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The Civil Engineers Lend A Helping Hand



“Go west, Engineers!” 157th CES members prior to their departure to Washington. Check out page six for the sotry and see the photos on pages seven and eight for a look inside their trip. (NHANG Photo by Tech. Sgt. Mark E. Wyatt)

Commander's Column

By Chief Master Sgt. Ron Nadeau



To the Airmen of the 157th Air Refueling Wing:

On Oct. 1, 2004, I will be moving from the position of Wing Command Chief to that of State Command Chief. In my new job, I'll be working closely with the Adjutant General, the Assistant Adjutant General for Air (Col. Mark Sears) and other leaders at the state level, including my counterpart in the Army National Guard, Command Sergeant Maj. Mike Rice. In my old job, I really focused on activities and personnel in the Wing. In my new job, I'll still be doing that, but will also be working on joint issues and objectives for the NH National Guard as a whole. Chief Master Sgt. Dave Eaton, the new Wing Command Chief, will be the person who will concentrate on matters effecting the Wing. I know Dave and I will do everything we can to be an effective team, just as Chief Master Sgt. Bill Houghton and I have tried to do for the past four years.

And speaking of the past four years, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank some wonderful people that have made those years some of the best of my 36 year career. First, I want to thank Brig. Gen. Ken Clark for selecting me for the position. He had a lot more confidence in me than I had in myself. Thanks to Chief Master Sgt. Steve Morgan for encouraging me and giving me advice that set me on the right path. My apologies and thank you to the folks in Supply that I supervised for the first two years of my term as CCM. They had to put up with a Chief who could never quite spend all the time he should have taking care of their needs and concerns. Kudos to Chief Master Sgt. Bill Houghton for being an excellent mentor and for putting up with my shortcomings. A tremendous thank you to the Wing Senior Staff for making me feel like a valuable and equal team member. This is a group of highly talented people who care greatly for this mission and for the people who make it happen. Our senior leaders, like all of us, have their faults, but not caring is definitely not one of them. Thanks and congratulations to our First Sergeants who have helped me help our troops and who have come a long way in establishing themselves as respected enlisted leaders in the 157th. Thank you to Chief Master Sgt. Dave Eaton for stepping up and taking on this very challenging, but also very satisfying job. Dave will bring a tremendous amount of energy to the position and you will all be well served by him because he has a heart as big as a KC-10. A special thank you to my touring buddy, Lt. Col. "Father Bob" Cordery. If the Holy Spirit ever put on a set of BDU's, he would look and act exactly as Father Bob. Our unit has been blessed with his ministry and I will be forever grateful for his guidance and his friendship. And who can forget Bonnie Rice. She has been the glue that has kept our Guard family together through good times and bad.

There have been so many others who have made these four years some of the best years of my life. I hope they understand that the limitations of column space is what keeps me from naming them all. There are, however, two very significant groups I have not mentioned, but I'll save that for when I address the Wing at **Chief Cont. on pg 9**

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FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We will be meeting for our regularly scheduled support group gathering for families of our deployed members on Oct. 13, 2004 at 6 p.m., building 145 dining facility, Pease Air National Guard Base. All families of deployed members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending these meeting please RSVP to Bonnie Rice (ASAP) at (603)-430-3545, so that snacks can be planned.

The purpose of these meetings will be to give family members and significant others an opportunity to get to meet with key members of the 157th ARW, as well as local counselors that are working with the 157ARW to assist deployed members and their loved ones. Everyone will be able to share news, express concerns, clarify or dispel rumors and work with the NHANG to support our deployed Airmen. As a team there is much we can do that we cannot do as individuals. Open communications will be a critical goal.

Our agenda this month is to include a briefing by our finance section to answer some of the questions asked regarding pay and entitlements. Our agenda for these meetings will also include an icebreaker for families to get to know one another, snacks and conversations.

Please call the Family Readiness Office for further information.

YOUTH EVENT

WHAT: An Afternoon of Corn



Mazing

WHEN: Oct. 17, from 12:30-3:30 p.m.

WHERE: Beech Hill Farm in Hopkinton

WHO: All Guard Youth Ages 6-15

COST: \$2.00 a Person

The Bus will leave the Counterdrug area behind the Concord Armory at 12:30 p.m.

Please RSVP to Staff Sgt.

Dow at

janet.dow@nh.ngb.army.mil or 227-1523 if you plan on attending.

FAMILY PROGRAM MAILING LIST

Many of the free/discounted tickets that are received for our members are short notice – if you would like to get the ticket info when it is received, remember to have yourself added to our email-mailing list.

MILITARY DISCOUNT INFORMATION

Military Mondays

Just a reminder – Please check out the latest addition to the “Welcome to New Hampshire” website at <http://www.state.nh.us/> for information on “Military Mondays”.

Many local restaurants are offering discounts and offers for military members. Participating MILITARY MONDAY Restaurants are listed on the website. Offers good now through Dec. 30, 2004 unless otherwise noted—must present valid military identification card. For more information on the Military Mondays Program or to learn how you can participate, contact the Governor’s Office at 271-7626 or 1-800-852-3456 or contact Chris at chris@opera-

tionthankyou.com

TRICARE officials offer tips for contract transition

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American Forces Press Service

Some beneficiaries of the military’s TRICARE health care system may experience long wait times when calling their new regional contractors, but the transition to new contracts “will make a strong program better and ultimately result in higher patient satisfaction,” TRICARE officials said.

Officials suggest conducting business online whenever possible, calling during nonpeak hours and visiting TRICARE service centers for face-to-face assistance as ways to beat phone congestion during the transition.

Each regional contractor has made conducting business online easy and fast, officials said. Beneficiaries may enroll or change enrollment information online, search for providers in their local area, and find information on the health plan as well as links to other key sites for information on claims processing and online appointments.

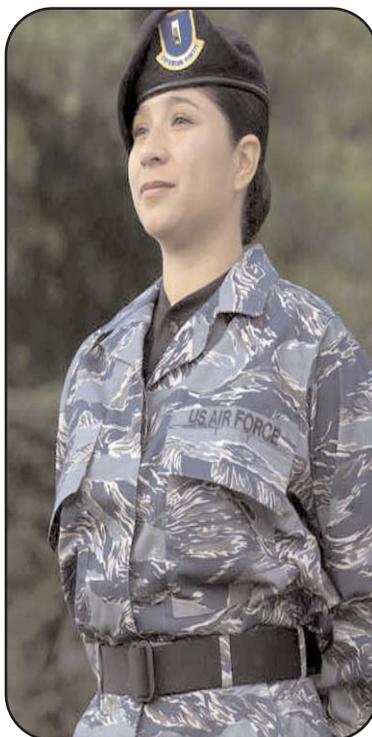
Beneficiaries still may call their regional contractor, officials said, but should understand they might experience longer wait times due to high call volume during the transition. Officials suggest that since more people call on Mondays than any other day, beneficiaries should try to call on other days if they can. Thursdays and Fridays have the least calls, officials said, making these days the best chance for gaining quick access.

People Poll: Q: What do you think of the proposed “blue” BDU?

Questions and pictures by Senior Airman Brenda Dillon and Tech. Sgt. Jim Wallace



“I’ve seen it and I don’t think blue is a good camouflage color.”
Tech. Sgt. Angela Acosta
(UTM Comm Flight)



(Photo from AF Link)



“I have never really seen them besides in a photo. They look more European like the UN uniform.”
Chief Master Sgt. Vince Sherman
(Management and Systems Flight NCOIC)



(Photo from AF Link)



“As long as the uniform makes me thin I am all for it. I don’t really like the hat, but the blue matches my eyes.”
Senior Master Sgt. Mike Yeager
(CE)

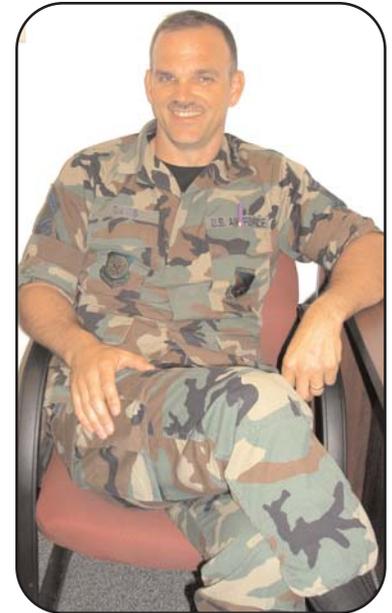




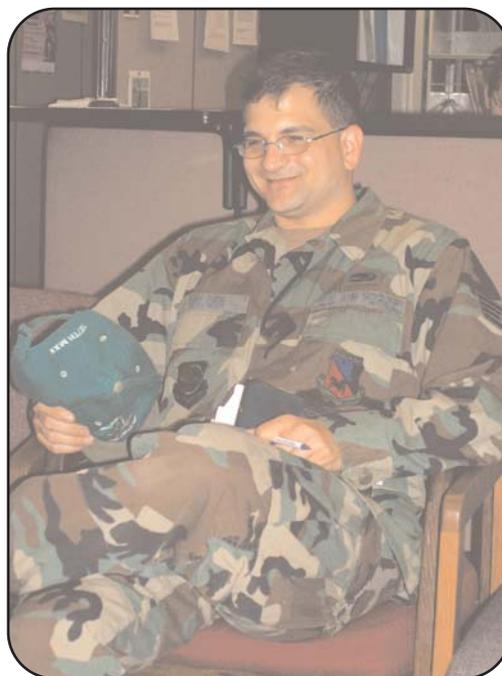
“I am not very familiar with the new uniform. I thought that it was the same type of uniform just in a different color.”
Staff Sgt. Lisa Rowe
(Hazmat Pharmacy)



(Photo from AF Link)



“The blue uniforms remind me of pajamas. I am not impressed with separating ourselves from the other branches of service.”
Senior Master Sgt. Mike Davis
(Wing Service Center Supervisor)



“The urban look will take some getting used to. I like the idea of the Air Force being more distinct.”
Tech. Sgt. Peter Belger
(Fuel Cell Mechanic)



CE Deployment

By Tech. Sgt. Jim Wallace

“Our profit margin is safety, since we have no quota, safety is the key to a successful deployment” states wing Chief Master Sgt. Kevin Carter of the 157th Safety Section (Office). This was the recurring theme of the morning safety briefings by Chief Master Sgt. Carter during a recent Civil Engineering (CE) deployment to Fort Murray, Wash.



The 157th CE Squadron was fortunate enough to deploy approximately 50 engineers, including 18 firefighters, to Fort Murray, Wash. to assist the 254th Red Horse Squadron with the completion of a multi-disciplinary construction project. A project, which provided many opportunities for cross utilization training among all AFSCs associated with Civil Engineering.

The mission was to continue a project started by members of the 254th Red Horse prior to their activation. The plan included the addition of a mezzanine level to an existing warehouse to be used for office and training space for the local CATM Squadron.

Previously, this space had been used for storage.

When the 157th Advanced Team (ADVON) arrived only an estimated ten percent of the project had been completed which included the steel I-Beams required to support the new space. The mission of the ADVON team was to prepare the site for the skilled tradesmen. This would require laying the wooden decking.

This project required a cross-disciplinary approach with members from different AFSC's contributing in any way they could. But teamwork is the modus operandis

for CE.

When the full complement of shops arrived the job was staged, as would be any construction project. Structural craftsmen began with framing studs, while the utilities shop began to tie-in the water source from outside the building. The job ramped up slowly with each shop scrambling to assemble their piece of the puzzle. During the early stages tools and supplies were assessed with each discipline submitting their requirements to the project NCOIC. Ultimately, the project began to pick-up steam and in no time all shops were gainfully employed.

As the project began to take shape the host unit was very pleased with the skill and efficiency with which CE worked. Expectations were exceeded in all facets of the job and last minute requests were completed without delay.

Overall, this project relied most heavily on the structural shop, which used augmented personnel from the other career fields. They installed 3000 square feet of plywood decking, framed approximately 500+ linear feet of steel studs, 3000 square feet of ceiling joists, and approximately 600 feet of track bracing to support the ceiling joists. They also installed approximately 6000 square feet of insulation and 7500 square feet of 5/8 sheetrock.

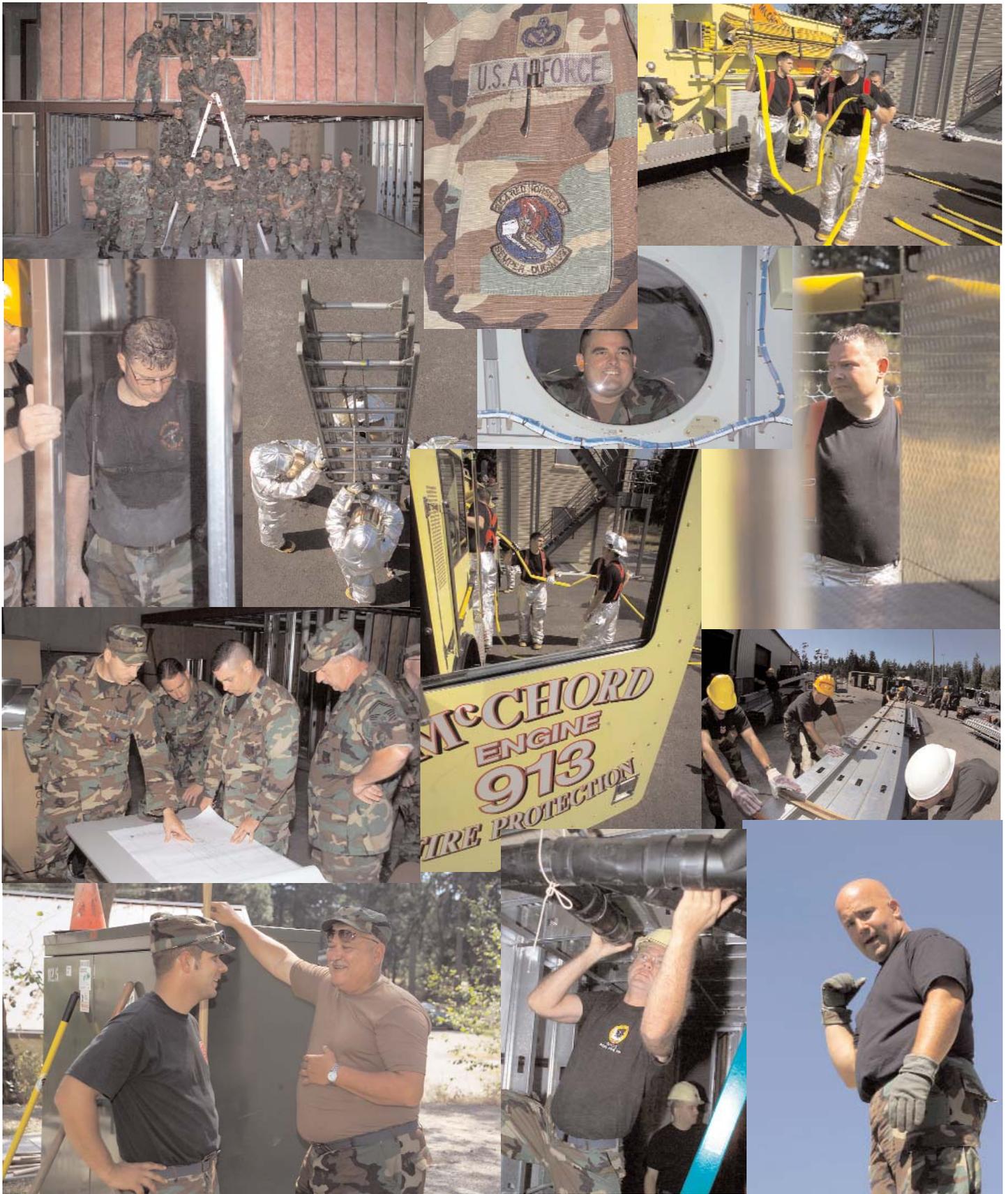
Additionally, the utilities section installed plumbing for two bathrooms and two utilities closets. This required finishing the installation of the main water supply and back flow prevention system, installing piping to four toilets, three urinals, two double bowl vanities, two utility sinks, and one shower unit. Our craftsman also installed the entire drain, waste, and ventilation system from the building to the waste manhole, to include the invert system at the manhole itself.

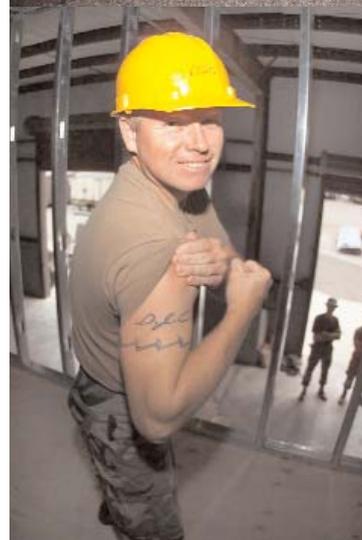
The electrical shop installed 2500 linear feet of EMT conduit to over 100 electrical and communication boxes throughout the new facility, while HVAC personnel installed a 100,000 and 60,000 BTU high efficiency furnaces and associated 3 and 4 ton condensers to provide heat and air conditioning to the new facility. The “dirt boys” initially excavated the outside perimeter of the site and assisted the utilities section in the installation of the waste water system to include a manhole. They were then transferred to McCord AFB where they were assigned to upgrading the base perimeter road.

This deployment also provided the fire fighters an opportunity to perform training evolutions in an uninterrupted environment allowing for better concentration on team work and skills training. They had a unique opportunity to work with the active duty and local civilian fire fighters to obtain training not normally available at home station. Both the base and local fire department provided equipment and facilities (NFPA compliant burn house, 105 foot aerial ladder truck, C141 and C17 aircraft). In the end, the 157th Civil Engineering Squadron had once again proven its mettle by exceeding all expectations and performing above and beyond what was expected of them. It is not uncommon on a CE job site to have the commander and other senior staff working side by side with their craftsmen. A formula, which is time tested and adds to the already prestigious reputation of this squadron. A formula, which leads to an excellent profit margin.



The Civil Engineers Team Knows How to Work Hard and Play Hard!







UPAR Highlight

**By Airman 1st Class
Lindsey Watson-
Kirwin**

“She is the go to person for any and all personnel issues,” said Lt. Col. Nicole Bixler. Tech. Sgt. Christie Rouleau is the Operations Group

Commanders Administrative Assistant. UPAR for the Operations Group is only one of the many additional duties that she takes on with all of her positive energy and attention to detail.

Rouleau describes herself as “the one stop shop of Ops.” Her daily duties include things such as the monthly newsletter, crew bus schedule, AWS schedule, running the morning meeting (daily flying activity), recall rosters and organizational charts.

Tech. Sgt. Rouleau keeps a running list of the things she does, it’s getting pretty thick. Some of her additional duties include; Unit Career Advisor, alternate fitness monitor, Base Honor Guard, Secretary Treasurer for Heritage fund, building facility manager and web page maintainer.

Prior to coming to Pease, she did two years of active duty at McConnell AFB as a dental surgery technician. When Rouleau first arrived at Pease, in 1999, she continued as a dental surgery technician in the clinic. Rouleau has been in her current position for two years and has been the Operations Group UPAR for the same amount of time. She is a full time AGR here.

Rouleau has been on deployments to Turkey, Qatar, Alpena, Alaska and Volk Field. She was named the Operations Group NCO of 2003 and AETC Commanders award for top graduate of her information manager technical school.

Rouleau enjoys volunteering her time to different organizations and events. She has been involved in the Special Olympics, teen outreach at her church, Big brothers and sisters, SPCA Paws Walk and a 40-mile walk for breast cancer in Boston. She is currently working toward a Bachelors degree in education; she would like to be certified K-12, with a concentration in special education.

“My ultimate goal is to retire after 20-30 years as a well respected chief,” said Rouleau.

Life in the LRS

By Tech. Sgt. Bev Wallace

“Life in the LRS” is a brief look into the Logistics Readiness Squadron. Each month we hope to feature an LRS person to let you know who we are, where we came from and what we do for you, our customer. Staff Sgt. Kevin M. Campbell, is a traditional member in the LRS and is currently assigned as a Customer Service Representative. Staff Sgt. Kevin M. Campbell has served in the military for 7 years, most of which was spent here at Pease. He also worked for the 243rd Combat Engineers at the Maine Air National Guard for a very short time. He is originally from Portland, M.E. but has lived in Wells, M.E. most of his life. Staff Sgt.

Campbell joined the NHANG for the fantastic educational benefits and the esprit de corps you get from being in the military. His current job is supporting mission requirements by providing support to the Maintenance Squadron. He does this by ordering emergency parts for the aircraft and supporting routine customer requests. When asked what question he hears the most, he stated, “When will our parts get here?” The two things he enjoys the most about his current job are, “The great friends I’ve made over the years and the satisfaction of serving my country”.

And his most memorable moment since he joined to military was becoming a non-commissioned officer in the Air National Guard. Staff Sgt. Campbell can be located in building 254 at the Phase CSR office. And he can be reached at 430-3454. Please contact him if you need to order something and he is your current customer service representative.



**Staff Sgt. Kevin Campbell
grins for the camera.** (NHANG Photo by
Master Sgt. Gil Fadillada)

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the change of authority ceremony on Oct. 2.

Well, I’m not going away, but I’ll never be as close to the Wing again as I have been these past few years. With the exception of Chief Master Sgt. Morgan and other past Wing leaders, I’m not sure if anyone understands just how difficult a prospect that is to deal with. But it’s on to other challenges, and thanks to all for a great ride.

Promotions

Senior Airman

Jeffrey C. Hill
Robert G. Winkler
Kevin J. Weller
Lindsey S. Watson-Kirwin

Staff Sergeant

Florence F. Lemay
Cassidy D. Clark
Angela Skinner

Technical Sergeant

Florence F. Lemay
Pamela J. Clements
James L. Houle Jr.
Paul C. Eames

Master Sergeant

Craig A. Moody
Michael S. Tranten
Robert R. Nicoletos

Senior Master Sergeant

Brian S. Taatjes

Major

Russell F. Morin

Lieutenant Colonel

Stephen M. Buck

Colonel

Douglas M. Aiken

Triple Change of Command in Maintenance

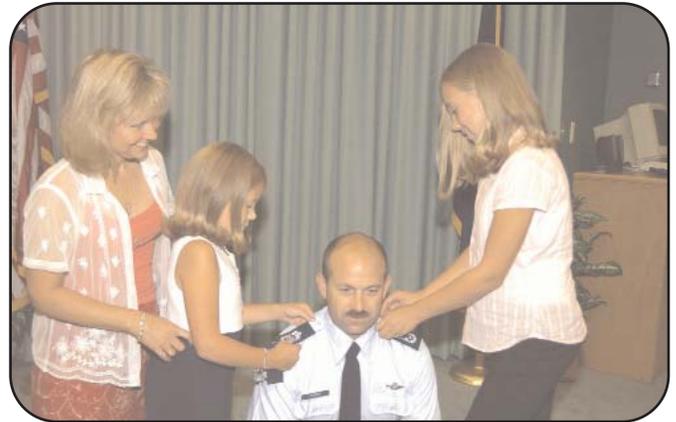
By Staff Sgt. Pam Clements

On Saturday Sept. 11, there was a triple Change of Command ceremony in the Phase Hangar at 9:00 a.m. Maj. Gayle Turner MXS/CC has decided after twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the New Hampshire Air National Guard and United States Air Force to retire. With her retirement it has led to a domino effect, in Squadron and Flight leadership in the Group. To replace Maj. Turner, Maj. Todd Swass was selected to become the new Commander for the Maintenance Squadron (MXS). Maj. Adam Shattuck, to become the new Commander for the Aircraft Maintenance Squadron replacing Maj. Swass. Maj. John Greenan, Quality Assurance officer, has been selected to replace Maj. Shattuck as the MOF Commander.

Maj. Todd E. Swass who took over the MXS, is leaving the AMXS. Maj. Swass relinquished his command to Maj. Adam C. Shattuck. Maj. Swass lives in Rochester, N.H. with his wife Susan.

Maj. Adam C. Shattuck who took over the AMXS, is leaving the MOF. Maj. Shattuck relinquished his command to Maj. John C. Greenan. Maj. Shattuck lives in Henniker, N.H. with his wife Tracy and his two sons, William and Steven.

Maj. John C. Greenan who took over the command of the MOF, is leaving the QA Flying Officer. Maj. Greenan lives in Quechee, Vt. with his wife Deborah and his daughter Elizabeth. Maj. Greenan will end his flying career with the 133rd Air Refueling Squadron this Thursday with a nighttime fini-flight.



Below: Chief Master Sgt. Thomas J. Moore (left) of the 157th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron presents newly promoted CMSgt. Kelly Philbrick (right) with a toy jeep at Pease ANG Base, N.H. on Sept. 11, 2004. Philbrick is a boom operator assigned to the tanker task force at Pease. (NHANG photo by Senior Airman Curtis J. Lenz.)



Above: During a promotion ceremony for Chief Master Sgt. Kelly Philbrick (center) of the tanker task force, NHANG, daughters Aimee (left) and Erika (right) help attach CMSgt. insignia to their father's uniform as wife Lisa looks on at Pease ANG Base, N.H. on Sept. 11, 2004. Philbrick is a boom operator assigned to the TTF here at Pease. (NHANG photo by Senior Airman Curtis J. Lenz.)

How Fit is the 157th ARW?

By Senior Master Sgt. Brenda M. Blonigen, Wing Fitness Program Manager

How often have you heard “the Guard is an older force”, how are we going to do the assessment that they’re asking us to do? The 157th ARW is proving that statement to be untrue. So far 69% of the Wing has completed the assessment outlined in AFI 10-248. Of the 624 people assessed, the average fitness age for males has turned out to be 31 years old and for females 38 years old. This is a far cry from “the older force” that everyone refers to. Most people have been working hard at getting in shape for the assessment and only 14% of those tested did not meet the standards. Good job on everyone’s part, especially the Unit Fitness Program Managers, who have put a lot of time and energy into this program.



Airman and officers approach the mid point of the 1.5 mile run for the fitness assessment on Sunday, Sept. 12. (NHANG photo by Senior Airman Lindsey Watson-Kirwin)



Everyone gives it their all on the first leg of the 1.5 mile run for the fitness assessment on Sunday, Sept. 12. (NHANG photo by Airman 1st Class Meghan Kincaid)

Airmen need to heed Hatch Act rules

9/22/2004 - WASHINGTON (AFP) — As the election season swings into high gear, the U.S. Office of Special Counsel has filed complaints against two federal employees deemed in violation of the Hatch Act. The complaints address the use of “politically partisan electronic-mail messages while on duty,” OSC officials said. The Hatch Act regulates DOD employees’ and servicemembers’ participation in politics. The recent violations focus on e-mails sent to about 15 recipients in one case and more than 70 in the other. “The use of Internet and electronic mail is second-nature to almost everyone and has become a favorite

and effective campaign tool, even more so perhaps than four years ago,” said Scott Bloch, OSC head. “I want to remind federal employees to be vigilant about following the Hatch Act, because we will consider this activity a form of electronic leafleting and thus a violation of the prohibition on partisan political activity in the workplace.” Partisan political activity is defined as activity directed toward the success or failure of a political party or candidate for a partisan political office or partisan political group. Participation in politics is not completely forbidden; however, active-duty military and executive-branch employees need to be aware of the rights and

restrictions that the Hatch Act imposes on such activity. What is allowed and disallowed can be a bit confusing. Servicemembers are under the most restrictions. They may attend political meetings or rallies, but only as spectators and not in uniform. They are not allowed to give political speeches, serve in any official capacity in partisan groups or participate in political campaigns or conventions. They are also not generally allowed to campaign for political office. In its essence, the Hatch Act prohibits federal executive-branch employees from engaging in political activity while on duty or wearing an official uniform, officials said. (Courtesy of American Forces Press Service)



Public Affairs Officer Position

Joint Force Headquarters, New Hampshire National Guard (JFHQ-NH), has an open Traditional position for an experienced Public Affairs Officer - O4 or senior O3. This position will be drilling in Concord at JFHQ-NH a majority of the time. Please contact Col. Mike Horne at 603-228-1135 x1336 or DSN 684-9336 or email him at michael.horne@nh.ngb.army.mil for more information.

NHANG Golf League (Pease Golf Course, Portsmouth, NH)

BY Master Sgt. Gil P. Fradillada

The NHANG Golf League concluded the regular season Sept. 7, 2004. Team # 10, consisted of Master Sgt. Mark Joyce (Maintenance), Tech. Sgt. Ed Alicea (Flightline), Master Sgt. John Symington (LRS) and Senior Master Sgt. Wade Krause (LRS) won first place in the Team competition. Individual honor goes to Chief Master Sgt. Gregg Fournier (ATC) for low Gross with an even par 36 on the Red Course, Low Net goes to Tech. Sgt. Kim Griffin (Flightline) with a net 28. Rich Reed (ATC-Tower) won most points for the “A” flight with 107.5 total points, Kim Griffin won the “B” flight with a 113 total points, Barry Murray (Retired-Maintenance) won the “C” flight with a 110.5 total points, and Wade Krause won the “D” flight with a dominating 123 total points. Awards ceremony was held on 21 Sept 2004 at the Pease Golf Course Clubhouse.

Right: 1st Lt. Andrew Smith enlist Hope and Grey Schumacher.

(NHANG Photo by Staff Sgt. Shannan Brown)



All in the Family

By Staff Sgt. Shannan Brown

Here in the NHANG we consider ourselves family. On any given day you can look around and see spouse working together or parents working with their children.

As a recruiter I help enlist people who want to carry on the family tradition of serving the country and this great state.

One of the finest days of my recruiting career was the day I enlisted Greg and Hope Schumacher. The Schumacher's are a married couple that came from two separate units and joined together here, thanks to the referrals of Emily and Ron Tebbetts'.



Air Guard Members Participate in State Marksmanship Competition
By Maj. Russ Morin

On the weekend of Aug. 28 and 29, three members of the NHANG competed alongside 6 Army National Guard teams at the 2004 TAG State Combat Match held at Devens RFTA. In attendance were 30 competitors from 8 different National Guard units throughout the state. Air National Guard participants were Maj. Russ Morin, JFHQ, Senior Master Sgt. Bill Frament, 157 MS, and Tech. Sgt. Pete Vatistas, 157 SFS.

This was the first time since 1987 that a team from the NHANG has participated in this event, and with the loan of a 4th team member from C/2/197th (Spc. Bryan Donisi), we placed a respectable 4th in the team standings.

The competition included a course of fire with the M-16-A2 and the M-9. The 300 yard M-16 range included timed exposure targets fired on from several different positions and ranges. The M-9 range included timed firing at multiple targets from the 15 yard range.

This is the first year of competition for the new Air National Guard marksmanship team. We have been trying to practice, alongside the Army Guard, once a month at the Devens RFTA ranges since last April. Finding time to practice on the weekends around deployments and other commitments has been a challenge. Next year we hope to take better advantage of the weapons range at Pease for practice. The Army small arms team has been extremely helpful, letting us use their weapons and ammo while we were getting our team started.

This is a great way to enhance your combat skills and weapon familiarization well beyond the annual weapons qualification. We are in need of additional members to round out our current team and to perhaps form separate squadron or flight level teams.

If you enjoy shooting, and want to get a team together from your flight or squadron, this is a great opportunity to get some valuable combat skills training.

For more information about the team, contact Maj. Russ Morin at 603-885-5713 or russell.f.morin@baesystems.com.



Center: Tech. Sgt. Pete Vatistas on the 15 yard M-9 range competing in the anti body armor course of fire.

(NHANG Photo by Maj. Russ Morin.)



Left: Senior Master Sgt. Bill Frament firing from the 300 yard marker on the M-16 range.

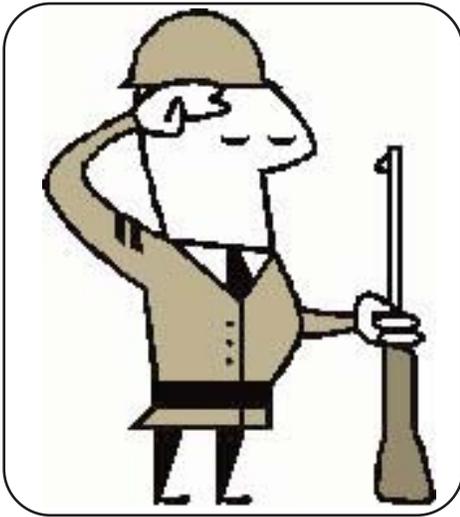
(NHANG Photo by Maj. Russ Morin.)



From Left to Right: Tech. Sgt. Pete Vatistas, Senior Master Sgt. Bill Frament and Maj. Russ Morin at Devens RFTA.

(NHANG Photo)

Military Courtesy and Appearance - The History of the Salute



The salute has its origin in another time, when kings ruled, knights wore armor, and courtly manners flourished. It was the Age of Chivalry. The etiquette of the day dictated that, should two friendly knights meet, each would raise the visor of his helmet, show his face, and pay proper respect to the other. Since both knights were completely clad in steel, they could recognize each other as friend or foe by the distinctive emblems and devices on their armor - another custom that still lives. Etiquette also decreed that the knights salute with their right hands. The right hand was the sword hand; raising it was a sign of trust. Even after modern firearms had made steel armor a thing of the past, the knightly gesture of raising the right hand continued to be recognized as the proper greeting between soldiers.

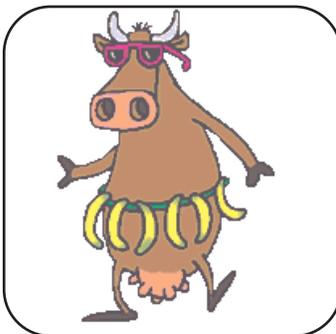
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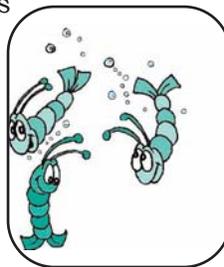
Saturday

- Barbecued Pork Loin
- Buttered Noodles
- Garden Peas
- Scalloped Apples
- Grilled Cheese
- Snack Chips
- Pickles
- Salad Bar
- Chicken
- Rice Soup
- Asst Cream Pies
- Jello
- Asst Milk, cold beverages and fruit



Sunday

- Shrimp Creole
- New Orleans Rice
- Fried Okra
- Whole Kernel Corn
- Grilled Burgers and Hot Dogs
- Fried Onion Rings
- Salad Bar
- French Onion Soup
- Chocolate Brownies
- Jello
- Asst Milk, cold beverages and fruit



Note: Menu Subject to change without notice. Exact change is always appreciated.

Military Ball Update

This years New Hampshire Military Ball will be held on Saturday Oct. 23, 2004 at the Radisson Hotel, Center of New Hampshire. Social hour starts at 5:30 p.m. followed by the posting of the colors at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:30 p.m. "The 39th Army Band" will provide music. Dinner will be a choice of Boston baked haddock or the Center chicken. Military members should wear dress blues, formal dress greens or proper civilian attire. For tickets and more information contact Bonnie Rice at x3545 or watch the Family Support folder in Public Folders.