

157th Air Refueling Wing, Pease ANGB, New Hampshire

January 2012



NH ANG 1st Lt Jonathan Day (left) and TSgt Christopher Moisan show off their "historic" minuteman holiday outfits during the annual December Commander's Call. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Curtis Lenz)

The ANG, part of the family business

by Tech. Sgt. Angela Stebbins, 157ARW PA

Family business is what it is all about for this mother and son team. Both owning and operating their own business and both serving here at Pease as traditional Guardsmen is what they would call a smart business plan.

It all started when Thomas E. Demers called to request information about the Air National Guard when he was still a senior in high school, and Master Sgt. Ronald Connary made a house call to oblige.

During this visit Connary described life in the Guard and highlighted some of the benefits that come with it. Bonnie A. Demers, Thomas's mother was also listening in. She listened in as a mother, and as a prior military person herself. She was hoping to help her son make the right decisions, and being former active duty Navy and a former Navy wife, she was curious to hear how the Air Guard compared.

Thomas joined the unit in 2008, still in his senior year of high school under the delayed entry program and is now a Senior Airman in the Heavy Equipment shop.

Bonnie said, "When Master Sgt. Connary came to our house to speak with Tom about joining the Air National Guard I was awestruck! He represents the Guard in such..."

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Operation Sharing 2011

A heartfelt thank you to the following list of the contributors to this year's Operation Sharing:

- Smiley's Beverage of Dover
- Hannaford
- Dunkin' Donuts
- McDonald's
- Ross Furniture of Dover
- The Meathouse
- Shaw's
- Rye Junior High School
- Southern New Hampshire University
- Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Commissary

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Menu for Saturday

Minestrone Soup
Chicken Cacciatore
Egg Noodles
Green Beans

Menu for Sunday

Cream of Broccoli
BBQ Pork Sandwich
Chips
Broccoli

Also available both days:

UTA Sandwich Wrap
Chicken Salad Wrap
Deli Sandwich Bar
Salad and Bread Bar
Assorted Desserts

New meal charge for 2012: \$4.55

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...a proud positive manner that I was sold right from the beginning." She too joined the unit as a result of that visit. Now, Staff Sgt. Bonnie Demers works here in personnel as a human resources specialist with the 133rd Air Refueling Squadron, Command Support Staff.

Even though Thomas joined while still in high-school, it was still all about business. Self proclaiming himself as the typical senior not knowing exactly what he wanted to do after high school, or where to start, he found his answer in the mail when he received a promotional flyer from the Air Guard highlighting a then \$20,000 sign on bonus.

"I had wanted to continue my Landscaping business but didn't know how I would cover the business loans right out of high school, so the bonus money was a real pusher," Thomas said. "I had also wanted to serve in the military since both my parents had served Active Navy...my mom as a Ship's Serviceman and my dad, Richard, retired from the Navy as a Submarine Sonar Technician."

He explained that the combination of Pease having such a welcoming family atmosphere and his joining being such a smart business move as to what ultimately won him over. "Once Master Sgt. Connary brought me around the base and showed me the area in which I would be working. I was blown away by the people and how everything just seemed to fit together. There was a big family atmosphere that just rubbed off on me," said Thomas.

Thomas now owns and operates his own landscaping business and is fulfilling his dream. His company is Tom Demers Mowing and Landscaping out of Lisbon, N.H. and he is CDL-A certified, OSHA, Dig Safe and DOT Medical Card compliant as well as a USAF Dirt Boyz Certified Operator. "I am a heavy equipment operator in the military and a heavy equipment operator with my company, so it works great for me. They both complement one another. I love the Guard and I love what I do for my customers, equally."

Bonnie is the proud owner of the Bethlehem Village Store located on Main Street in Bethlehem NH. "It is a small store with a big heart." She has owned the store since June of 2006," said Bonnie.

While she was serving in the Navy, Bonnie was a ship's serviceman, which involved working in the ship's store as well as working in the commissary stores. She credits much of her training she received while in this Navy career field as what led her to owning her own store now.

Now, Bonnie credits working with the officers here to helping her bring back strong leadership skills to her store and the ability to show her employees that what they do is very important and that they are a part of a team.

"The idea of finishing out my military retirement and having access to the medical and dental benefits was also very appealing," she said. "I truly like being here," she continued. "It gives me a break from my routine with the store and gives me a sense of accomplishment."

Looking at their long term business plans, they both are looking to stay in the Guard through to retirement, of which they can receive after twenty years of service. "I do plan on staying through retirement, maybe longer," said Thomas. "Today's economy is a big 'pusher' to stay in. The military benefits for family medical and dental are just unheard of. I can't say it enough."

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The Refueler is looking for Unit Public Affairs Representatives (UPARs)! If you are interested in becoming a UPAR, please call 603-430-3577.

Congratulations to the 2011 Award Winners!



Senior Airman Ryan Weeks,
157 LRS Airman of the Year



Staff Sgt. Ronald Letch, 157
ARW NCO of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. Kim Urice, 157 CMF
NCO of the Year



Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Heik, 64 ARS
First Sgt. of the Year



Staff Sgt. Robert Rojek, 157 FSS
Honor Guard Member of the Year



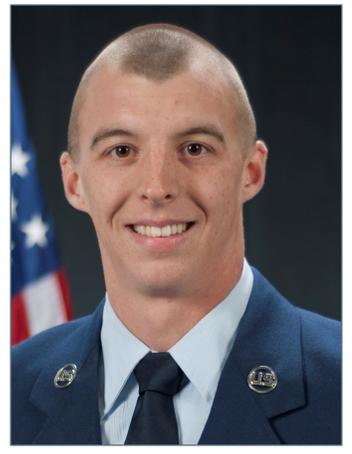
Tech. Sgt. Joseph Nachez, 157 FSS
Honor Guard Manager of the Year



Capt. Keith Anderson, 133 ARS
Company Grade Officer of the Year



Col (Ret) Jim Protzmann
Family Program Volunteer Gold Award



Senior Airman Jonathan Yelle,
157 AMS Spirit of Hope Award

Airman & Family Readiness Program (A&FRP)

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EMAIL 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 Airman & Family Readiness Program Email listing.

RETIREE EMAIL LISTING

Retirees, we also have a retiree e-mail listing. Additionally, this email listing provides information specific to our retired population. Wing events and activities that may be of interest to you will be emailed at your request. Contact bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil to have your email address included in the retiree email blasts.

JOB SEARCH ASSISTANCE AND “JOB LISTING” EMAIL

157ARW members and spouses that may be searching for a job – the A&FRP has resources that may be of interest to you to include an extensive email listing which will provide job announcements in a wide variety of careers in a variety of locations. If you are interested in receiving job announcements/notices, updates and resources specific to your job search, email bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil, include “job emails” in the subject line of your email.

As well as job announcements, the job email listing will provide additional resources to assist with your resume building, job search and interview skills. Assistance and guidance can also be provided to help you prepare your resume or prepare your for your interview from the A&FRP Office. Call Bonnie Rice to set up an appointment.

UPCOMING WING FAMILY PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

“2012 Military Fun Ski Day”

DATE: Sunday, Feb. 26, 2012

COST: Price details are located on the website - varies by ski/tubing packages desired

LOCATION: Pats Peak Ski Area, Valley Lodge, Henniker, NH

For details email bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil

To sign up go to: http://www.patspeak.com/group_events.html Next go to: “Group Event Registration” – the USERNAME is: military and the PASSWORD is: funday.

DEPLOYED FAMILY INFORMATION GATHERING:

Held monthly, our next deployed Family Information Gathering will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012 at 6 p.m. at Pease Air National Guard Base, (Location will be determined by the numbers of RSVP's). Families of our members preparing to deploy and families with their loved ones deployed 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 this meeting please RSVP to Bonnie Rice (as soon as possible) at 603-430-3545 so that the evening meal can be planned.

Service members are encouraged to attend with their families prior to deployment.

Each month a different topic is covered in the agenda. The topics are determined by the attendees. Families are encouraged to provide input on the monthly agenda. This meeting is open to all service components. If you are aware of other military families experience deployment that would benefit, please encourage them to contact Bonnie Rice to receive the meeting announcements.

Date: Wednesday, Jan. 18, 2012

Time: 6 p.m.

Location: Pease Air National Guard Base, Building 16

RSVP: Call Bonnie Rice at 603-430-3545



Winter Ski and other destination tickets are sold at the ITT Office, 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.

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Free January 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! Watch your emails for updated monthly movie schedules.

Jan. 6, Dolphin Tale (PG)
Jan. 13, The Big Year (PG)
Jan. 20, The Help (PG 13)
Jan. 27, Footloose (PG 13)

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

What: The **NIKE Employee Store**, Greenland, New Hampshire invites Military Service Members and their Immediate family members to 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 current/active military service members with a valid military photo ID.
(Including Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, Coast Guard, National Guard or Reservists)

NIKE Employee Store

150 Ocean Road
Greenland, New Hampshire 03840
603-431-3341

Hours of Operation: Mon-Fri 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.; Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.; Sun 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

FAMILY PROGRAM “YELLOW PAGE” LISTING

Are you mechanically inclined or a “jack of all trades”?

The Wing Airman & Family Readiness 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 **603-430-3545** for more information.

Marriage Enrichment/STRONG BONDS Weekend - Feb. 10-12, 2012

Wing members and their spouses are cordially invited to attend our upcoming "Marriage Enrichment/STRONG BONDS" weekend. This is a great time to connect and concentrate on the most important thing in your life, your relationship with your spouse!

DATE AND TIMES: Feb 10-12, 2012 The first activity of the weekend begins at 7 p.m. on Friday - the weekend ends at approximately noon on Sunday. We do not schedule activities on Saturday evening to allow couples to have a special "date night" together.

COST: Free. Spouses will be put on orders for per diem and travel expenses. The hotel room will be paid in advance.

A&FRP continued from page 3**PRE-SEPARATION COUNSELING**

Pre-separation Counseling is mandatory for Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) service members separating or retiring from Service. In addition, members that serve 180 cumulative days or more of Title 10 orders or deployed in their career must receive pre-separation counseling. The DD Form 2648/DD Form 2648-1, Pre Separation Counseling checklist provides critical information about benefits, resources, and services available as you transition from military to civilian life. *By law, this counseling must be provided at least 90 days prior to your date of separation from title 10 orders or retirement.* Pre-Separation is to be completed prior to attending the Transitional Assistance Program. Please call or email Bonnie Rice at 603-430-3545, bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil to set up an appointment to receive this checklist.

TRANSITIONAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (TAP)

2012 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard TAP dates are: Feb. 13-17, 2012; Apr. 9-11, 2012; Jun. 11-15, 2012; and Aug. 13-17, 2012.

2012 Hanscom Air Force Base TAP dates are: Feb. 13-17, 2012; Mar. 12-16, 2012; Apr. 16-20, 2012; May 14-18, 2012; Jun. 11-15, 2012; Jul. 16-20, 2012; Aug. 13-17, 2012; Sept. 10-14, 2012.

RSVP: To reserve your spot in either class call or email Bonnie Rice.

LOCATION: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Fleet and Family Support Building (also offered at Hanscom Air Force Base Airman & Family Readiness Program)

WHAT: This program is 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.

2012 NH Military Ball

LOCATION: Radisson Hotel Center of New Hampshire

DATE: Saturday, April 14, 2012

TIME: 1800 - Social (No Host)

1900 - Post Colors

1915 - Dinner Followed by Dancing

THEME: "World War II, The Pacific" – We encourage you to dress in era!"

DRESS: Military Members Should Wear Appropriate Military Attire (Dress Blues, Formal Dress Greens, Mess Dress, Semi- Formal or Proper Civilian Attire) (Military members wearing WWII era uniforms are required to wear the same or similar military rank.)

DONATIONS:

\$45.00/couple E1-E4

\$65.00/couple E5-E6

\$75.00/couple E7-E-8 - 0-2/WO2

\$85.00/couple E-9/0-3/WO3 & above

\$75.00/couple Retirees/Civilian Guests

MEAL ENTRE CHOICE: Roasted Pork Loin or Seared Chicken

To purchase tickets or to receive a full flyer with details contact Bonnie Rice at bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil or call 603-430-3545

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**MORALE, WELFARE AND RECREATION (MWR)****Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Information (PSNY) Information**

The January Shipyard Currents (newsletter) has all the details of their events and activities it can be located at:

www.discovermwr.com/media/publications/shipyardcurrents.pdf - here are a few highlights:

Tickets available at ITT include: Discounted Ski Tickets; C&J Bus Tickets; Boston attractions as well as Disney passes.

Recruiting and Retention News

What do you know about the new ANG Referral Rewards Program? The Air Guard needs qualified new recruits. That's why we're turning to current and former Airmen like you. We are looking for applicants who embody the Air Force Core Values. By participating in the Referral Rewards Program, you will play a key role in strengthening and assisting our recruiting efforts.

The Referral Rewards Program is simple and convenient. It only takes a few minutes to register at Refer2ANG.com. Leads are given to the Recruiting Office and if your referral joins the Air Guard you receive a gift. The gifts given are based off a tiered system. The more applicants you refer that join the better the reward.

Below are the tier levels and rewards given. If you have any questions, please stop by the Recruiting, Retention, or speak to your squadron Unit Career Advisor for a pamphlet. You can sign up online at Refer2ANG.com

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| Special Promotion | Stainless Steel Kitchen Kit | Tablet Kit | |
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| TIER 5 | Electronic Gaming Kit | Home Theater Kit | |
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| TIER 4 | Kitchen Kit II | Golf Kit | |
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| TIER 3 | Travel Kit | Kitchen Kit I | |
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| TIER 2 | Men's Fitness Kit | Tailgating Kit | Women's Fitness Kit |
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| TIER 1 | Backpack Kit | Duffel Bag Kit | Executive Kit |
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Part Time Officer

Vacancies

Below is the list of current officer part-time vacancies. If you know anyone in your community that may qualify please have them contact Senior Master Sgt. Norma Long at 603-430-2466.

- 41A Health Service Administrator
- 42E Optometrist
- 42G Physician Assistant
- 52R-Chaplain



Honoring the late
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
January 16, 2012

Welcome New Members!

157 SFS

Tech. Sgt. Joel Loranger

157 LRS

Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Masterson

157 MDG

Airman 1st Class Meghan O'Regan

Staff Sgt. Matthew Nogueira

2nd Lt. Kimberly Gagnon

Capt. Ryan Tannian

133 ARS

Airman 1st Class Alexander Allbee

Airman 1st Class Jordan Gauvin

Senior Airman Joel Miller

260 ATC

Airman Basic Conner Bailey

Airman Basic Brandan Abel

Airman 1st Class Clyde Bean

A1C Raymond Somero

2nd Lt Jessica Hossefeld