

All MOPPed Up!



4,3,2,1...

Unit members demonstrating the spectrum of MOPP levels during the August ATSO (Ability to Survive and Operate) Exercise. Left to right: Maj. John Pogorek, 1st Lt. Nelson Perron, Capt. Dereck Rogers, and Maj. Sean Mooney. (NHANG Photo By Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniss)

Commander's Column

By Chief Master Sgt. William F. Houghton



First, let me thank Col Martell for giving me the opportunity to write this month's column.

I have been very fortunate for the last six years to represent you as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM). What an honor it has been to attend all of the functions in your squadrons. I have made many new friends over that time. Many things have changed over the six years.

The ANG as we knew it does not exist today. Through all of the mobilizations, exercises and training, you have continually met the challenges. This dedication has not only encouraged me but also challenged me to ensure that the enlisted issues were heard, not only at the state level but also the national level.

You all have kept me focused on your issues and for that I thank you. My thanks also to Maj. Gen. Blair, Brig. Gen. Liguori, Brig. Gen. Smith and Col. Sears who have fully supported me. They are very concerned and interested in the Enlisted issues in the NHANG and this has made it very easy for me to do my job. You cannot do this job without that kind of leadership.

Over the past six years there have been many enlisted initiatives that I have had an opportunity to take part in. The Exceptional Promotion Program (EPP), the T-Float Program, the Performance Feedback Program, the Mentoring Program and the Enlisted Grades Redistribution Policy. All of these programs have had an impact within the State and the Wing.

The last thought I'd like to leave you with is to make sure that your PME is completed when eligible. All of the programs above are tied to PME in one way or another. In order to take advantage of the programs that are developed at any level, you must have PME completed. So if there is one thing that I can leave you with it's to have your PME completed as soon as you can. It will not only put you in a position to take advantage of those programs, but it will also make you a better Airman.

I'd like to close by congratulating both Chief Master Sgt. Eaton and Chief Master Sgt. Nadeau on their selections as Wing and State CCM. I'm sure that they will do a great job for the enlisted force in NH and that you will welcome them as you did me. I look forward to working with both of them.

Again, thank you for allowing me to borrow the position of the State CCM and representing you at the national level. This is truly the greatest job in the US Air Force.

Military Courtesy and Appearance

Did you know?

That the flightline is the only authorized "no-hat" area on the base?

Or, that if your boots look like they've been rubbed with a chocolate bar it's probably time to break out the shoe polish?

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Time Warp – Military Ball



Whether it's the 1950's or the 21st century, the Military Ball means a great night of dining and dancing for Guard members and their dates.

(Photos courtesy of NHANG)



Don't miss this years' Ball on Oct. 23rd at the Center of New Hampshire in Manchester. Tickets will be available beginning Sept. 1st. Uniform is mess dress or semi-formal for military members; civilians should wear formal evening attire. For more information contact Bonnie Rice at x3545 or watch the Family Support folder in Public Folders.

Donating More Than Just Time

By Col. Mike Horne

Most people hear about donating blood, i.e., that you can donate blood every eight weeks or 6 times a year; the pint of whole blood can later be broken down into smaller units of red cells, plasma, and platelets which can go to different people in need. And most donors donate whole blood.....

HOWEVER, most people don't know about "pheresis" or the process of donating platelets and plasma. A process allowing more donations - one to three times a month or up to 24 times a year! You can increase the frequency you donate and help friends and neighbors in need! Interested? Read on....

1) The donation takes about 2 - 2 1/2 hours. (I look forward to

my visits every few weeks to the Manchester, NH blood center - swapping stories with the staff, watching a movie during the donation, and just feel really good about helping a few of the many people who need platelets or plasma.)

2) The pool of donors at the Greater Manchester Red Cross Blood Center is about 500 donors who donated 6,000 units of platelets and 800 units of frozen plasma last year.

3) Platelet donations are collected by a few organizations, one being the American Red Cross. The Red Cross has blood centers in Manchester, NH, Portland, ME, and Danvers, Dedham, Worcester, Springfield, Braintree, Boston and Middleboro MA. Other donation

centers are: Brigham and Women's Hospital Blood Donor Center, Dana-Farber Institute, Childrens Hospital, Mass General Hospital - Boston; Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, Lebanon, NH; Maine Blood Center, Scarborough, ME, etc.

The need for platelets has grown. HOWEVER - the donor pool has not been growing. That's one reason I'm writing this article! PLEASE go sign-up and become a platelet donor! Donation criteria (questions asked) is similar to donating blood.

Platelet donations are needed by people being treated for cancer (6-8 units "daily" for

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Family Program Updates

By Bonnie Rice, Family Program Coordinator



FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

We will begin a regularly scheduled support group gathering for families of our deployed members the second Wednesday of each month. Our gatherings will begin Sept. 8, 2004 at 6 p.m. at Pease Air National Guard Base. The number of families that are planning to attend will determine the location. All families of deployed members are encouraged to attend. If you are interested in attending these meetings please RSVP to Bonnie Rice (ASAP) at (603)-430-3545 so the location and 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 for these meetings will include an ice-breaker for families to get to know one another, snacks, conversations, and possibly guest speakers.

Please call the Family Readiness Office for further information.

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's received, remember to have yourself added to our email-mailing list.

MILITARY DISCOUNT INFORMATION

Military Mondays

On the "Welcome to New Hampshire" website, a link has been established to "Support Our Troops". Please check out the latest addition to the "Welcome to New Hampshire" Website: "Military Mondays".

"New Hampshire's service men and women deserve our thanks and appreciation. Military Mondays is a way that we can show the military and their families that we are truly grateful for the sacrifices they have made to keep our country secure. We are asking restaurant owners to help us show our gratitude by providing the military and their families free or discounted specials."

Many local restaurants are offering discounts and offers for military members. Participating MILITARY MONDAY Restaurants are listed at the following address: 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@operationthankyou.com

You can also encourage restaurants that you visit to join the program, the info for them to present an offer is also available on the website. If you do not own a restaurant, but still want

to help? Sponsor a dining card for the troops and their families. \$5, \$10, or \$15 towards a dining card will help show your support. Contact one of the participating restaurants for details.

YOUTH INFORMATION

With the new school year fast approaching, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service wants to remind its customers that America's best selling brand of school uniforms, French Toast, is available at the All-Services Exchange Online Store, at www.aafes.com, www.usmc.mccs.org, www.navy-nex.com, and cg-exchange.com.

AIR FORCE ONE SOURCE INFO

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“SUPPORT OUR TROOPS” RALLY

By Bonnie Rice

Families and military members from all branches of military service turned out for the “Support Our Troops” Rally held at the State House in Concord on June 25th. Honor Guards representing each branch of the Service participated in the opening and closing ceremonies.

The concept for the event came from Bob Hodges, Chief of Protective Services for the Legislature. Bob Hodges currently has a son deployed to Iraq and felt that there was a lot of negative coverage of the situation there and wanted to do something that would garner positive press. The rally resulting from his idea showed strong support for our deployed military members as well as for their loved ones left behind.

Spec. Gerard A. Lamson (Bravo Battery, 2nd Battalion, 197th Field Artillery, NHARNG), wounded in Iraq, receives his Purple Heart from Governor Craig Benson. (NHANG Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finnis)



Showing their pride in the guard, families and members gather at the State House during the June rally. (NHANG Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finnis)



Menu

Saturday

- Baked Ham
- Smashed Red Bliss Potatoes
- Baked Beans & Broccoli Florets
- Baked Macaroni and Cheese
- Jalapeno Poppers
- Salad Bar & Dinner Rolls
- Tomato Bouillon Soup
- Blueberry Crisp & Jello
- Asst. Fresh Fruit



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

Sunday

- Bacon Wrap Meatloaf w/ Brown Gravy
- Oven Brownd Potatoes
- Steamed Carrots & Whole Kernel Corn
- Grilled Frankfurters & Fried Chicken
- Salad Bar & Dinner Rolls
- Cream of Mushroom Soup
- Baked Apples & Jello
- Asst. Fresh Fruit





Tech. Sgt. Beverly Wallace practices her camouflaging skills. (NHANG Photo by Airman 1st Class Lindsey Watson-Kirwin)

UPAR Highlight

By Airman 1st Class Lindsey Watson-Kirwin

Tech. Sgt. Beverly Wallace is one of three Unit Public Affairs Representatives for Logistics. Wallace is a supply management craftsmen and a full time technician in stock control. She is located in building 262 room 104 A. Wallace was also NCO of the year in 2000.

Wallace has been in the Air Force for 12 years, eight of which have been here at Pease. Tech. Sgt. Beverly Wallace became a UPAR just about a year ago. Wallace also volunteers her time for the Cocheco Valley Humane Society, the Family Support Group, the Combined Federal Campaign, the Supply Squadron Activities Committee and the LRS NCO Council.

Wallace recently moved to Rochester with her husband Vinton Wallace. They have three children: Nicholas, 10, Jordan, 10 and Kaitlin, 6 months. Vinton, who is a K9 officer for the NH Highway Patrol, use to be a member of security forces.

One thing Wallace would like people to know is "I have transitioned on from clothing issue; so don't ask me where your boots are anymore. I haven't worked in clothing issue in almost two years."

Clinic News

By Senior Airman Lyndsey T. Hooper

The Clinic has officially become a Group. Welcome Dr. (Maj.) Christopher Cieurzo, who joins the clinic from the active duty Navy.

Best Wishes to 2nd Lt. Steve Holleque and Maj. Jane Ridky. 2nd Lt. Holleque is leaving the clinic to persue a position as a Maint. Officer across base. And Maj. Ridky leaves the NHANG to take a position in the Maine Air National Guard at State Headquarters in Homeland Defense. Good Luck to you both.

And it's off to Qatar for four months for Maj. Stephanie Riley and Senior Airman Lyndsey Hooper who have been working full time in the clinic for over a year and have volunteered to go overseas for support. They leave in September and we look forward to their safe return.

Life in the LRS

By Tech. Sgt. Beverly 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.

Our first article features Maj. Christopher W. Hurley. He is the full-time Operations Officer in the LRS and is currently filling in as the Logistics Squadron Commander while Maj. Michael J. Mawson is deployed overseas.

Maj. Chris Hurley has served in the military for 19 years and has been stationed at Lowry, Randolph, Ramstein, Travis and the NHANG. He is originally from Winthrop, Mass., just outside of Boston.

Maj. Hurley joined the NHANG because he wanted to continue serving after he left the active duty world. "The NHANG always had such a good reputation, so I knew it would be the right choice," said Maj. Hurley. His current duties include supervising the day-to-day operations of the LRS, which include managing Fuels, Transportation, and Supply.

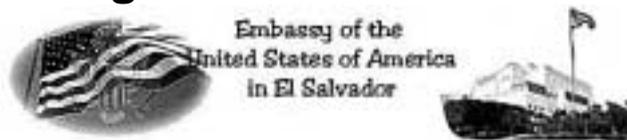
When asked what question he hears the most, Maj. Hurley stated with a smile, "When will I get my boots?" Working with such diverse personalities and meeting so many interesting people are two of the things he enjoys about his current job.

Maj. Hurley's most memorable moment since he joined to military was climbing the pyramids in Egypt.

Major Hurley's office is located in room 102C of building 262. And he can be reached at 430-2444. Please contact him if you have any problems concerning the Logistics Readiness Squadron.



State Partnership Program with El Salvador? Tell Me More...



Recent articles in the REFUELER concerning the State Partnership Program and our relationship with El Salvador have generated a lot of questions from people who want to know more about it. Here are some of the more common FAQs.

What is the State Partnership Program (SPP)?

A program of cooperation between a foreign country's Ministry of Defense and a State National Guard. Almost every state has a partner country. The countries participating in the SPP are lesser developed allies. For example, newer countries such as those that came into being with the breakup of the Soviet Union and more established countries that have short histories as democracies.

SPP sounds like a diplomatic mission. Why is SPP a National Guard Program? The program is primarily a military-to-military program. Militaries of smaller countries are comparable in size to State National Guards. Another similarity that makes the SPP appropriate as a National Guard program is the continuity of personnel. This gives the opportunity to establish long-term relationships between leaders and those people who will become leaders. This is a distinct advantage that the National Guard has over active duty where the rotation of personnel inhibits establishing these relationships.

So SPP is a military-to-military program only? For the majority of states, yes. But here in New Hampshire we've significantly expanded the program. There are 3 aspects of the NHNG SPP: military-to-military, government-to-government and business-to-business. Under our program, we've sponsored visits to El

Salvador by state and civic leaders, educators, researchers as well as military personnel. Reciprocal visits by El Salvadorans have taken place throughout the State.

Why El Salvador as a partner? El Salvador is a most appropriate partner for the NHNG. The country is of comparative size to NH geographically. population is about 6 million and military numbers 17,000. Of the Hispanic population in the US, El Salvador ranks 3rd behind Mexico and Cuba. And here in NH, as well as the rest of the United States, the Salvadoran population is growing as a percentage of the immigrant population.



Is this a program that's nothing more than foreign aid in disguise? Is this an "all give and no take" program?

Absolutely not! A good example is a recent SPP trip to El Salvador by our bioenvironmental department at Pease along with a team from UNH. Because of the incidence of earthquakes in El Salvador, they are a leader in seismographic detection and emergency response to natural disaster. Information picked up in these visits is being implemented here in New Hampshire.

NH Police K-9 Officers have visited twice and report that the El Salvadorans have taught them many new techniques of how to utilize their dogs in drug detection.

But what about the military side? What can the NHNG gain in that arena? El Salvador is a country that was at Civil War from 1980 to 1992. It was a devastating revolution fought in guerilla, terrorist style. Every member of the El Salvadoran Armed Forces that has over 12 years experience is a combat veteran. Events that transpired in El Salvador from 1980-1992 are being repeated right now in Afghanistan and Iraq, places where NHNG members are now serving. The Army National Guard has visited El Salvador a couple of times to observe Salvadoran training.

The focus right now is on the commitment in Iraq. How does the State Partnership Program fit in with the primary military role - war fighting?

As we speak, over 900 members of the NHNG are in Iraq supporting that important mission and most all programs, to include SPP, will be supported as resources allow. Interestingly, SPP activity level has never been higher and is proving to be a robust program that does not draw resources from other programs. By the way, El Salvador is the only other country in this hemisphere that still has troops supporting us in Iraq. 380 of them are presently in Iraq under the command of the Polish Armed Forces.

What SPP activities will be taking place in the near future? In July we had a visit-

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ATSO In Action; Prep



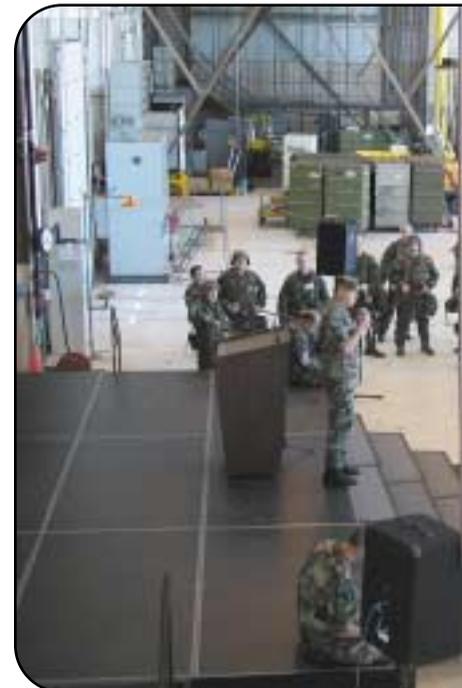
“I’ve fallen and I can’t get up!”
No, Senior Airman Michael Toth of the Vehicle Operations Flight didn’t really fall down, he’s just focused on getting his gas mask on. (NHANG Photo by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Psaladakis)



“Apply direct pressure!”
Unit members learn self-aid and buddy care at station training during the August UTA. (NHANG Photo by Senior Airman Curt Lenz)



On Guard.
Security Forces members secure the gate and keep an eye on protestors during the August UTA. (NHANG Photo by Tech. Sgt. Timothy Psaladakis.)



“MOPP 4 is fun!” Senior Master Sgt. Brenda Blonigen shows that even ATSO training can make you laugh. (NHANG photo by Capt. Bill Davis)



Master Sgt. Mike Daggett’s attempt at “office camouflage” didn’t go over so well with Col. Martell who remarked “That isn’t exactly what I had in mind for this exercise Mister Daggett.” Needless to say, Master Sgt. Daggett immediately transformed his attire. (NHANG Photo by Capt. Bill Davis)



Preparing for Volk Field



“Was I supposed to take the jacket off before the gloves?” (NHANG Photo by Tech Sgt. Timothy Psaledakis)

Despite his menacing scowl and mighty Nextel phone, Master Sgt. Dan Yoder remained calm in the face of vigorous protests at the main gate.

(NHANG Photo by Tech. Sgt. Tim Psaledakis)



Col. Richard Martell briefs participants on the days' exercise and safety concerns.

(NHANG Photo by Capt. Bill Davis)



Security force members in MOPP 4 sweep the quad area adjacent to the flight line during a mock missile attack.

(NHANG Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniss)

Throngs of protestors, vaguely resembling members of Student Flight, created a major disturbance outside the main gate.

(NHANG Photo Tech. Sgt. Timothy Psaledakis)



NHANG traditional person of the quarter

By Master Sgt. Norma Long

Promotions



Maj. Todd Swass presents Tech. Sgt. John Capsalis with the NHANG Traditional Guardsman of the Quarter Award. (NHANG Photo by Staff Sgt. Dawn Finniess)

Please congratulate Tech. Sgt. John Capsalis of the 157th Aircraft Generation Squadron for the 3rd Quarter Award Winner of the NHANG Traditional Guard Person of the Quarter. Honorable Mention goes to: Senior Airman Jason Veziris (OG), Tech. Sgt. Rodney Venable (CES), Tech. Sgt. Michael Chisholm and Staff. Sgt. Pam Clements (MXS). Thank you to the individuals who took the time to submit the above individuals. Tech. Sgt. Capsalis has his own special parking spot and receives \$50.00 from the AF Sergeant Association. Next nominations will be in the month of September!!!

Airman First Class

Levi Nickerson
Nicholas J. Stack

Senior Airman

Benjamin M. Bascom

Staff Sergeant

Bradley A. Bogue
Eugene H.V. Clark

Technical Sergeant

Jodi Bragdon
James J.J. Carrabba
John J. Bober
Jodi L. Bragdon
Robert C. Saye

Master Sergeant

Stuart Ernst
Tracy W. Lantz
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Chief Master Sergeant

Kelly R. Philbrick

First Lieutenant

Kenneth V. Leedberg

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ing delegation that observed vehicle maintenance practices at armories throughout the state as well as Concord and at Pease. At the end of August we welcomed a group of Salvadoran officials responsible for Incident Response. Heading that delegation was the Chief of the Fire Department for San Salvador, the capital city of over 1 million population. He shared his experiences of responding to two 7-level Richter scale earthquakes within

a one-month period to Fire Chiefs and other officials here in NH. FY05 has 10 visits on the agenda now, with hopefully more to be added as we get into the year. Topics include Military Assistance to Civilian Authorities, Medical exchanges, aircraft maintenance, Stan Eval practices and more.

Do the El Salvadorans speak English? Some do. Certainly the percentage of bilingual English-Spanish speakers is higher in the El Salvadoran mili-

tary than in the New Hampshire National Guard. But we're working on that. In next month's REFUELER, we'll talk about the NHNG's Spanish Language Training Program.

If you have a question or are interested in participating in the SPP, contact the Coordinator of the SPP, Mike Sandock at Michael.Sandock@nh.ngb.army.mil, DSN 684-9111 X4628, com-m'l 228-1135 X4628, Lt. Col. Nicole Bixler x3322 or Captain Bill Davis x3537.

Beware Spyware and Adware



By Senior
Master Sgt.
Wayne Dyer

What is spyware and adware? Spyware is seemingly useful software that is installed on your computer that will

observe actions, gather information such as what web sites you visit and your surfing habits. Spyware will send this information back to its main server. Adware receives ads as images or as multimedia files. Adware can include components, which will spy on your actions. These features are installed on your computer, without your permission, we call this sneakware.

How do I get infected with spyware and/or adware? There are several ways you can be infected. The most common ways are: through file sharing programs such as KaZaa or iMesh, through "freeware" like AudioGalaxy, Weather Bug, or GoZilla, and through those annoying automatic installs that take advantage of Internet Explorers ActiveX controls by using an executable code through a banner or a pop-up ad that appears while you are surf-

ing. In some cases you are prompted to except the install through a window which looks a lot like your standard Microsoft window asking to except a particular plug-in (always read it before you click it) and in some cases they will install silently without your knowledge.

There are many software applications out there that will help you look for these types of files on your computer such as Lavasoft or Ad-Aware. These applications scan your file structure and the registry looking for spyware and adware. You will be given the file name and location and in some cases the site from which you received it.

You will be given two options, either quarantine or remove the files.

Beware if you use some of those nice free applications for example weatherbug or KaZaa, gator just to mention a few, removing these types of files may prohibit them from functioning.

Other means of protecting your system from and finding spyware\adware are:

1. Setup and configure a good firewall application. These

will allow you to monitor the incoming and out going connections your computer makes. There are a few good freeware applications out there, but I recommend purchasing one. Remember there is a reason why it's free.

2. Check your system to see what processes are running, viewing your task manager can do this. You may see something that definitely looks out of place not to mention it's using a lot of your computers processing capabilities.

3. Check your computer weekly. Look in places such as the startup folder, the registry, and msconfig. While you're doing this take the time to run other system maintenance applications such as defragmentation, error-checking, and disk clean up. A clean computer is a happy computer.

4. One of the most important measures is self control! We have a saying in the Information Assurance office "Just because you can doesn't mean you should". Stop downloading all those new neat free applications. Good computer security starts with you! For more information contact your Information Assurance office, Senior Master Sgt. Wayne Dyer or Staff Sgt. Adam Hughes.



Want to find the Refueler online? Want to look at a past issue?

Here are three quick ways to make it happen:

The hyperlink at the bottom of the unit webpage
www.nhpeas.ang.af.mil

or directly at

<http://www.nhpeas.ang.af.mil/PA/PAREfuelerarchives.htm>

or using the link in the left hand column of Peasenet

Also, a mini Refueler will be posted ONLY online before the first October drill. A full size Refueler will come out by mail prior to the second October Drill. There will not be a November Refueler because the second October drill and the November drill are back to back.



People Poll: So, what do you think about the Refueler?

(NHANG Photos by Senior Airman Brenda Dillon)



"Last month's issue looked great, the graphics help draw attention to special columns." - Maj. Thomas Moon

"Last month's article on the convoy was my favorite." "I like the pictures." - Maj. Shawn Burrus



"I like Guard Talk because I've been in the unit so long." - Tech. Sgt. John Bober

"The pictures are better." - Staff Sgt. Jeremy Cox

For this month's "People Poll" we decided to turn the spotlight on ourselves. On Saturday of the August UTA, we asked unit members in the dining hall what they thought about the Refueler. We got a lot of feedback, most of it good, but also some criticism. There were some common themes; many of you liked the additional color photos and glossy paper and several people said they'd like to see more coverage of their section in the paper. Senior Master Sgt. Morgan's Guard Talk and the Menu are perennial favorites among the readership.



"It took me about a year to get it delivered to my house." "It's interesting to read about what's going on in other sections." - Staff Sgt. James Carrabba.

"Some of the things it looks like you stretch for." - Master Sgt. Paul Frohn



"I like the color photos." Capt. David Erb

"We spend too much (on the Refueler)" "If we cut the glossy paper and color photos we could spend the savings on things we need more." "I think online would be a great way to go." - Tech. Sgt. Stan Norton

"I think it's larger, prettier." "I don't think that all the outside organizations we mail it to need them." - Tech. Sgt. Lucinda Erwin

From the Diversity Corner:

By Senior Master Sgt. Valerie R. Morgan
Wing Human Resources Advisor



SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

2004 Theme - Hispanic Americans Making a Difference in our Communities and Our Nation

National Hispanic Heritage Month commences on Sept. 15, which is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries –Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico achieved independence on Sept. 16, and Chile on Sept. 18.

Hispanic heritage in the United States goes back to the Spanish conquistadors who explored and established settlement in the Southern and Southwestern parts of the U.S. long before the English came to America. Their contributions in culinary art, music, and political leadership are significant, as well as their Nobel Prize winning achievements in physics and chemistry. More than 35 million people identified themselves as Hispanic or

Latino on the 2000 Census, and a recent poll suggests that 12.5 % of the population in the United States is Hispanic.

By exploring the richness and beauty of the Hispanic heritage, we are able to see another demonstration of how America derives its strength and success from its diversity.

Did you know? In conjunction with the N.H. State Partnership Program with the country of El Salvador, the New Hampshire National Guard conducts Spanish Language classes for interested Air and Army members. For the past four years, several Air and Army personnel have been enrolled in these classes to support this program. Be sure to read next month's "Granite State Refueler" for more information on how to apply for enrollment in the upcoming class starting in January.

(Source for the above is the National Hispanic Heritage Month Web Site)

Rambling With the Retirees

By Julia Lightner-Fredyma, Senior Master Sgt., Retired

This summer certainly has brought about many changes to everyone's schedule, I'm sure, and flexibility remains a key to surviving the times. For example, the extensive activity level of the Wing during the month of June made it necessary for them to reschedule the Annual Retiree Homecoming Picnic to August 17th. Not a problem. Looking into my "Rambling with the Retirees" crystal ball, I predicted the August event to be just as well attended and exciting as usual. It's always such a pleasure to meet old friends again and catch up on the times since we last spoke.

However, I also predict that since we just gathered ourselves for the picnic, there will be little benefit for the few of us to meet on the September UTA. Therefore, we will NOT meet on Sept. 11th and will plan to gather accordingly on Sunday, Dec. 5th

for the Annual Commander's Call/Year in Review (depending of course on the Wing schedule and weather). Please remember, that the best way to stay informed of all the many retiree issues is by making sure that (1) Doug Murphy has your current email address; and (2) Senior Airman Coletti has your current mailing address for the Refueler. Even more important: Think DEERS and call or visit the Personnel Office at the first sign of any address or eligibility changes you need to make.

TO CONTACT US:
Email address changes: Doug Murphy (MSgt) at Murph-D@comcast.net (235 Rosedale Ave, Manchester, NH 03103-6440, 603/625-8803).
Refueler address changes: Senior Airman Cathy Coletti, NCOIC, Personnel Relocations, 157 MSF/DPMAR, 302 Newmarket Street, Pease ANGB,

NH 03803-0157; DSN: 852-2477 (COM: 603/430-2477); FAX: DSN:852-2456 COM:603/430-2456;
cathy.coletti@nhpeas.ang.af.mil.



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2-4 weeks), liver transplants (10 units), open-heart surgery (1-10 units), leukemia (6-8 units "daily" for 2-4 weeks), bone marrow transplant (6-8 units "daily" for 4-6 weeks).

For more information or to start the sign-up process and become a platelet donor at the Manchester, NH center, call 1-800-262-2660 and ask for the Pheresis Dept. Or call me at 603-540-9608.

Recruiter Rap

By Senior Master Sgt. Shannon Tolley, 157 ARW Recruiting

Recruiting Quote of the month:

"Good leaders make people feel that they're at the very heart of things, not at the periphery. Everyone feels that he or she makes a difference to the success of the organization. When that happens people feel centered and the gives their work meaning."

- Warren Bennis

Our Newest Members!!! Give a big NH Welcome to these folks!

SFS

Airman 1st Class Michelle Flynn

MDS

Maj Christopher Cieurzo

Staff Sergeant Kelly Boyer

MXS

Airman 1st Class Kevin Court

Airman 1st Class Eric Krans

AMXS

Airman 1st Class Steve Kawonczyk

Airman 1st Class John Michniewicz

Staff Sergeant William White

Staff Sergeant Andre McMullen

ATC

Senior Airman David Gregory

Master Sergeant Derek Healey

Airman 1st Class Eric Stephens

OSF

Airman 1st Class Kimberly Frank

*** Our Honorary Recruiter for the month is Mark Long (STHQ)**

Recruiting's Public Service Quick Tip: Cold Tea is a great food for houseplants!

As we come to the end of the fiscal year, I wish to THANK everyone who has assisted in our recruiting efforts. Either by helping at a public event, going that extra mile for new enlistees or referring a name to our office. You have heard this a million times, but I shall say it once more. WE CANNOT DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

A few months ago, I put out a call for creative minds to submit their vision/artwork for the new RECRUITING VAN wrap. Well, Staff Sgt. Mark Houle and Tech. Sgt. Robert Peach will be proud when their design (and names) have been incorporated into the design! YO' PICASSO! Have you received your new "GET OUT OF DRILL FREE CARDS"? If not, stop by the recruiting office to see a recruiter. They can set you up.

**OUR RECRUITING TEAM -
1-800-257-9368**

Community College of the Air Force

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Caracoglia

Many of you already know of the Associate of Applied Science Degree program through the Community College of the Air Force (CCAF). CCAF is an accredited college in which the Air Force awards credentials for the training and education airmen receive in their career fields (AFSC), using both military and civilian formal schooling. Are you taking full advantage of this program?

My name is Tech. Sgt. Michael Caracoglia and I am the new CCAF Advisor for the Base Education and Training office here at Pease. I have retrained from the Air Traffic Control career field, and recently graduated from the Education & Training Apprenticeship course. I am looking forward to helping you obtain your CCAF degree. As the new person in the Education office, I am still in the process of learning all of the ins and outs of the CCAF program, but I will still have the experience of the other members of the office and contacts at CCAF at Maxwell AFB to guide me. I assure you that I will make every effort to help you earn your degree.

Many of you may be eligible for your CCAF degree right now! If you've already earned your Associates or Bachelors degree, have completed technical school and upgrade training, or are a prior CCAF degree graduate who has re-trained, come and talk with me! The best part of CCAF is that it's relatively cost free! Your civilian college credits will more than likely transfer and the military credits you have completed through basic and technical schools are already in the CCAF system. All you may need to do is fill out the appropriate paperwork (most of it's online now) to request transcripts. The degree is just within your reach, but I need your help and effort to start this process

If you're currently enrolled in a civilian college degree program, you might be eligible for a CCAF degree now or in the near future. You may want to contact me to align your CCAF degree requirements with your college courses. If you have yet to attend college or have only completed a few courses and are wondering what it takes to obtain your CCAF degree, contact me. We can discuss your situation and come up with a plan that will continue your process of obtaining a CCAF degree.

Please call or e-mail me to make an education appointment for the next UTA! You can reach me at michael.caracoglia@nhpeas.af.mil, or by calling 430-3511. My office is located in Bldg 145 room 210. I look forward to seeing you and assisting you in obtaining your CCAF degree.



Guard Talk

by Senior Master Sgt. Valerie Morgan
Wing Human Resources Advisor

Guard Talk welcomes your submissions. If you have something interesting or a special event that you'd like to share, please give me a call at tel: (603) 430-3151, fax: 430-2456 or drop a line to 157 ARW/HRA,

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- Our congratulations go out to **Lisa Landry** (Former ARW) and **Craig Hersom** (Former MXS) who exchanged wedding vows on June 6 at a ceremony that took place at the Gowens Gazebo in Sanford, Maine. A reception for 100 guests followed at the American Legion Post 3 in Sanford with catering by the Muddy River Smokehouse. Members from the 157th who attended included **Col Dick Martell** (CC), **Col Carol Protzmann** (CV), **Michelle Lebel** (CCA), and **Roger Landry** (Ret RRS). Lisa is currently working full-time for Methodist College in Fayetteville, N.C. where she is also a part-time student. Craig is assigned to Pope Air Force Base as a crew chief on A-10's. Lisa formerly served as the Commander's Administrative Assistant for the NHANG, and Craig served in the Metals Technology Shop in Maintenance.
- Kudos to **Matt Kimball**, 13, son of **Rick Kimball** (SFS), and **Nick Lantz**, 13, son of **Kathy Davis** (LRS) and **Tracy Lantz** (MSF),

players for SUR Construction Babe Ruth League, for winning the Dover Babe Ruth Crown this summer at Dunaway Field. They beat Dover Police 13-2 to win the championship in six innings. Matt attended Dover Middle School and is now an 8th grade student at Barrington Middle School. Nick is an 8th grade student at Dover Middle School. Both boys are currently in fall football programs for Dover Little Green and Seacoast Titans.

- Warmest wishes are extended to **Debbie** and **George Webb** (CF) on the birth of their daughter, **Aili Elizabeth**, who arrived on June 5 at 8:03 a.m. Baby Aili weighed in at 8 lbs 7 oz and measured 21 ¼ inches long. Aili has a big brother, **Cameron**, 4, who loves having a little sister. Debbie is a stay-at-home Mom. George is a full-time Communications Computer System Operations Apprentice in the Communications Flight.
- Please welcome **Julia Rayne**, newborn baby daughter of

Shelley and Nelson Abreu (OPS) who came into the world on June 7 at 11:30 p.m. Baby Julia weighed in at 7 lbs 8 oz and measured 19 ½ inches long. She is the couple's first child. Shelley is a tech writer for Cape Air Airline. Nelson is a pilot currently serving on an active duty tour in Operations. The family resides in Stoughton, Mass.

- Warmest wishes are extended to **James** and **Alyn Theriault** (MDS) on the birth of their first child, a daughter, **Madalyn Jane**, who arrived on June 19 at 9:47 p.m. Alyn is employed full-time as a critical care nurse in the emergency department at Southern NH Medical Center. James is a merchandiser for Market Basket. By the way, baby Madalyn was delivered by **Dr. David Stevenson** (MDS) who is a flight surgeon in the Medical Squadron.
- Congratulations to **Patricia** and **Daniel Jancsy** (SFS) on the birth of baby daughter, **Hilary Frances**, who was born on June 25 at 8:03 a.m. Baby Hilary weighed in at a bouncing 10 lbs and measured 22 inches long. She joins big sister, **Amy**, who is 2 ½ years old. Mom and Dad tell us that Amy loves her new little sister dearly. Patricia is a full-time Mom. Dan is a full-time AGR in the Security Forces Squadron.

**THAT'S ALL FOR
THIS TIME, FOLKS!
SEE YOU IN OCTOBER!**

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