

157th Air Refueling Wing, Pease ANGB, New Hampshire

March 2012



PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, N.H. -- Cadet Third Class (C3C) Katy Dunkelberger (left) and Cadet Fourth Class Molly Dunkelberger (C4C) pin brigadier general stars on their mother, Brig. Gen. Gretchen Dunkelberger, Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H., Feb. 4. Major General William N. Reddel III, The Adjutant General, New Hampshire National Guard looks on. The cadets are assigned to the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, CO. (National Guard photo by Staff. Sgt. Curtis J. Lenz/ RELEASED) **Dunkelberger story on page 6**



PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, N.H. -- U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte stands with (left to right) Senor Master Sgt. Glenn Starkweather, Maj. John Czachor, Master Sgt. Gary Howard and Maj. Jason Denton after her flight which refueled a C-17 high above N.H. Sen. Ayotte flew with the N.H. Air National Guard after posthumously presenting a medal decoration to a WWII Army National Guard member. (National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt/RELEASED) **Ayotte story on page 3**

MENU

Saturday

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Chicken Rice Soup
 Corned Beef and Cabbage , Potato and Carrots
 Sandwich Bar
 Salad Bar
 Assorted Beverages
 Assorted Desserts

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Sunday

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Dinner: 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Chicken Rice Soup
 Chicken Breast, Broccoli and Cheese
 Chicken Gravy
 Mashed Potato
 Fresh Squash Medley
 Sandwich Bar
 Salad Bar
 Assorted Beverages
 Assorted Desserts

Monday

Lunch: 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Grab and go Sandwiches
 Assorted beverages

Enlisted Council Monthly Meeting Update

By UPAR: Senior Master Sgt. Norma Long

The Enlisted Council was formed by the wing and state Command Chiefs to be a unified voice of New Hampshire's enlisted force. The council meets each Sunday of the UTA from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. in building 100 in the 2nd floor conference room. With an exercise scheduled this month, the council will meet Monday, March 5. At this past month's meeting a new slate of officers were selected. After having served as vice president for several years, Master Sgt. William Bates from Joint Force Headquarters was voted in as president. Tech. Sgt. Jessica Davidson from the Recruiting and Retention Office was voted in as vice president. Congratulations to both of them.

The council would like to thank former President Master Sgt. Michelle Lebel for her several years of dedicated service to the Enlisted Council. She was instrumental in forming the council and was the first vice president before being voted in as president. Her leadership for the past five-years has kept the council strong; helping us achieve the goals that were set by the Chief's Group and the Enlisted Force.

The enlisted council is always looking for new members from wing units to become active members of the council. Any enlisted member who would like to make a difference or would like to channel something to this committee is encouraged to contact the president or vice president. The committee will be forming a subgroup to work on a Hometown Heroes event in 2012. Anyone interested helping with the planning and execution of this event, please contact Staff Sgt. Alex Smith at base extension 2570. The council is also helping with preparations for the Annual Prayer Breakfast. This will be the council's second year helping out with this event. Part of the council's mission is to give back to the unit and to help out with events as they occur within the organization.

Supervisors please encourage your members to attend this meeting. It is during the lunch hour to allow members to bring their lunch and learn more about the council.

Recruiting now at 98.4%

The N.H. ANG manning is currently at 98.4%. 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.

A list of AFSCs that are open:

Officer Vacancies

Chaplain, Physician Assistant, Emergency Service Physician, Health Services Administrator, Preventive Medicine, Flight Surgeon

Enlisted

Knowledge Operations, Finance, Public Affairs, Personnel, Fire Protection, Education & Training, Water/Fuels Systems

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

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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.



PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, N.H. -- U.S. Sen. Kelly Ayotte watches Master Sgt. Gary Howard, 133rd Air Refueling Squadron, refuel a C-17 high above N.H. Thursday during a refueling mission. Sen. Ayotte flew with the N.H. Air National Guard after posthumously presenting a medal decoration to a WWII Army National Guard member. (National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt/RELEASED)

Senator visits Pease Air National Guard Base

By Tech. Sgt. Mark Wyatt

PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, N.H. – U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte visited here Feb. 23 to posthumously award a Bronze Star Medal to a World War II veteran's brother and to fly with the 157th Air Refueling Wing on a refueling mission high above New Hampshire and Vermont.

Awarded the Bronze Star was Philip Sangenario, who was an Army National Guard private and among the first paratroopers to parachute into Normandy, France, on D-Day as a member of the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division.

Receiving the medals on his behalf was his brother, John Sangenario, who worked tirelessly with the Senator's office to honor his brother's service and sacrifice during World War II. Philip passed away in 1991.

"This is righting an injustice that needs to be righted," said Ayotte. "Can you imagine the courage it took to jump from that plane on D-Day, not knowing what would happen?"

Ayotte thanked wing personnel who participated in the ceremony and felt their presence was important to it.

Thank you for hosting this ceremony, it really means so much to have the military here and involved in it, said Ayotte.

After the ceremony, the senator received a wing mission brief by Col. Paul Hutchinson, the 157th Air Refueling Wing commander, which among other things, discussed the success of the New Hampshire Air National Guard.

Not unfamiliar with that success, Ayotte was clear in her ap-

preciation for what the guard accomplishes every day.

"Let me be clear, we could not have fought in Iraq. We could not have fought in Afghanistan. We could not have been involved in Libya without the Guard and Reserve," said Ayotte, who sits on the Senate Armed Forces Committee.

Recognizing the value for state partnerships, as the New Hampshire National Guard has with El Salvador, Ayotte agreed that it's critical in the communication process with other countries.

"Those military to military relationships make such a difference for us and our ability to communicate with other countries," said Ayotte. "These countries have respect for the United States military."

Hutchinson also added the strategic need for the wing to receive the next generation tanker aircraft, the KC-46A and rewarding those units that are proven to be successful.

Go to units who are already performing and have a long history of success, said Hutchinson.

Ayotte then traveled out to the flight line to participate in the two-hour refueling mission of a C-17 cargo aircraft from Dover Air Force Base.

Thoroughly impressed with the ceremony, the success of the wing and the refueling mission, Ayotte left the air national guard base more ready to support them.

Airman & Family Readiness Program (A&FRP)

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Email Lists

Several 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.

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 Announcement Emails Available

157th Air Refueling Wing 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.

Passport Processing Days

The National Passport Center, 207 International Drive, Portsmouth, NH will host a Passport Day on Saturday, Mar. 10 from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. No appointments are required for this one event.

The Airman & Family Program will host a Passport Processing day featuring The National Passport Center on Tuesday, Apr. 17 at the Manchester Armory from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. You must call Bonnie Rice at 603-430-3545, or email at bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil to set up an appointment.

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, Mar. 14
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Pease Air National Guard Base, specific 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 email Bonnie Rice at 603-430-3545, 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. Slots are extremely limited. To reserve a seat, please call or email Bonnie Rice at 430-3545, bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil

2012 Portsmouth Naval Shipyard TAP dates : Apr. 9 to 11 ; Jun. 11 to 15; and Aug. 13 to 17.

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

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Information

Winter Ski and other destination tickets are sold at the ITT Office, Relief Valve Recreation Center, building 22, PSNY, call Judy for ticket information at 207-438-2713. For information on ski rental equipment call Todd at 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!

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/

Hanscom Air Force Base Information

MWR -- Tickets & Tours

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

2012 Air Force Service Camps Accepting Applications

Three Air Force programs are now accepting applications: Teen Aviation Camp; Teen Leadership Camp; and Space Camp. All lodging, meals, and program costs are at no cost to participants. Airline or POV travel costs to each camp are the responsibility of the attendees. If you would like to receive information and an application please contact Bonnie Rice at bonnie.rice@ang.af.mil. **The deadline for submitting an application is Mar. 19** for each camp.

2012 Air Force Reserve/Air National Guard Teen Summits 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 to 22 at Wahsega 4-H Center: Dahlonega, Georgia. 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 to 12 at Cheley Colorado Camps: Estes Park, Colorado. 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.

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PEASE AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, N.H. -- Left to right: Col. Leroy B. Dunkelberger, newly promoted Brig. Gen. Gretchen Dunkelberger, Cadet Third Class (C3C) Katy Dunkelberger (left) and Cadet Fourth Class Molly Dunkelberger (C4C) pose for a photo Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H., Feb. 4. (National Guard Photo by Staff. Sgt. Curtis J. Lenz/RELEASED)

Dunkelberger becomes third general officer in N.H. NG
By Tech. Sgt. Aaron Vezeau

Brig. Gen. Gretchen Dunkelberger was promoted in a ceremony held Feb. 4 in building 149, Pease Air National Guard Base, N.H.

Dunkelberger's daughters, U.S. Air Force Academy Cadet 4th Class Molly and Cadet 3rd Class Katy, did the pinning of her 1-star rank insignia and helped unfurl and present Dunkelberger with her 1-star flag.

Dunkelberger thanked the members the Medical Group for their support and let them know that her promotion is a result of her being able to sit on their shoulders; that all the hard work they put in has made them the premier Medical Group in the Air National Guard

"As a 2nd Lt., my dream was to one day be the Chief Nurse of the U.S. Air Force," Dunkelberger said. "My career took a turn with motherhood and was still able to do the next best thing."

She spent seven-years as the 157th Medical Group commander, but was not ready to retire. "There were several 157th Medical Officers ready for advancement and I did not want to hold them up," she explained. "So when the Air National Guard Assistant to the 59th Medical Wing commander position opened up, I applied and was chosen. It was a three-year tour. As I completed it, the ANG Assistant to the Chief Nurse of the U.S. Air Force became vacant. It seemed like I could fulfill a dream."

Dunkelberger is currently assigned to the Joint Force Headquarters, New Hampshire National Guard and is serving as the Air National Guard (ANG) Assistant to Maj. Gen. Kimberly A. Siniscalchi, Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Medical Force Development, and Assistant Air Force Surgeon General, Nursing Services, Office of the Surgeon General, Headquarters U.S. Air Force, Rosslyn, VA.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Dolph (left) receives an Air Force Commendation Medal from Col. Richard Martell, the former wing commander, Mar. 7, 2009. Sergeant Dolph received the award for his tireless work on "Granite Wings." (Courtesy photo)

Remembering a man who helped make history

The New Hampshire Air National Guard sadly recognizes the untimely passing of Tech. Sgt. James "Jim" Dolph of South Berwick, Maine who passed away due to complications from surgery Feb.15.

Jim was the wing historian for many years and was most recently assigned to the Public Affairs Office, just recently retiring with 20 years of military service.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie, son Adam, and daughters Miranda, Mallory, and Abigail; as well as his two grandchildren, Riley and Brayden; and his mother, Doris Kyreages.

Memorial contributions may be made to the James Dolph Memorial fund, for the benefit of his children's education at Centrix Bank, 538 Central Avenue, Dover, N.H. 03820.

Please keep Jim's family in your thoughts and prayers. The Dolph family home address is below if you would like to send a card;39 Black Swan Drive, South Berwick, ME, 03908

The family encourages Jim's friends to sign his online guest book at www.purdyfuneralservice.com. The obituary can also be found in the Foster's Daily Democrats online record.

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Military Discounts!

Busch Gardens/SeaWorld/Sesame Place Hero Salute

Busch Gardens, Sesame Place and Sea World is once again offering free admission to their parks to any active duty, activated or drilling reservists or national guardsman and as many as 3 dependants are entitled to free admission under the Here's to the Heroes program. For full details and to register go to: <http://www.herosalute.com/>

Ski Discounts Offered

Crotched Mountain: Ski or ride from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. for \$44. A special \$69 package includes rentals & lesson. Valid active duty or family ID required. Go to: <http://www.crotchedmountain.com/tickets.html>

Gunstock Mountain Resort: Gunstock offers all Active Duty Military Personnel and their immediate families a \$10 discount off Prime Time, morning, afternoon or night lift tickets. A \$10 discount is also available on tubing five-packs and 10-packs. Current Active Duty or Dependent ID must be presented at time of purchase. The Military Discount applies to tickets/ products purchased at Gunstock and cannot be used for tickets purchased off property. Go to: http://www.gunstock.com/tickets_passes/ticket_deals/ .

King Pine: Active and retired U. S. military personnel and their dependents can enjoy \$10 off the regular all-day lift ticket price throughout the season. Military ID card must be presented. Not valid during 2 for 1 Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Go to: <http://www.kingpine.com/ways-to-save.html>

Save the date!

New Hampshire National Guard April Vacation Camp

Who: Youth, ages 8-13, whose parents or siblings are service members who live or serve in NH.

Where: To be determined

When: Apr. 16 to 19 or Apr. 23 to 26

What: Four days of fun and adventure! Enjoy traditional camp activities with military youth from all over New Hampshire!

Further information will come from the Sate Youth Coordinator, Jennifer Hollidge as soon as the location is determined! Details will be emailed.

Promotions

To Senior Master Sgt.

Michael Ploof
Michael George

To Master Sgt.

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

To Tech. Sgt.

Robert Worcester
Lawrence Bower
Jimmy Grindle

To Senior Airman

Joshua Buco
Kelly Williams
Brian White
Bradley Hunt
Kyle Godfrey

March is

**National Women's
History Month**

"Women's Education

Women's Empowerment"

Welcome New Members!

157 MXS

Airman First Class Jareth Belanger

157 CES

Airman Basic Devin Martin

157 MSF

Airman Basic Ryan Ducharme

157 OPS

Airman First Class Joseph Santomassino

260 ATC

Airman Basic Sysamouth Chanphoungun

157 MDG

Airman First Class Thomas Fitzgerald

Airman First Class Kerri Hinkle

Senior Airman Kristen Babicki

157 LRS

Airman Maureen Murdock

Staff Sgt. Michael Bradbury

133 ARS

Airman First Class Christopher Storm