



Master Sgt. Michael Mooers (left) presents Senior Master Sgt. Jean Lavoie a plaque on the occasion of Lavoie's retirement during a luncheon, Portsmouth, NH, January 6, 2012. Lavoie officially retired January 12, 2012 having served more than 36 years with the New Hampshire Air National Guard. (Courtesy photo/released)

**From airman basic to colonel, Greenwood retires**

by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt, 157th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

With the Vietnam draft lottery denying student deferments, a young Rick Greenwood studying at the University of New Hampshire decided during the summer of 1972 to enlist in the Air Force. He was unaware it was the beginning of a career of service that would take him from an airman basic on active duty, to a colonel in the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

Nearly 40-years later, recently retired Greenwood remembers well the first time he ever flew on an airplane when he went to basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

"I'd never even seen a jet before taking my first airplane ride to San Antonio, Texas for basic training," said Greenwood.

It was soon after being assigned to Pease Air Force Base in January 1973 as a crew chief on the FB-111A aircraft with the 509th Bomb Wing, that he was selected for the Airmen's Education and Commissioning Program (AECIP).

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**Happy Valentine's Day!**



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**Menu for Saturday**

Penne Pasta with Meatballs, Italian Sausage and Marinara Sauce

**Menu for Sunday**

Beef Stew with Biscuits

**Available Both Days**

Chicken Rice Soup

MTO Sandwich Station

Chicken Caesar Salad Wrap

Salad Bar

Assorted Desserts

***New meal charge for calendar year 2012: \$4.55***

## DD 214's now available online

The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

The new web-based application was designed to provide veterans and their next of kin with better service by eliminating the records centers mailroom processing and postal delivery time. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online website.

The NPRC online service is accessible through [www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/](http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/)

## Looking for a full-time job with the New Hampshire National Guard?

Active Guard and Reserve and technician jobs openings in the New Hampshire national Guard full time force are posted on the New Hampshire National Guard public Human Resource Office website at <https://www.nh.ngb.army.mil/employment/jobs>.

Information about future job postings are also posted on the New Hampshire National Guard Human Resource Office Twitter account "NHNGHRO" at <http://twitter.com/#!/NHNGHRO>. Twitter messages allow all members of the NHNG to get updated information on their mobile device.

In addition, all technician job announcements can be found on the USA Jobs website at <http://www.usajobs.gov>.

## Political activities restriction reminder!

All National Guard members are prohibited from wearing the military uniform while engaged in political activities. This includes traditional military members, active guard and reserve members, and military technicians. For further guidance, please see AFI 36-2903.

## Hometown News Releases

Wing members are encouraged to showcase their accomplishments and activities through local newspapers and online new services. The hometown news release form is a simple way to help the Public Affairs Office release news of your event. To download a form, please visit the 157th website at <http://www.157arw.ang.af.mil/> and select "Hometown News Release Form" on the bottom of the left hand toolbar.

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



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Brig. General Deborah Carter (then Colonel), administers the oath of office to Col. Rick Greenwood during his promotion ceremony at the Joint Forces Headquarters drill hall in Concord, March 25, 2009. (National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Aaron Vezeau/Released)

“I was able to complete my degree from UNH after being selected for AECP,” continued Greenwood. “However, as the Vietnam War was winding down, the need for active duty officers wound down, as well.”

As a result, Greenwood was released from active and was assigned to the Air Force Reserves at Westover Air Force Base, Mass. to fulfill his remaining commitment.

“It was during this timeframe that I discovered a well-kept secret – the New Hampshire Air National Guard,” Greenwood said. “I applied and was accepted for a position in January 1976 to the flight line as an assistant crew chief on the newly assigned KC-135A aircraft.”

Since then, the Air National Guard has been home to Greenwood.

“It’s where I grew up; where I’ve met most of my closest friends; where I’ve learned the meaning of ‘selfless service’; where opportunities were provided to travel and experience

people and cultures that most can only imagine,” he said. “I’ve been tested under the most stressful of conditions.”

Having served in several positions over his career, it’s difficult to choose just one that stands out above all, the colonel admit.

“As a crew chief I loved the excitement and the camaraderie,” Greenwood said. “As an intelligence officer, I learned more about the mission of the New Hampshire Air National Guard than I ever thought possible.”

Greenwood was also selected as the first Air Force officer to command the Joint Counter Narco-terrorism Task Force.

“This position was really foreign to me but I grew to love it,” he said. “We interfaced with federal, state and local law enforcement on a daily basis on drug intervention.”

“The people assigned to this task force were some of the most dedicated, intelligent, mission-driven people I’ve ever served with,” continued Greenwood.

The opportunity he had to work with non-governmental organizations was the perfect way to close out nearly 40 years of service.

“Working with the NGOs was a real transformation,” said Greenwood. “To discover the passion and desire they have to care for our service members was one of the most heart-felt discoveries of my career.”

Now as Greenwood looks back on a successful career, he leave’s this advice for Airmen serving today.

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## **Airman & Family Readiness Program (A&FRP)**

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### **Email lists**

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 e-mail listing.

Retirees, we also have a retiree e-mail listing. Additionally, this email listing pries 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](mailto:bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil) to have your email address included in the retiree email blasts.

### **Job search assistance and job announcement e-mails available**

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 e-mail 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 or notices, updates and resources specific to your job search, e-mail [bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil](mailto:bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil), include “job e-mails” in the subject line of your email.

As well as job announcements, the job e-mail 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.

### **Passport processing days**

Watch your e-mails – the A&FRP is working with the Passport Center to host a passport processing day – tentative schedule is for Apr. 17 at the Manchester Armory. Additional details will be e-mailed to the e-mail listings. There is also a processing date scheduled for Pease (on the Trade port) date yet to be determined but possibly March. Details of both events will be e-mailed as soon as they are finalized.

### **Military Saves Week is Feb. 19-26**

Military Saves is a national campaign to persuade, motivate and encourage military families to save money every month, and to convince leaders and organizations to be aggressive in promoting automatic savings. To make your pledge go to: <http://www.militarysaves.org/>. There will be financial classes/briefings offered at Pease during Military Saves week. Class topics will include budgeting and saving. Details will be e-mailed once they are finalized.

As a part of the campaign for a limited time only, military members may get a free FICO score. More information can be found in the Military Saves Newsletter at the following link. Please note, you must cut and paste the entire link for it to work:

<http://view.exacttarget.com/?j=fe6615747561067b7513&m=fef91174716702&ls=fde91c74776d0d787715767d&l=fe9216757760017972&s=fe3610737167017c711570&jb=ffcf14&ju=fe1b15737d6302787d1d75>

### **Strong bonds/marriage enrichment weekend**

Currently all slots for this are full; however, we encourage you to have your name on the waitlist if you are interested in attending. In the past we have had couples cancel last minute. Call Bonnie Rice, 603-430-3545.

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### Deployed family gathering

Held monthly, families of members preparing to deploy and families with their loved ones deployed are highly encouraged to attend.

**Date:** Wednesday, Feb. 8

**Time:** 6 p.m.

**Location:** Pease Air National Guard Base, location to be determined.

**RSVP:** Call Bonnie Rice at 603-430-3545

### 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 e-mail Bonnie Rice at 430-3545, [bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil](mailto:bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil) to set up an appointment.

### Transition Assistance Program (TAP)

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

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

Slots are limited. To reserve a seat, please call or e-mail Bonnie Rice at 603-430-3545, [bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil](mailto:bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil)

### Veterans Administration and social security briefing

The Manchester Veterans Administration (VA) is offering a program about social security and VA benefits. Eligible veterans will be able to enroll with the VA during the program. If you plan to enroll in the VA on that day, a DD 214 is required.

**Date:** Feb. 10 from 1p.m. to 3 p.m. (the VA enrollment available until 4 p.m.)

**Location:** Manchester VA

Topics to be covered include:

- How your retirement benefits are calculated.
- Your eligibility for full retirement benefits
- How to qualify for disability benefits
- The choices you have regarding when to start receiving benefits
- How benefits are affected when a spouse dies
- Whether income you earn may reduce your Social security benefits
- The different parts of Medicare coverage

To register call Kristin Maxwell at 603-624-4366 extension # 5812



BOSTON – (left to right) Airman 1st Class Beverly Cole, Senior Airman Elizabeth Gray, Master Sgt. Jeff Trudeau, Senior Airman Devon Carroll, 2nd Lt. Alec Vargus and Staff Sgt. Paul Dovich stand for a photo prior to the Frozen Fenway college hockey game at Fenway Park on Jan. 7. Airmen from the New Hampshire Air National Guard participated in the on-field activities before the start of the hockey game. (National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt/Released)

**Recruiting**

The NHANG manning is currently at 98.2%. Recruiting Operations at NGB has authorized unit commander’s permission to recruit to 100% +2 of all enlisted AFSCs. This has opened plenty of positions throughout the wing. Please keep recruiting in mind as you speak to family and friends. Open AFSC’s are:

**Officer**

Chaplain  
Preventive Medicine  
Emergency Services Physician

Public Health  
Optometrist

Physician Assistant  
Cyberspace Operations

**Enlisted**

Aircraft Hydraulics  
Medical Services  
Vehicle Maintenance  
Water/Fuels Systems

Aircraft Maintenance  
Airfield Systems  
Fire Protection  
Avionics

Knowledge Operations  
Aerospace Ground Equipment  
Education & Training

If you have anyone interested in an officer vacancy, please direct their inquiries to Senior Master Sgt. Norma Long 603-430-2466. Individuals interested in an enlisted position should contact the recruiter that covers the designated area.

**Promotions**

**To Senior Master Sgt.**

Michael Ploof  
Michael George

**To Master Sgt.**

Scott Dodge  
Kenneth Jones  
Martha Gladu  
Edward Welsh  
David A. Poirier  
Randall Robertson  
Christopher Lemay

**To Tech. Sgt.**

SSgt Lawrence Bower  
SSgt Jimmy Grindle

**To Senior Airman**

Joshua Buco  
Kelly Williams  
Brian White  
Bradley Hunt  
Kyle Godfrey

**Welcome New Members!**

**157 MXG**

Staff Sgt. Emily Nedoroscik  
Airman Eric Gosselin  
Airman 1st Class Joseph Dipalma

**157 FSS**

Airman Ryan Decharme

**157 MDG**

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Infrerere  
Tech. Sgt. Paula Lessard

**157 CES**

Airman Tyler Flanders  
Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Trinidad  
Airman Joshua Bousquet  
Airman 1st Class Andrew Moore  
Airman 1st Class Brian Berghorn

**260 ATC**

A1C Kaleb Booth  
A1C Joshua Macedo  
Airman Lainey Graham

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## Portsmouth Naval Shipyard information

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.

These FREE movies are offered to military members and their families every Friday night at 7 p.m. at the Portsmouth Naval shipyard Auditorium. Bring your own snacks and beverages and enjoy the movie!

Feb. 3	Puss In Boots (PG)
Feb. 10	The Three Musketeers (PG13)
Feb. 17	Akeelah and the Bee (PG)
Feb. 24	Driving Miss Daisy (PG)

For additional information on events and activities offered by the shipyard, check out their newsletter at the February Shipyard Currents online at: [www.discovermwr.com/media/publications/currents/](http://www.discovermwr.com/media/publications/currents/)

## Hanscom Air Force Base information

MWR - Tickets & Tours

Discount Tickets from Hanscom Air Force Base at the Minuteman Commons at 781-225-6498.

[www.hanscomservices.com/TicketsandTours](http://www.hanscomservices.com/TicketsandTours)

## Navy Exchange and Sullivan Tire – military discount

The Navy Exchange (NEX) at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has partnered with Sullivan Tire in Portsmouth, N.H. in order to sell tires to our authorized (military ID Card) patrons. For more information, contact Atina Davis, Branch Exchange Manager, Store 077, Kittery Navy Exchange, Bldg 168, Code 805, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery Maine 03904, Voice 207-439-3024, 207-438-2341 or DSN 684-2341

## Nike Employee store discounts

The **NIKE Employee Store**, Greenland, N.H. invites military service members and their immediate family members to shop in our Employee Store and benefit from the savings and selection offered to corporate employees.

Valid for current military service members with a valid military photo ID. The Nike Employee Store is located at 150 Ocean Road, Greenland, New Hampshire. Call 603-431-3341 for more information.

## Legal assistance available for military members

by Thaddeus Day, 157th Air Refueling Wing Judge Advocate Office

The JAG office in Building 100 offers legal assistance during UTAs by appointment. Legal assistance is limited in most circumstances, but a simple estate plan is one service available to all members of NHANG. A simple estate plan may just be a will, but in most cases includes a will, financial power of attorney, and healthcare directive. Many members may think it is not important for them to have a will, because the "law" will pass their assets to their surviving spouse. For most, the laws of intestate succession will not provide for a spouse as expected. For instance, if you die without a will in New Hampshire, Maine, or Massachusetts, your surviving spouse may have to relinquish up to half of your estate to your parents or children. In order to avoid unintended asset distributions and add peace of mind for you and loved ones, review your estate plan. If you do not have an estate plan, the JAG office can help. Call for an appointment for this or other legal assistance at 603-430-2758.



## Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits 2012 accepting applications

The AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits are open to 15-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard military members. Applicants will be required to complete entire application to include essay questions.

### Classic Teen Leadership Summit Jun. 17-22

#### Wahsega 4-H Center: Dahlonega, Ga.

Nestled in a valley of the Chattahoochee National Forest, Wahsega 4-H Center plays host to the Classic Teen Leadership Summit. During this week long adventure, teens will participate in high adventure activities such as high ropes, zip line canopy tour, white-water rafting, hiking, fishing, archery, survival classes, and more! Leadership classes taught throughout the week. This Summit also includes military traditions and community service projects.

### Adventure Teen Leadership Summit Aug 7-12

#### Cheley Colorado Camps: Estes Park, Co.

Bordering Rocky Mountain National Park, Cheley Colorado Camps, a family owned and operated summer camp for over 90 years, will host the Adventure Teen Leadership Summit. During this Summit, teens will participate in

daily adventure activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, horse colt training, arts & crafts, woodworking, technical climbing, and archery. Leadership classes taught throughout the week. This Summit also includes military traditions and community service projects.

The POCs for the 2012 Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Leadership Summits is: Sandra Mason. If you have questions please feel free to contact her at Sandra Mason, [sandra.mason.ctr@ang.af.mil](mailto:sandra.mason.ctr@ang.af.mil), 240-612-8138, DSN 612-8138. Or e-mail Bonnie Rice in the A&FRP Office at [bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil](mailto:bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil)

Matthew Barricklow (third from left), son of Capt. Suzanne Lamb, 157 ARW/PA, and military youth from across the nation enjoy a day of white water rafting during the 2011 AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summit in Dahlonega, Georgia. (Courtesy photo/released)

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"Challenge yourself always. If you become complacent, make a change, even if it's uncomfortable," he said. "Seek mentors from all levels and places and listen to them. Position yourself for success."

The Desert Shield and Desert Storm veteran now wonders what's next and where can he make his biggest impact. He has to look no further than where started.

"I'd like to find a way, utilizing all my experiences, to work to ensure that our 'forgotten veterans' from the Vietnam era are provided the care, treatment and entitlements they so richly deserve," said Greenwood.

Greenwood shares the same sentiment a young soldier who recently returned from Iraq said to him when he asked why he serves.

"Why wouldn't I? When someone needs help, why wouldn't I answer the call?"



# The New Hampshire Military Ball

Theme: "World War II - The Pacific"

Army \* Navy \* USMC \* Air Force \* Coast Guard \*  
Jr. & Sr. ROTC \* National Guard/Reserve \*  
Current and Former Members and Guests

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

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.)

## ENTRÉE

Roasted Pork Loin or Seared Chicken

Featuring the 39th Army Band  
We encourage you to dress the era



## 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

## To purchase tickets, contact

Bonnie Rice: 603-430-3545  
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Bill Bates: 603-225-1272  
Mike Ploof: 603-430-2373  
Jeffrey Heik: 603-828-8829  
Sue Williams: 603-430-2593  
John Nanof: 603-225-1205  
Daniel Beliveau 603-512-2793

## Ticket Returns No Later Than April 9, 2011.

Check Payable to: HQ Fund, P.O. Box 1016, Nashua, NH 03061.

Table reservation may be made thru:

Bonnie Rice: 603-430-3545

Mike Rice: 603-493-4918

Clermont Boutin: 603-430-3339

Teenage dependents are invited at civilian rate.

