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Remember: Year-End Money is Still Money

It never fails.

There's three months remaining in the fiscal year and expenditures, for a variety of reasons, don't go according to plan, leaving the unit with money to spend.

While this is a good thing – there's a long list of needs that can be addressed with “year-end” funds – problems arise when we get in too big a hurry to spend the money.

Everyone needs to remember that these funds are subject to the same rules and regulations as any other expenditure. This means that there must be a clear rationale for the item or service being purchased and resource managers and contract personnel should be thoroughly involved in the process.

Being an effective and efficient steward of the public's money is a responsibility I take very seriously. If funds cannot be spent in an appropriate manner on a worthwhile project, do not spend it. I have no problem returning money to our higher headquarters.

Active Shooter Exercise

EADS is holding an emergency management/force protection exercise on July 10 focused on the active shooter threat. The need for this training was driven home again last week when a disgruntled soldier, awaiting court-martial at Ft. Bragg,

N.C., shot and killed his commanding officer and wounded another soldier.

While the exercise primarily evaluates Security Forces' response and the actions of our emergency



Col. Dawne Deskins
EADS Commander

management team, it also provides the unit with fundamental do's and don'ts for dealing with an active shooter. Everyone should take the drill seriously and learn the proper protective actions to take.

Great Job!

There are a lot of “attaboys” to hand out in this issue. First, congratulations to Senior Master Sgt. Ed Rojo and Alpha Crew, who won Air National Guard Battle Management Command and Control awards last week. Sgt. Rojo won the Senior NCO category and Alpha Crew, commanded by Lt. Col. Paul Quigley, was crew of the year.

Congrats also to SC for the “outstanding” on the Command Cyber Readiness Inspection. I know many of you in SC – and in other areas of Support and Ops – put in long hours preparing and your diligence paid off. I could not be happier with the results. Thanks again for your hard work and effort.

Special congratulations go to Tech. Sgt. Jason Cheramie of Detachment 1, who has received a Bronze Star for his actions while serving in Afghanistan. Sgt. Cheramie received the medal while at the NCO Academy in June. Thanks to YouTube, you can view a video of Tech. Sgt. Cheramie's Bronze Star presentation on page 5.

The final congratulations this month go to Lt. Col. David “Jolly” Ellingson, our new Det 1 commander, and to Sr. Master Sgt. Maureen Dooley, who has been named EADS new operations superintendent. Congrats to all!

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Dooley Named Superintendent of Operations

Senior Master Sgt. Maureen Dooley has been named Superintendent of Operations, replacing Chief Master Sgt. Paul Cox, who is retiring.

Sgt. Dooley started her military career in 1979 as an aircraft mechanic. Her first assignment was at Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C., where she worked in the 4th Equipment Maintenance Squadron on the F-4E model aircraft and deployed to Ramstein AFB, Germany for temporary duties. Her next assignment was at Tyndall AFB, Fla., where she served with the 325th Equipment Maintenance Squadron as a repair and reclamation/crash recovery specialist, working on F-15C/D and the T-33 aircraft.

Sgt. Dooley then had a break in service while raising her two daughters. During this time she worked as a transient alert specialist, working all aircraft frames in the military inventory. She joined the New York Air National Guard in December of 1995 and was assigned to the then-Northeast Air Defense Sector. Since coming to EADS, she has worked in the 1C5 career field where she has maintained numerous qualifications on the operations floor to include Flight Superintendent.

In addition to being named Operations Superintendent, Dooley has also been selected for the rank of Chief Master Sergeant.



Sr. Master Sgt.
Maureen Dooley

Rome Mayor Joe Fusco Visits EADS



Rome Mayor Joe Fusco, accompanied by local fifth-grader Lindsey Taylor, the winner of Rome's Mayor for a Day contest, toured EADS on June 28. The mayors received a presentation on the ops floor from Lt. Col. David Bartczak and discussed emergency management issues with Master Sgt. Joe Rutherford, EADS ATO/EM. *Photos by Tim Jones*

Senior Master Sgt. Rojo and Alpha Crew Win ANG Command and Control Awards

Eastern Air Defense Sector personnel have won two prestigious Air National Guard operational excellence awards.

Senior Master Sgt. Edward Rojo received the Outstanding Battle Manager Command and Control Award in the Senior Noncommissioned Officer (SNCO) category and EADS Alpha Crew was recognized as 2011's outstanding battle management crew. The National Guard Bureau's Operations Directorate administered the awards program and selected winners in seven categories. The Air National Guard has 106,000 officers and airmen who serve in 89 flying units and 579 support units.

"Winning a national award in an organization as large as the Air National Guard is a tremendous accomplishment and I congratulate Sgt. Rojo and Alpha Crew on their success," said Col. Dawne Deskins, EADS Commander. "Operational awards such as these are especially noteworthy because they recognize the essential work that Sgt. Rojo and Alpha Crew perform day in and day out in defense of our nation and its people."

Sgt. Rojo was recognized for his performance as Assistant Flight Superintendent of Alpha Crew, where he helped supervise 31 enlisted Airmen while maintaining three combat mission crew qualifications. In one rapidly unfolding event in the Washington, D.C. area, Sgt. Rojo's quick action played a key role in ensuring a pilot who had unknowingly violated airspace near the Capitol was directed out of the area without incident. Sgt. Rojo was also recognized for exceptional performance during six separate higher headquarters alert force evaluations.

Alpha Crew earned the award for its flawless performance in support of the North American Aerospace Defense Command's air defense mission and Northern Command's homeland defense mission. The crew monitored air traffic over 1 million square miles of the eastern United States and sorted more than 21,000 flights that appeared as potential tracks of interest or potential airspace violators. In addition, the crew provided air defense for Presidential trips as well as for the last two Space Shuttle launches. The crew's quick action and seamless coordination with other units in response to a pilot who had unknowingly violated airspace in Washington, D.C. was commended by higher headquarters. Alpha crew also received outstanding marks from the NORAD Inspector General team during four alert force evaluations.



Sr. Master Sgt. Edward Rojo



Alpha Crew members posed for this photograph earlier this year. Current members of the crew are: Lt. Col. Paul Quigley, Flight Commander, Lt. Col. Ricardo Rivera, Maj. Thaddeus Stolar, Maj. Kendra Hartery, CF, Senior Master Sgt. Maureen Dooley, Senior Master Sgt. Edward Rojo, Master Sgt. Robert Zecca, Master Sgt. Mark Armitage, Master Sgt. Cathy Masson, Tech. Sgt. Lena Lewis, Tech. Sgt. Keith Barber, Tech. Sgt. Deborah Martin, Tech. Sgt. Justin Bush, Staff Sgt. David Gambier, Staff Sgt. Kevin Ammer, Staff Sgt. Robert Crosby, Staff Sgt. Rory Lawrence, Staff Sgt. Joseph Carey, Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Thornton, Master Sgt. Steven Richmond, Tech. Sgt. Cynthia Bruno, Staff Sgt. Joshua Barrett, Sr. Airman Nicholas Tharrett, Capt. Chris Crumb, Capt. Jeremy Powell, Capt. Bruce Derbyshire, CF, Maj. Gerritt Schutt, Capt. Kelly Williams, Lt. Bonnie Graziano, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Kent, Tech. Sgt. Andrew Preston, Staff Sgt. Vincent St. Ogne, Lt. Gregory Wallace, CF, Tech. Sgt. Amy Blum, Master Sgt. Robert Gates, Tech. Sgt. Daryl Roller, Tech. Sgt. Dave Betti, Tech. Sgt. Frederick Baird, Staff Sgt. John Izyk.

Lt. Col. Ellingson is New Det 1 Commander

Lt. Col. David V. “Jolly” Ellingson has been named EADS Detachment 1 Commander at the Joint Air Defense Operations Center at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling in Washington, D.C.

Lt. Col. Ellingson replaces Lt. Col. Wendel Smith, who became EADS Deputy Commander, Operations in June.

Lt. Col. Ellingson joined the Kansas Air National Guard in 1987. As an NCO, he worked on both the F-4 and F-16 aircraft. In 1992, he was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree from Friends University and was soon commissioned into the position of Weapons Director for the 134th ACS. He graduated from pilot training in 1995 and flew the KC-135. During unit aircraft conversion from the B-1 to the KC-135, he worked in maintenance and operations as both the Chief of Quality Assurance and an instructor pilot.

A senior pilot with more than 2,000 hours in the KC-135, Lt. Col. Ellingson has flown in support of operations Northern Watch, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle, as well as drug interdiction support missions in Central and South America.

Lt. Col. Ellingson’s first tour at the JADOC was in 2005, when he served as the CONR Air Defense Coordinator (CADC) during an Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) tour. He returned to the JADOC in 2006 and has served as CADC, Chief of Maintenance and the Director of Operations.



Lt. Col. David Ellingson



Farewell to Task Force Paladin

A Transfer of Authority ceremony was held on June 20 at the Joint Air Defense Operations Center in Washington, D.C. The ceremony marked the departure of the 263rd ADA Brigade’s command and control element (Task Force Paladin), South Carolina National Guard. The unit was replaced by 174th ADA Brigade (Task Force Grant), Ohio National Guard. As part of the ceremony, Col. Deskins presented a plaque to Col. Richard La Rossa, TF Paladin commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. Van Mullinax. *Photo courtesy of Sr. Airman C.G. Britton, Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling Public Affairs.*

Tech. Sgt. Cheramie Receives Bronze Star



Tech. Sgt. Jason Cheramie of Detachment 1 recently received the Bronze Star for actions taken in Afghanistan in 2010.

[Click here to watch the YouTube video of the ceremony](#)



By Joseph P. Ancone, EADS Safety and Occupational Health Manager

Air Force Chief of Safety Summer Message

“Safety- It’s Personal” is the theme for this year’s Critical Days of Summer safety campaign, which runs from 25 May through 3 Sep 2012. This year’s theme is a reminder that safety is everyone’s responsibility and the decisions we make impact our friends, families and Air Force community.

Summer is a wonderful season to enjoy the great outdoors and warm weather with your friends and family. I urge you to incorporate thoughtful planning in all your activities and get sufficient rest before strenuous events as well as extended road trips. Give some consideration to your personal limits and capabilities and exercise sound judgment. We want every Airman to come home safely at the end of the day.

Every year, we remind you about personal risk management during the Critical Days of Summer ... and for good reason. The majority of Air Force fatalities happen during the summer months and we want this to stop. Even one loss is too many! I encourage you to make safety a priority. Our ever-continuing goal is zero preventable mishaps and fatalities- the Quest for Zero.

Please take an active role in keeping your fellow Airmen safe. Reckless behavior off-duty remains our greatest threat. Be a great wingman, an engaged supervisor and the one who sets the example for safety both on and off duty!

I thank you again for your selfless service to our great nation and have a safe summer.

Maj. Gen. Gregory A. Feest
Air Force Chief of Safety

Boating Requirements for NY State

Boating is a popular form of summer recreation and is governed by numerous regulations and requirements. A more detailed NY State 2012 Boater’s Guide is available at the Safety SharePoint site.

To find a boating safety class in the State of New York, visit the NY State website at www.nysparks.com/recreation/boating/education where you will find a complete list of course by county and date.

Education Requirements

- Children under the age of 10 may operate a mechanically propelled vessel only with direct supervision by a person over the age of 18.
- Children 10-18 years of age may only operate a mechanically propelled vessel with direct supervision of a person over the age of 18 or after successfully completing an approved boating safety course.
- Adults 18 years of age and older may operate a mechanically propelled vessel without an approved boating safety certificate.

Personal Watercraft (PWC) Mandatory Education Requirements

New York requires that anyone operating a personal watercraft complete an approved course in boating safety or otherwise be accompanied, on board, by someone 18 years of age or older who is the holder of an approved boating safety certificate. Certificates are required to be carried at all times when operating the personal watercraft.

Minimum Age for PWC Operation

In order to operate a personal watercraft within New York the operator must be a minimum of 14 years of age and hold an approved boating safety certificate. Although it is not recommended, those under 14 may operate a personal watercraft provided there is a certified operator over the age of 18 on board accompanying this individual. It is also strongly discouraged that small under-age individuals be permitted to ride forward of an adult as it may lead to serious personal injury. It is also strongly recommended that no person be permitted to ride a personal watercraft if he or she can not hold on to the person in front (or hand holds) and can not keep both feet on the deck in order to maintain balance during operation.

Contemptuous Words Can End a Career

By Maj. Frank Madia, EADS JAG

During an election year we need to be even more vigilant about the manner in which we express our personal opinions about our Commander In Chief, President Barack Obama. Regardless of whether you agree or disagree with how President Obama is handling the job, as a military member, your First Amendment rights to free speech are not unlimited. The old adage “loose lips, sink ships” is a constant reminder of how our military career can end with disparaging comments that cross the line between protected and unprotected speech.

As an example, Marine Sergeant Gary Stein, a meteorologist stationed at Camp Pendleton near San Diego, was recently discharged after 9-years of service with an “other than honorable” discharge. The reason? Sgt. Stein had posted anti-Obama comments on a Facebook page he runs, called the “Armed Forces Tea Party.” One of his comments stated that President Obama is the “economic, religious and domestic enemy.” This comment was made during an online debate over punishment faced by NATO and U.S. military personnel over burning copies of the Koran in Afghanistan. In an interview with the Union-Tribune newspaper in San Diego, Sgt. Stein also reportedly said “screw Obama” and “I will not follow orders given by him to me.”

The Marine Corps charged Sgt. Stein with making comments that were “prejudicial to good order and discipline” under Article 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice. On April 25, Sgt Stein was administratively discharged after his Commanding General approved the board’s recommendation to separate him with an “other than honorable” discharge. Given the service characterization, Sgt Stein will most likely be ineligible to receive any military benefits for his nine years of service.

As members of the New York Air National Guard, we are also subject to restrictions to free speech under the New York State Military Code. The punitive articles that prohibit such conduct similar to Sgt Stein are set forth under Part 10 of the Code. More particularly, Section 130.84, prohibits a member of the New York State Militia from using contemptuous words against the president, the governor or the legislature. Additionally, under Section 130.115, conduct prejudicial to the good order and discipline and conduct bringing discredit upon the organized militia is prohibited.

The Marine Corps sent a strong message that the military’s interest in good order and discipline; including the requirement that the chain of command be honored and followed, far outweighed Sgt. Stein’s free speech rights. We need to always remember that our military is an all-volunteer force. Consequently, when we join the military, we voluntarily subject ourselves to all limitations, including, those pertaining to free speech.



Maj. Frank Madia



Sgt. Maj. Patrick Finnegin is New Army LNO at EADS

Sgt. Major Patrick Finnegin, left, of the 174th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Ohio National Guard, is the new Army liaison officer at EADS.

A resident of Canton, Ohio – he lives near the Pro Football Hall of Fame – Sgt. Maj. Finnegin has served in the Army as a traditional Guardsmen for 31 years and also has 15 years’ service as a military technician. He served a one-year mobilization tour at the Western Air Defense Sector from 2009-2010.

The father of two sons, Sgt. Major Finnegin has two grandsons and a granddaughter on the way. He enjoys hunting, fishing, reading and roller skating.

Posting Season Underway for Canadian Detachment

by Capt. Andrew Lawton

The month of June marked the beginning of the annual posting season for the Canadian Detachment – the RCAF typically posts members and their families during the summer months. This allows for a minimum amount of time between the outgoing personnel and their replacements posted into the unit. The summer months are also the best time for children to transition from school to school. This year three members and their families are leaving our small community.

Leaving this summer are Maj. Lalonde, Capt. Mersereau and Sgt. Ray. Maj James ‘Hammer’ Lalonde will continue to perfect his operational prowess by working as a Mission Crew Commander at the Canadian Air Defence Sector in North Bay, Ontario. Capt James ‘Atlas’ Mersereau will also be in North Bay, working as an instructor at 51 Aerospace Control and Warning (Operational Training) Squadron. Sgt Ray is moving home to Belleville, Ontario and will work with the Regional Cadet Support Unit at Canadian Forces Base in Trenton, Ontario.

Safe travels and good luck on your next posting!

Farewell BBQ Held at Delta Lake State Park

By Master Cpl. Sean Parent

On June 9, the Canadian community held its annual Farewell BBQ at Delta Lake State Park. Saying good bye to members of the community can be hard, but fortunately we all had a chance to share in a few good laughs. Namely Sgt. Gary Ray was given a head of hair so we all could remember what he looked like when he arrived at the unit. Capt. James Mersereau was also mugged out offering some kind words for all he has learned here at EADS. In keeping with the hair theme, Maj. James Lalonde was given a “mullet” to remind him the year he joined the CF, 1980. The unit’s CCPC was also kind enough to give the departing spouses, Alana Ray, Lori Mersereau and Debbie Lalonde, a gift bag and heartfelt thank you for their contribution to the community.

Unfortunately we did not see the sun, but it did stop raining for the duration of the BBQ, which was provided by Master Sgt. Dana Boots, who was kind enough to provide his famous rotisserie chicken, which was enjoyed by all. The chicken was complimented by a cauldron of salt potatoes and finished off with a cupcake cake.

As these members depart to new and not so new postings, we wish them all the best. They will be missed.



Outgoing CF personnel Maj. Lalonde, Capt. Mersereau and Sgt. Ray, posed with spouses and family during the Farewell BBQ in June. Photos submitted by Capt. Andrew Lawton.

EADS Volunteers Participate in CNY Ride for Missing and Exploited Children

Eighteen EADS volunteers participated in the Central New York portion of this year's Ride for Missing and Exploited Children on May 17.

The 100-mile bike ride started in Oneida and ended at the New Hartford Recreation Center. Each participating rider was required to raise a minimum of \$500 to participate. Sponsored by the New York/Mohawk Valley Office of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, the money raised goes to aid in the search and recovery of abducted children and to promote awareness and education aimed at preventing child abduction and sexual exploitation.

According to the Utica Observer-Dispatch, last year's ride raised the equivalent of 1.5 million posters nationwide. Since 1995, millions of posters listing 7,167 children have been printed, and 5,122 of those children have been successfully recovered.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ron Arbour

The 400 riders in this year's Ride for Missing and Exploited Children wind their way along the 100-mile route between Oneida and New Hartford. Eighteen volunteers from EADS participated in this year's event.



Photo by Master Sgt. Ron Arbour

EADS participants (not all are pictured) in the Ride for Missing Children were: Mark Armitage, Mark Coleman, Jeff Lamarche, Jennifer King, Don Roberts, Mike Gallina, Anthony Fiorilli, Keith Barber, Kevin Ammer, Roxanne Baumeister, Scott D'Agata, Kevin Tracy, David Elmore, Kim D'Agata, Rene Gifford, Jim Mauthe, Jeff Lamarche, Chris Crumb, Shelly Crumb, and Ron Arbour.

EADS Airmen Support Local Memorial Day Events



Top and bottom photos courtesy of the Clinton Courier. Photo at right courtesy of Staff Sgt. Lawrence Brooks.



EADS supported five commemoration events over the Memorial Day weekend. Chief Master Sgt. Paul Cox, pictured top left, was the guest speaker at Clinton's ceremony. Top right, EADS Honor Guard marches into the morning sun during Oneida's Memorial Day parade. Honor Guard participants were, from left to right, Tech. Sgt. Jose Ortiz, Staff Sgt. Lawrence Brooks, Master Sgt. Tracy Blum, Master Sgt. Jim Mauthe, Master Sgt. Jeff Lamarche and Staff Sgt. Jerri Lee. Bottom left: EADS Honor Guard members Master Sgt. Jim Mauthe, Master Sgt. Tom Whiteman, Master Sgt. Jeff Lamarche, Sr. Master Sgt. Scott Roorda and Capt. Kelly Williams march in the Clinton Memorial Day parade.

EADS provided guest speakers for three other events. Master Sgt. Brad Ramie spoke at the Chittenango American Legion, Sr. Master Sgt. Maureen Dooley was the speaker at the Lee Legion, and Master Sgt. Michael Weissgarber spoke at events in Westmoreland and Clark Mills.

Congratulations Corner

The Eastern Air Defense Sector congratulates the following personnel.

Promotions

Kevin Tracy	Lt. Col.	May 4
Kevin Elbrecht	Lt. Col.	May 4
Chris Giuffrida	Chief Master Sgt.	May 4
Ricardo Rivera	Lt. Col.	June 1

A Special EADS Welcome to:

Natalie Warner, daughter of Jean and Kristen Warner, born on May 25.

EADS Construction Season is Underway



Several construction projects are underway at EADS. In the top left and right, workers dig lines at EADS and the airfield. At bottom left, workers drill as part of a soil composition test that must be completed before the construction of a new tower. Photos by Tim Jones.

Upcoming Events

Boiler Maker Road Race in Utica on July 8

Twenty-nine EADS runners will be lining up on July 8th to run the 35th Annual Boilermaker 15k. Many others will also be running in the 5k race that starts at 0715. All runners: make sure you get your race packet at the Boilermaker Expo on Friday, July 6th or Saturday, July 7th located on the grounds of Mohawk Valley Community College, 1101 Sherman Drive, Utica. Come on out and cheer your fellow team members on! Meet them all at the post-race party at the FX Matt Brewing Company. Look for the Polish Community Church and a bunch of orange t-shirts!

Security Forces Open at Casolwood Golf Course on July 20, Entry Deadline is July 13

EADS Security Forces are holding a Captain and Crew golf out on Friday, July 20 at the Casolwood Golf Club in Canastota. Cost is \$60 per person, \$240 per team. Fee covers 18 holes of golf, food at the turn and all-you-can-eat chicken barbeque at the end. Contact Master Sgt. Brad Ramie or Staff Sgt. Jean Warner to enter.

CF Has Ice Time at Whitestown Arena, July 19

The Canadian Detachment Rome ice time at Whitestown Area on Thursday, July 19 from 1530 to 1630. Cost is \$10 per player. Contact Lt. Greg Wallace for more details.

AFRL Holding Cyber Summer Camp for 10-14 Year Olds from July 30 to August 3

The Air Force Research Lab is holding a Cyber Summer Camp at Griffiss Institute from July 30 to Aug. 3. The camp is for students 10 to 14 years of age. Cost is \$75 and scholarships are available. Registration is on-line at www.griffissinstitute.org.

Chaplain's Corner: The Pow'r That Preserves Us a Nation

by Lt. Col. Todd Luce, EADS Chaplain

During this summer season, we have special celebrations and gatherings to appreciate our freedom. These reflect not only a patriotic sentiment for our national heritage but a deep spiritual tone, as well.

Consider the last verse of the poem, Defense of Fort McHenry, written by Francis Scott Key in 1814:

“O, thus be it ever when freemen shall stand,
Between their lov'd homes and the war's desolation;
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the heav'n-rescued land
Praise the Pow'r that hath made and preserv'd us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust"
And the star-spangled banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!”

You are a part of the number of freemen standing between your beloved home and war's desolation today. It is a vital and selfless service, rich in tradition and steeped in spiritual conviction.



Lt. Col. Todd Luce

On the Cover: Sr. Airman Bobby Holness climbs the tower outside building 700 as Master Sgt. Russell Del Medico prepares to climb onto the platform with Tech. Sgt. David Winston and Sr. Airman Benjamin Plumley. Photo by Tim Jones.