



157th Air Refueling Wing, Pease ANGB, New Hampshire

November 2012

To all members of the 157th Air Refueling Wing:

My sincere thanks to each of you for your outstanding work over the past several days preparing for and then dealing with Hurricane Sandy. Thank you for taking the weather warnings seriously and preparing in advance of the storm, we were well prepared and the base suffered only very minor damage.

To those of you who volunteered to support our State Active Duty requirement, my hat's off to you. Our organization is filled with special people: those who volunteer to serve others at their time of greatest need. These disasters always affect our own members and their families, yet they leave the safety of their homes and their loved ones to serve others. You represent embodiment of our core value, Service before Self. It is very humbling to serve with each of you. I know Governor Lynch, Maj. Gen. Bill Reddel and Brig. Gen. Carolyn Protzmann are very proud of your accomplishments. WELL DONE.

Regards,

PAUL HUTCHINSON, Col, NHANG

157th Air Refueling Wing commander



WASHINGTON, D.C. -- U.S. Army Gen. Frank Grass, the chief of the National Guard Bureau, consults at the Pentagon on Oct. 29, 2012, with senior leaders guiding the National Guard's response to Hurricane Sandy as part of the federal, state and local team. (Army National Guard photo by Sgt. 1st Class Jim Greenhill) (Released)

66th Force Support Squadron Aerospace Dining Facility

Saturday, Nov. 3 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Swedish Meatballs
Buttered Noodles
Mashed Potatoes
Gravy
Fish Sandwich
French Fries
Salad Bar
Dessert
Assorted Beverages

Sunday, Nov. 4 - 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Turkey
Mashed Potatoes
Stuffing
Gravy
Baked Sweet Potatoes
Mixed Vegetables
Hamburger
French Fries
Salad Bar
Dessert
Assorted Beverages
Made-to-Order Sandwich Station

Monday, Nov. 5 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Grab and Go Sandwich
Chips
Pasta Salad

Meal Charge: \$4.55

157th Air Refueling Wing's 7th Annual Winter Carnival and Commander's Call Holiday Luncheon December 2, 2012

*The 157th Air Refueling Wing
would like to invite you and your family to
participate in the
7th Annual Winter Carnival
Sunday, Dec. 2
beginning at 8 a.m.
Hanger 251*



Program Highlights:

8:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. - Winter Carnival
Carnival games, crafts and activities for children
A visit with Santa and children's Entertainment

8:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. - Photos with Santa

10:45-12:30 - Unit members will attend Wing
Commanders Call (members must be in their seats 10:45 a.m.)

1030 - Babysitting services start at the Winter Carnival

Following commanders call families are invited to move to
hanger 254 to join us for our "*wing wide holiday luncheon.*"

Meal cost:

Military Members

Dependants only! Age 2 and up require a ticket

**Free
\$5.00 each**

Please note:

Reservations must to be made no later than Nov. 12

To purchase your tickets please contact your First Sergeant or their
representative.

For questions, call Bonnie Rice at 430-3545.

The Granite State

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



NATO Medal Authorized for Operations in Libya and Africa

The Department of Defense announced July 24 that NATO medals for operations in Libya and Africa have been approved for acceptance and wear by eligible U.S. servicemembers and DoD civilian personnel.

The NATO Medal for NATO Operations and Activities in Africa is awarded for service in direct support of one of the following operations or activities:

- North Atlantic Council-approved NATO support activities in relation to the African Union
- Operation Allied Provider
- Operation Allied Protector
- Operation Ocean Shield

NATO awards the NATO Medal for NATO Operations and Activities in Libya for service in direct support of the following operation:

- Operation Unified Protector

Individuals awarded the NATO Medal for NATO Operations and Activities in Africa or Libya should consult with their personnel offices for more information on eligibility or to update their personnel files.

For a list of the NATO medals that have been authorized for acceptance and wear by U.S. servicemembers, see DoD Manual 1348.33, Manual of Military Decorations and Awards, Volume 3.

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Patrice Foggarty at 603-430-3511.

Recruiting news by Tech. Sgt. Chris Moisan, Recruiting and Retention

The NHANG manning is currently at 104 percent. I am proud to say our Recruiting and Retention Team has broken our FY12 record and have 151 accessions for this year. Thank you to everyone for helping us reach this milestone.

Here is a list of AFSCs that are open:

Officer vacancies

Chaplain	Physician Assistant	Aerospace Medicine
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Enlisted vacancies

Air Traffic Control	Airfield Systems	Ground Radar	CE Electrical
Water/Fuels Systems	CE Carpentry	Heavy Equipment	Engineering Apprentice
Hydraulics	Aircraft Electrical	Crew Chief	Bio-Environmental

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

Tech. Sgt. Mark Bohac is responsible for Manchester, Nashua, Milford, Londonderry, Keene and can be reached at Mark.Bohac@ang.af.mil or in the office at 603 622-3739 or by cell phone at 603 365-0933.

Tech. Sgt. Brad LePelley is responsible for Hanover, Concord, Plymouth, Western Lakes Region, North Country and can be reached at Brad.Lepelley@ang.af.mil or in the office at 603 622-3818 or by cell phone at 603 365-0287.

Tech. Sgt. Jessica Davidson is responsible for Portsmouth, Exeter, Derry, Salem, Windham and can be reached at Jessica.Davidson@ang.af.mil or in the office at 603-430-3137 or by cell phone at 603-812-5981.

Tech. Sgt. Chris Moisan is responsible for Dover, Rochester, Raymond, Eastern Lakes Region, North Conway and can be reached at Christopher.Moisan@ang.af.mil or in the office at 603-430-3502 or by cell at 603-812-5981.

How to become an honorary recruiter by Tech. Sgt. Chris Moisan, Recruiting and Retention

An honorary recruiter is a recognized individual, with the exception of production recruiters, that have excelled in the recruiting field.

To become an honorary recruiter, members must secure three enlistments or three officer appointments within the course of the member's career.

N.H. National Guard honorary recruiting ribbon is received by an individual that meets the above criteria. This ribbon will be presented to the individual by the unit commander or any higher command as desired. This program began November 2001. Clusters may be earned and applied to this ribbon with every three additional enlistments or officer appointments secured.

N.H. Air National Guard honorary recruiter of the year award is presented to the honorary recruiter that has obtained the most points throughout the fiscal year, Oct. 1 through Sept. 30. Points are valued as listed below:

- Referral – 1 point
- Appointment – 3 points
- Enlistment – 5 points

During the December drill is typically when the award will be presented. Winners receive a \$100 check from The Minuteman Fund and a Certificate.



Important Tricare Reserve Select news

Monthly premium payments must be made by either recurring Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) or recurring Debit or Credit Card, Visa or MasterCard only, beginning absolutely no later than Jan. 1. Contact your TRICARE regional contractor immediately to set up your automatic monthly premium payments, if you have not done so already.

If you fail to establish one of these automated payment methods, you and or your family's coverage will be terminated. Contact information for your TRICARE regional contractor can be found at www.tricare.mil/contacts.

TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) premium rates are established annually on a calendar year (CY) basis in accordance with Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section (Sec.) 1076d and Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Section 199.24. The TRS monthly premiums for CY 2013 shall be the rates listed in the table below:

For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Patrice Foggarty at 603-430-3511.

Accessing CCAF education records

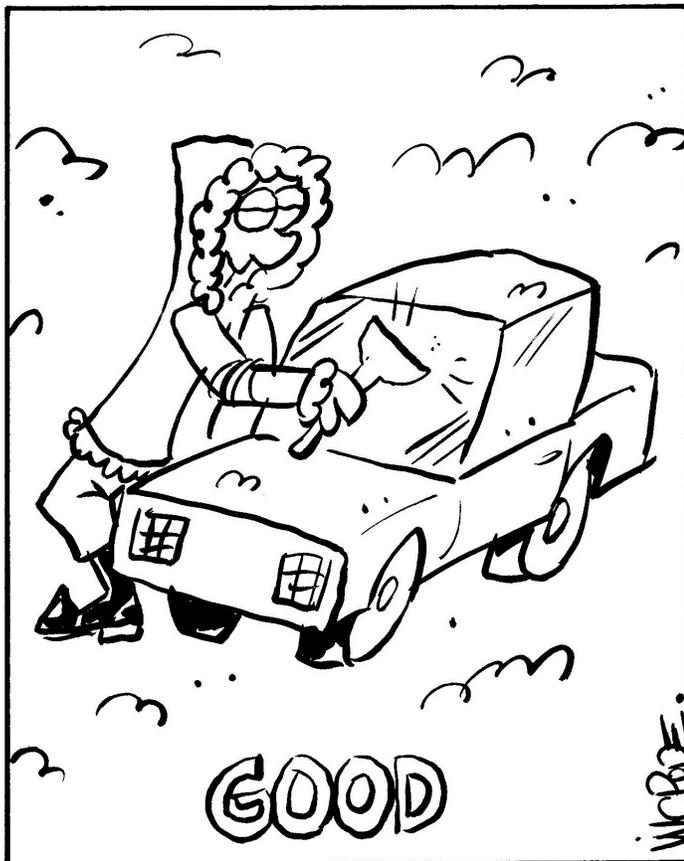
Do you know that you can check the status of your own Community College of the Air Force degree? All you have to do is log into the AF Virtual Education Center.

1. Log into the Air Force Portal
2. On the left hand side of the screen find the AFVEC listed under Education/Training/Force Development
3. Once on the AFVEC (on the right hand side of screen) listed under Self Service, select the CCAF View Progress Report.

Once you are in the **CCAF Web Progress** you can read exactly what the Force Development Flight can read. It should show any transcripts that you had sent in and show how CCAF applied the credits.

If you have any questions, contact the Force Development Office.

Winter weather driving safety



Election day Nov. 6



Cotton ABU not for everyone

The 100 percent cotton Airmen Battle Uniform (ABU) is not a summer weight version or light weight alternative for the 50 percent cotton, 50 percent nylon ABU. The 100 percent cotton ABU is a distinctive uniform, equipment item developed and authorized specifically for Airmen in jobs that have occupational safety and health administration (OSHA) requirements for wear. It is not authorized or intended for wear by all Airmen.

The 50 percent cotton, 50 percent nylon ABU remains the mandatory uniform for Airmen unless otherwise notified.

The 100 percent cotton ABU are a safety item issued to certain career fields as personal protective equipment. Those career fields include electrical, power pro, fire fighters and EOD to name a few. These are considered a safety item per OSHA article 1910. The same is true for the EH rated boots.

For more information, contact the 157th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

AFOQT offered at UNH

The University of New Hampshire will offer the Air Force Officer Qualification Test Nov. 16 at 9 a.m.

Interested members must forward the following information to Senior Master Sgt. Norma Long: complete name, social security number, cell phone number, email address, if test take before, date taken, highest grade completed in college.

Other options to take the test are at Hanscom Air Force Base. Contact Clarence Coffey at 781-225-5516, Elaine Kergo at 781-225-5942 or Gail Meyer at 781-225-5944.

Westover Air Force Reserves is available the second Tuesday of the month. Contact Jacqueline Ouimette at 413-557-3440. They require a letter in order to test and only test six people at a time.

Interested applicants are encouraged to study for this test. In addition, as a result of a number of no-shows, interested members must make every effort to attend.

For more information, contact Long at 603-430-2466.

The Value of Truth and Virtue by Chaplain William Broderick, 157th Air Refueling Wing Chapel

Not many people know that Socrates, Plato's teacher, was also a soldier. He served with distinction in the Athenian Army as it made war against Sparta. These were not days where war was fought by pressing buttons or looking down range through the scope of a rifle, it was always face to face, up close and personal. When a soldier died any on looking soldier could see the air and spirit leave and their eyes sink back. We often think of the trauma that our Soldiers, Airmen, Marines and Sailors have to overcome but it was no less intense and could be argued greater in the days of Socrates. My point is we should be able to relate with the wisdom of the philosopher-warrior.

In his elder years Socrates was arrested and falsely accused by politicians of corrupting the youth of Athens with his teachings. Some wanted him punished for teaching against Athenian democracy. Others actually wanted to rid themselves of his endless challenges to their relative or even pragmatic means of defining truth. Socrates had two choices in court submit to death or argue for exile, which he likely would have been given. He submitted to death. But why? It may be best to let him explain through the mouth of his student Plato:

"O my friend, why do you who are a citizen of the great and mighty and wise city of Athens, care so much about laying up the greatest amount of money and honor and reputation, and so little about wisdom and truth and the greatest improvement of the soul, which you never regard or heed at all? Are you not ashamed of this? ... For I do nothing but go about persuading you all, old and young alike, not to take thought for your persons and your properties, but first and chiefly to care about the greatest improvement of the soul. I tell you that virtue is not given by money, but that from virtue come money and every other good of man, public as well as private. This is my teaching, and if this is the doctrine which corrupts the youth, my influence is ruinous indeed. ...Wherefore, O men of Athens, I say to you, do as Anytus bids or not as Anytus bids, and either acquit me or not; but whatever you do, know that I shall never alter my ways, not even if I have to die many times...I must stop. It is time for us to go – me to my death, you to your lives. Which of us goes to the better fate, only god knows" (Plato, The Apology)

I wonder if the sting of war helped a man live and teach about something greater than possessions, position or even fame or glory. Truth and virtue were the better way and Socrates died announcing this. There is no doubt he was a flawed man but he was on a quest for absolute truth...are we? If so do you believe you can find it?

Enlisted Promotions

To Chief Master. Sgt.

Michael Krall

To Tech. Sgt.

Theodore Donald

Dominic Donovan

James Robinson

Jeremiah Neault

John Sable

To Staff Sgt.

Denice Perriccio

Enlisted Promotions

To Staff Sgt.

Brittany Bigelow

Cara Bellerose

Senior Airman

Alexander Waitner

Jason Therrien

Luke Underwood

Kimberly Brown

Congratulations!