do more than we are already doing and bring more efficiency to the system because we gain the active duty knowledge, experience and manpower. The Guard may have a more experienced force, but the Active duty has a more varied experience as they may have been to several different bases, under several different commands, working with several different aircraft, so we take those two separate strengths and blend them together as one to become more efficient. We are complementary to each other, and both of us will be better for the experience. Ultimately the end result is we give a better product to the Air Force and the State of New Hampshire as they enhance our mission by bringing personnel here and working side-by-side with us."

When asked if this is helping Pease gain strength and avoid further BRAC, Hutchinson continued, "Ultimately it is both of our jobs to provide forces to the respective commanders and to have the most efficient use of precious resources. In an age of declining resources, we want these airplanes to be used as efficiently as they can and with the help of the active duty we can do just that. With the active associate model, we gain many benefits of the active duty presence. Using the existing infrastructure that is currently underutilized, we can increase the efficiency of operations and ultimately provide increased capabilities to both State and Federal missions. That is what is going to help keep the base here."

In speaking about benefits to the surrounding communities, he said, "We believe in the citizen soldier model, where both the Air National Guard and the active duty members will live and function in their communities and we think the communities will be stronger with their presence. Typically the caliber of those in our military will enhance the communities by being involved in community service, such as volunteer organizations or coaches of little league teams, soccer teams or what have you. This is where we think both the military and the community wins."

With approximately 135 new working families moving to the area, the surrounding communities should feel a positive financial overflow from this associate program as well. Money will be flowing back into the local economy with these families starting fresh here and needing everything from housing, automobiles, daycares, beauty salons, clothing and food, as well as their children going to our schools, playing on our sporting teams, and simply being involved citizens.

This should definitely help give the area a boost as well as greatly help us again down the road in leveraging Pease as a critical part of today's military, thus helping further evade any chance of future BRAC realignments, reductions in staff or closings here. Yes, Col. Hutchinson, this is a definite win, win for all and I am proud to be a part of it...

Family Readiness Program

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YEAR OF THE AIR FORCE FAMILY

November 1-7 is designated as Air Force Family Week.

The Air Force Family brings together people from different backgrounds, stages and walks of life united by a common interest: supporting all of our Air Force members and their families. The Air Force family encompasses not only our traditional, individual family units but can also expand to include parents, siblings, friends and surrounding community members. Through this year, the Air Force as a whole is going to examine services and policies to look for ways to expand and evolve them to meet the changing needs and expectations.

The Year of the Air Force Family provides the Air Force the opportunity to enhance the Quality of Service provided to all family members. It also gives them the ability to recognize and honor the commitments, sacrifice and contributions of Air Force Family Members.

More information to follow

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, Sept. 9 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: Oct. 26-30 and Dec. 7-11

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.

PASSPORT PROCESSING DAY

When: Sept. 23 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m.

RSVP: via email to bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil.

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

Where: Dining Facility (DFAC), Building M, Concord Armory, 4 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301.

PLEASE NOTE: RSVP required to attend. This process should only take 15 minutes to process your application, provided you bring all the proper documentation. If you would like to participate, please contact Bonnie Rice at (603)-430-3545, bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil to sign up and receive additional information.

MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION (MWR)

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Information (PSNY) Information:

Summer destination tickets for 2009 summer season are still available 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.

Gear Rental info: Single and double kayaks with trailer, canoes, 12 to 16 feet boats with motors, dome tents, gas grills, collers, folding tables and chairs, bouncy houses, and much more available. For details call: (207)-438-1514.

Upcoming Tickets Available from PSNY ITT Office

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

Deerfield Fair Tickets

Dates: October 1-4, 2009

Cost: \$7.00

Details: Tickets available from the PSNY ITT Office.

Fryeburg Fair Tickets

Date: October 4-11, 2009

Cost: \$8.00

Details: Tickets available from the PSNY ITT Office

Salem, MA Haunted Outing!

Date: October 24, 2009

Cost: \$40.00 per person

Details: Call 207-438-2713 to sign up. Final details of the trip are still being worked. The trip cost will include the price of the bus down; the trolley to include stops at all of the haunted houses; and a ride on a "haunted boat ride".

Space is very limited on this trip – call to reserve your spot today!

Free September Movies at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard:

These FREE movies are offered to military members and their families every Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Portsmouth Naval shipyard Auditorium. (The main gate at the shipyard will be able to give you directions to the cinema.) Bring your own snacks and beverages and enjoy the movie!

The following movies will be shown in September:

September 4, 2009: "Imagine That" – rated PG

September 11, 2009 – "Year One" – rated PG13

September 18, 2009 – "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past" – rated PG13

September 25, 2009 – "My Life in Ruins" – rated PG

Hanscom Air Force Base MWR/Tickets & Tours for more information at (781) 377-3262.

Discount Tickets from Hanscom Air Force Base Outdoor Recreation

Call Outdoor Recreation for more information at (781) 377-5316.

MILITARY DISCOUNTS AND BENEFITS

NIKE Employee Store

The offer from the NIKE Employee Store has once again been extended! Remember this as you are doing your school shopping!

What: Military Service Members and their immediate family members can shop in our Employee Store and benefit from the savings and selection offered to our corporate employees. (For a complete flyer email Bonnie Rice)

Who: Valid for Active Duty or Retired Military Service Members with a valid military photo ID.

NIKE Employee Store

150 Ocean Road

Greenland, New Hampshire 03840

603-431-3341

What: 10% Military Discount at Old Navy
 When: the 1st Monday of every month.
 How: Just show your valid military ID card when you check out!

Hours of Operation:
 Mon-Fri 10 am – 6 pm
 Sat 10 am – 4 pm
 Sun 12 pm – 5 pm

New Hampshire Professional Photographer's Association offers Military Family Portrait Special

Members of the New Hampshire Professional Photographer's Association (NHPPA) are proud to support the men and women who serve our Country in the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, Active, Guard and Reserve.

Participating NHPPA portrait studios are offering a complimentary family portrait session plus one 11X14 print to military families. Additional prints and frames are available from the regular studio price list. Appointments by studio availability. For a list of participating studios, go to www.nhppa.com and click on "Special Offer for Members of the Military". This is our way of saying "thank you" for all that you do for our Country!

NHPPA is a non-profit association of professional photographers and other interested persons who are dedicated to photography as an art, business and science. The purpose of NHPPA is to raise the standard of professionalism among its members through group and individual participation in activities and through the exchange of knowledge. For more information on becoming a member, on our monthly meetings held the first Wednesday of most months, or on upcoming events, go to www.nhppa.com and click on "I'm looking for Information on Joining".

Studios currently participating are located in Amherst, Auburn, Bedford, Dover, Durham, East Rochester, Enfield, Hampstead, Hampton, Kensington, Londonderry, Loudon, Nashua, Nottingham, Rollinsford, and Wilton.

Longhorn Steakhouse Military Discount Offer

The Longhorn Steakhouse located at 41 Gosling Road, Newington, NH – will offer a 10% to NH Air and Army National Guard Members (Only) every Thursday from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

What: 10% Discount
 Who: NH Air and Army National Guard Members
 When: Thursdays from 11 a.m. – until 4 p.m.
 Where: The Longhorn Steakhouse, 41 Gosling Road, Newington, NH

FAMILY PROGRAM "YELLOW PAGE" LISTING

As you are enjoying the fall season and preparing your home for the upcoming winter season, remember the families of our deployed. These families perhaps will need some assistance while their loved one is deployed, if you are interested in assisting a family, consider volunteering for our Wing Yellow Page Listing.

The Wing Family Program has a "yellow page" listing of resources to offer to during the time their loved one is away. The Yellow Page lists those interested in providing a free or discounted service to our military families in need during a deployment or an extended TDY. This list is kept confidential; contact information is only release to families with the permission of the person or the agency that has offered the service. The Yellow Page listing has assisted families of all components of the service from throughout New Hampshire, Maine and Massachusetts.

If you would like to become a part of our Yellow Pages, please contact Bonnie Rice, Family Program, 302 Newmarket St., Bldg 16, Pease ANGB, NH 03803-0157 –or email to: bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil to fill out yellow page volunteer form. Please call 430-3545 for more information.