

# The DANG TRUTH

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166th Airlift Wing, Delaware Air National Guard  
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## Del. ANG FY2011 Outstanding Airmen of the Year



**Airman of the Year:**  
Senior Airman  
**Desmond Overton**  
166th Security  
Forces Squadron



**NCO of the Year:**  
Staff Sgt.  
**Jomarr Hatten**  
166th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron



**Senior NCO of the Year:**  
Master Sgt.  
**Samuel Lewis**  
166th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron



**First Sergeant of the Year:**  
Master Sgt.  
**John Young**  
166th Logistics  
Readiness Squadron



**Honor Guard Member of the Year:**  
Staff Sgt.  
**Jeffrey Lee**  
166th Maintenance  
Squadron

*U.S. Air Force photos/Tech. Sgt. Harold Herglotz*

## SBI Duncan Award Recipient for 2011



Senior Airman  
**Ryan Atkinson**  
166th Logistics  
Readiness  
Squadron

Recipient of the  
Colonel S.B.I.  
Duncan 2011  
Leadership Award

### Join Us! Delaware Air Guard Enlisted Recognition Banquet

5:00 p.m., Sat. March 3,  
Deerfield Golf and Tennis  
Club, 507 Thompson Sta-  
tion Road, Newark, Del.

## Colonel took virtual run of the place, loggies to airframes and cyberspace

**By Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey**  
*Wing Public Affairs*

Colonel Daniel Van Wyk, whose mil-  
itary time in the Delaware Air National  
Guard covers nearly 34 years, concludes  
his career during the March UTA.

A lifetime resident of Delaware  
County, Pa., Col. Van Wyk has served  
the community in two roles; in Pennsylv-  
ania as an attorney, and in Delaware,  
across the nation and around the world  
as a Guardsman during times of peace  
and conflict.

His tenure spans the shops of the  
166th Logistics Group and the 166th  
Maintenance Group, from the old hangar  
with the vestiges of our Army Air Force  
roots in World War II, to the 21st Century  
mission of the 166th Network Warfare  
Squadron. It encompasses the airframe  
of the mighty C-130 Hercules, to the tip  
of the byte for cyber operations. He com-  
manded the 166th LG, 166th MXG and



**Colonel Daniel Van Wyk**

166th NWS, and was vice commander of  
the 166th Airlift Wing.

Regularly engaged in his favorite  
lunchtime pastime of jogging through  
the base, Col. Van Wyk was a back in the  
day standout football player at Interboro  
H.S., Pa. He maintained his 'fit for the  
fight' attitude as a way of life before it  
became an Air Force mantra.

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Master  
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## Coming events

**Apr. 28:** DNG All-Ranks Military Ball, Dover Downs  
**June 13:** Unity Day, Delaware National Guard, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., Smyrna Readiness Center

## March UTA events

### March 3, Saturday:

- **PT Testing:** 7:30-9:30 a.m., Wm. Penn H.S.
- **Protestant Services:** 7:45-8:30 a.m., Bldg. 2815, SAT Hangar
- **Catholic Mass:** 8:30-9:30 a.m., Bldg. 2819, SAT Hangar (Small Air Terminal)
- **Top 3 Enlisted Council Mtg.:** 1:00-2:00 p.m., Bldg. 2600, Loeffel Rm.
- **Enlisted Recognition Banquet,** 5:00 p.m., Deerfield Golf and Tennis Club, 507 Thompson Station Road, Newark

### March 4, Sunday:

- **Retirement ceremony:** Col. Dan Van Wyk, 2:30 p.m., Loeffel Room, Wing HQ

## Employer Support rep. on-site Del. ANG Sat. Mar. 3: lunch & HQ

Please stop by to ask a question, gain a resource:

**8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Sat:** Wing HQ Bldg 2600, in Military OneSource office (back hallway)

**11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sat:** Dining Facility lunch

Christine Kubik from Employer Support of the Guard & Reserve (MPSC Contractor) will answer questions on job protections, recognition awards, FMLA, military leave entitlements for family members and employment assistance. To reach Ms. Kubic: office: (302) 326-7582; cell: (302) 354-4423.

## UTA schedule 2012:

04-05 Feb 2012	02-03 Jun 2012
03-04 Mar 2012	14-15 Jul 2012
14-15 Apr 2012	04-05 Aug 2012
05-06 May 2012	15-16 Sep 2012

## Medical field job openings

The Delaware Air Guard is hiring for officer positions in these medical fields:

- **Flight Nurse** (142nd Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron)
- **Emergency Services Physicians** (166th Medical Group)
- **GMO Flight Surgeon** (142nd Airlift Squadron)
- **Internist** (166th MG)
- **Operating Room Nurse** (166th MG)
- **Orthopedic Surgeon** (166th MG)
- **Physician Assistant** (166th MG)
- **Surgeon** (166th MG)
- **Aerospace Medical Specialist** (166th MG)
- **Anesthesiologist** (166th MG)

Link to postings: [http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air\\_officer/](http://www.delaware-nationalguard.com/join/air/air_officer/)

## Delaware Air National Guard FY2013 Annual Honoree Program

Nomination deadline: June 15, 2012.

This annual program recognizes an active, retired or past member, living or deceased, who has made significant contributions to the Del. ANG. Any active or retired member of the Del ANG may nominate an individual who they believe warrants consideration of this honor. Selection criteria based upon the following: a) Significant achievements: military, civilian, community, and heroism; b) High moral standards; c) Continuity of support/service to the DE ANG. Nominations must be in letter format and addressed to Joint Force HQ, Delaware ANG, 2600 Spruance Drive, Corporate Commons, New Castle, DE 19720-1615. POC: CMSgt Knotts, (302) 323-3419/DSN: 445-7419

## DE ANG Recruiting:

1-800-742-6713, 1-866-NOW-DANG, or Local (302 ) 323-3444

## DE ANG Retention:

(302) 323-3413

## Web Resources:

**166AW Air Force Public Web site:**  
[www.166aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.166aw.ang.af.mil)

**166AW Facebook page:**  
[www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing](http://www.facebook.com/166thAirliftWing)

**Public web site, DE National Guard:**  
[www.DelawareNationalGuard.com](http://www.DelawareNationalGuard.com)

**DNG Facebook page:**  
[www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard](http://www.facebook.com/DelawareNationalGuard)

## Editor's note:

This three-page March 2012 issue is available online on our Air Force Public Web site, and publicized on our Facebook page. It is not mailed to current members or retirees, part of a five-year Air Force-wide trend to reduce costs.

## Personnel actions Feb. 2012

### Enlistments:

Senior Airman Mikel C. Helmer, 166 CES  
Airman 1st Class Alexander M. Campbell, 166 MXS  
Airman 1st Class Gabrielle M. Rieker, 166 FSS

### Promotions:

**To Staff Sergeant:**  
Michael A. Daly, 166 SFS  
Brendan S. Wham, 166 AMXS

**To Technical Sergeant:**  
Justin M. Walsh, 166 AMXS

**To Senior Master Sergeant:**  
David S. Webb, 166 SFS

### Retirements:

Colonel Alyson M. Gioia, DEANG HQ  
Senior Master Sgt. Richard L. Rines, 166 LRS

# Thirteen Airmen in 142nd Airlift Squadron recognized for flying hour milestones

by **Tech. Sgt. Benjamin Matwey**  
*166th Airlift Wing Public Affairs*

2/13/2012 - NEW CASTLE, Delaware -- Thirteen Airmen in the 142nd Airlift Squadron, Delaware Air National Guard, part of the 166th Airlift Wing at the New Castle ANG Base, have their flying hour milestones recognized in the Winter 2011/2012 issue of The Mobility Forum, the official publication of the Air Mobility Command, Director of Safety.

The Airmen serve in a variety of positions as flight crew aboard the flying unit's C-130 Hercules transport aircraft, known as the workhorse of the U.S. Air Force. The aircraft is flown around the world, and for nearly 10 years has flown throughout combat zones in Southwest Asia. These 13 Delaware ANG Airmen have flown throughout Iraq and Afghanistan, and to most of the continents on earth in support of both combat and humanitarian relief missions.

## Flying Hour Milestones:

### 142nd Airlift Squadron, New Castle, DE

#### 10,000 Hours:

**Master Sgt. James D. Godby,**  
C-130 Hercules transport instructor loadmaster

#### 5,000 Hours:

**Lt. Col. John L. DiSanto,**  
C-130 Hercules transport pilot

#### 3,500 Hours:

**Lt. Col. Eric B. Longworth,**  
C-130 Hercules transport pilot

**Maj. Keith B. Frister,**  
C-130 Hercules transport pilot and aircraft commander

**Maj. Andrew P. Sides,**  
C-130 Hercules transport pilot

**Senior Master Sgt. Michael S. Murphy,**  
C-130 Hercules transport flight engineer

**Master Sgt. William M. Chakwin,**  
C-130 Hercules transport flight engineer

**Master Sgt. Christopher J. Coarse,**  
C-130 Hercules transport loadmaster

#### 2,500 Hours:

**Maj. Lynn K. Robinson, Jr.,**  
C-130 Hercules transport navigator

**Maj. Steven A. Sheldon,**  
C-130 Hercules transport navigator

**Maj. Jason O. Strickland,**  
C-130 Hercules transport pilot and aircraft commander

**Maj. Christopher S. Strickler,**  
C-130 Hercules transport navigator

**Maj. Eric B. Young,**  
C-130 Hercules transport navigator

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#### 1st Quarter FY2011 - Airmen of the Quarter

Airman: Senior Airman Sean Cohill, 166 AMXS  
NCO: Staff Sgt. Patricia Conroy, 166 CFT  
SR NCO: Master Sgt. Jose Irizarry, 166 MXS

#### 2nd Quarter FY2011 - Airmen of the Quarter

Airman: Senior Airman Desmond Overton, 166 SFS  
NCO: Staff Sgt. Joshua Barnhart, 166 LRS  
SR NCO: Master Sgt. Mark Hilpp, 166 SFS

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#### 3rd Quarter FY2011 - Airmen of the Quarter

Airman: Senior Airman Shirley Hunsiker, 166 LRS  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Jomarr Hatten, 166 LRS  
SR NCO: Senior Master Sgt. Mark Currier, 166 LRS

#### 4th Quarter FY2011 - Airmen of the Quarter

Airman: Airman 1st Class Hannah Glass, 166 FSS  
NCO: Tech. Sgt. Brandie Yankush, 166 LRS  
SR NCO: Master Sgt. Samuel Lewis, 166 LRS