

SCANG names Unit of the Year

The 169th Medical Group recently was honored as the 2011 SCANG Unit of the Year and a few of its members were recognized nationally by the Air Guard for outstanding performance.

The 169th MDG earned recognition by successfully implementing the Winter Wingman and Resiliency programs, which provide annual training and monthly assessments of SCANG personnel. The unit also received an “excellent” rating during the Health Services Inspection in 2011, ranking them among the highest performers in the Air Force’s medical programs.

All this occurred within a three or four month period.

Col. Theresa Prince, 169th MDG commander, said, “We worked diligently to receive the ‘excellent’ during the HSI. The most gratifying aspect was the group effort which showed how well our entire team can perform together to achieve one goal.

“The new guidelines made it more difficult to receive an excellent, so it was a great accomplishment for us.”

She said, “The Ohio ANG actually requested our own MSgt. Rhonda Hill to come and help them prepare for their inspection.” Those efforts aided the Ohio unit with the necessary means to achieve their own “outstanding” performance.

Hill said, when she arrived in Ohio, they had a new training manager who was not familiar with policies and procedures. “I had to start from scratch by creating Master Task Listings and Plans, while ensuring that all approvers were properly certified,” she said.

These and other great accomplishments of the 169th MDG led the Air Guard to spotlight the achievements of several individuals who are scheduled to receive national awards next month in Jacksonville, Fla.

Maj. Misa Cadua, 169th MDG public



(Photo by MSgt. Marvin Preston, 169th FW/PA)

health officer, won the national 2011 Public Health Officer of the Year. Cadua has only been a member of the SCANG since August 2010. She leads the section through development and execution of public health activities, while managing eight programs within the organization. Prince said, “Major Cadua

arrived just prior to our inspection and immediately took charge of all public health programs by auditing them and making the necessary changes to ensure the safety of SCANG members.”

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(Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)

Distinguished Visitor

Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Brian Bohlman came face to face with President Barack Obama during the unannounced presidential visit to Afghanistan in May. Bohlman, currently deployed to Bagram Airfield, also had an opportunity to meet President George W. Bush in 2007. For more about Bohlman’s current deployment, see page 9.

Commander's Corner



Lt. Col. Michael Dotson
169th CES Commander



Just a couple months ago we launched the largest Swamp Fox aviation deployment package since the first Persian Gulf War. The entire base, families and volunteers rallied and committed to its smooth processing and successful execution. The deployers and families deserve no less than our full support and gratitude, and there has been great feedback on its successful execution.

Soon the mobility machine will continue to feed the fight and again deploy and redeploy rotational swap-outs. Operation ENDURING FREEDOM remains a world-wide ideological conflict that must be won and not just on the battlefield. I pray for wisdom and guidance for all our military and political leaders, for a favorable outcome to the conflict and the safe return of all our Swamp Fox heroes. We must all remain organized, trained and equipped to feed the fight if called upon abroad or here at home in Domestic Operations or Defense Support to Civil Authorities.

We are proud of our past and our present,

and we all must catapult our extraordinary capabilities into the future and remain relevant given our international environment. To do that, we must remain trained, equipped, efficient and effective at projecting and delivering combat air power and expeditionary combat support whenever and wherever necessary. I have been reading the proposed USAF Force Structure Changes for FY13 and beyond and new strategic guidance, trying to interpret my place in it and its implications on my unit. Hopefully many of you have as well.

It appears the Air Guard took it on the chin this go around, taking more than 50 percent of the FY13 Air Force end strength manpower cuts. However, I was pleased to see our military leaders plan to increase the number of associations between Active and Reserve units. Not a win for all, but a realization of efficiencies achieved by sharing resources. To quote from that document, "The Chief of Staff of the Air Force has directed the Air Force to develop additional Active Associations at all

ARC fighter locations to ensure that the Total Force is able to absorb and season enough young pilots and maintainers to meet future Total force requirements."

The proposed replication of these Active Associations is demonstrated evidence of the success and value our 169th Fighter Wing Active Association has brought to bear, further proving its worth by carrying out our nation's business in the combat zone. Senior Swamp Fox leaders and visionaries have successfully made the case that this hybrid organizational construct adds value and is sustainable, and the Air Force appears to have caught on.

Here's what our military leaders are saying. CSAF Gen. Schwartz: "...Restructuring must be done across the Total Force and as the implications of this reality compel us to reshape the Total Force, I call upon you to continue to expand the definition of the Guard's mission set." Deputy CoS, ISR Lt. Gen. Depula: "the only thing more expensive than a first-rate Air Force is a second-rate Air Force" Vice CJCS ADM Winnefeld: "...budget woes requires a search for new efficiencies, a hard look at what we buy, a cautious examination of compensation that maintains faith with our all-volunteer force, and some tough choices on force structure."

My personal assessment is that our country cannot afford to take on additional risk by cutting our most cost-effective military organization and our primary homeland response force and expect a different outcome. We have unique capabilities that must be articulated and leveraged for we are the Total Force's most cost-effective and efficient capability. This is a message we all must be able to espouse as we see the active duty/reserve component mix evolve to support the new national strategy and while the military components adapt to the new world order and redefine their roles and identities.

Force structure and missions will continue to change in response to changing dynamics. What can we do? Ensure we have a committed and trained Airman in each manning document position ready and willing to respond to our nation's or state's call. Resource the most pressing needs utilizing our resources for maximum effect and optimizing our military value. This is responsible stewardship.

Efficiency is the foundation for survival; effectiveness is the foundation of success. We must create both. The military enjoys one of the highest credibility ratings among occupations as viewed by our citizens, and we must never breach that trust. We need strategic thinkers and leaders. We need long ball hitters to ensure continued Swamp Fox greatness!

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The Department of Defense is facing many challenges today. These challenges will affect all personnel assigned to the SCANG, because they affect the budget, resources and personnel.

In order for us to remain ready, relevant, resilient and responsible, we must ensure that we understand and achieve the mission our leaders have established. Our mission is to generate combat ready units to conduct state and federal operations, conduct military operations in response to state emergencies and provide staff operations in support of the Governor for contingency operations.

Each of us must ensure we achieve our mission by continuing to perform at a high standard with the SCANG, our community and our units.

In order to perform at a high standard, we must establish priorities and be passionate about the mission. The best leaders/supervisors set their own priorities but place the mission first. Leaders must acknowledge their personal agendas and consider how closely those agendas conform to the accomplishment of the mission.

It is important to understand that mission accomplishment relates to the morale, effectiveness and performance of key subor-

dinates. Leaders should spend a considerable amount of time nourishing leader-follower relationships. Our Airmen must continue to establish high standards in order for the SCANG to remain relevant.

Our leaders and supervisors must be planners and run an efficient and effective organization by planning, setting goals, polishing their skills of anticipation and providing vision and strategic leadership to the unit. Supervisors who care about their missions and about their people normally desire to leave their organizations in better shape and with a clearer direction than when they took over.

You must have a vision for the organization and stay in contact with people who have a talent for long-range planning, farsighted thinking and innovation. By allowing visionaries to be heard, leaders validate the process of creative, "out-of-the-box" thinking. I have found that the most effective leader is the person who accepts change.

The SCANG will achieve the mission which has been established by our leaders. We understand what the mission is and how we are going to get there. Each unit has developed its own mission statement to compliment the vision of the wing.



It is great to know and see our leaders on this installation thriving to achieve the mission by allowing supervisors to be involved with setting priorities, setting goals and having a vision for the unit.

We will remain ready, resilient, relevant and responsible. We are up to the challenges as they come our way because of the confidence we have in our leadership and the decisions they make for the vision of SCANG.

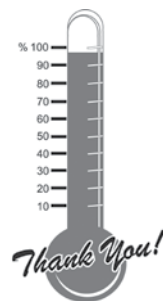
Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength		Recruiting/Retention		
Officers:		Gains:	<u>MONTH</u> <u>YTD</u>	
Authorized	138	Prior	0	14
Assigned	132	Non-Prior	0	40
Percent Manned	95.7%	Total	0	54
Enlisted:		Losses:		
Authorized	1191	ETS	0	8
Assigned	1195	Discharge	0	40
Percent Manned	100.3%	Medical	0	0
Total:		Resignation	0	3
Authorized	1329	Retirement	0	17
Assigned	1327	Transfer	0	15
Percent Manned	99.8%	Other	0	1
(as of May 7th, 2012)		Total	1	84
		Net Gain/Loss	0	-30

Recruiting Progress

We're at 99.8 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2012! Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...
Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



For Your Information ...

HRE/POSH training

This mandatory training will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday of July drill in the 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron auditorium.

ESOH CAMP reminder

The Wing Safety Office is spreading the word about the ESOHCAMP inspection scheduled for November. Supervisors and unit safety representatives should complete the ESOHCAMP General Awareness CBT on ADLS. Annual updates and reviews to AF Form 55s and JSTOs also need to be accomplished.

Personal weapons policy

No personal weapons of any type, concealed or in plain view, are allowed on property of the SC Military and under the jurisdiction of the SC Adjutant General. Exceptions are members whose job requires them to carry weapons and who have written permission from the TAG.

R3SP Toolbox

The South Carolina National Guard has published the "SCNG Leader's R3SP Toolbox" brochure. Its purpose is to educate members about resources that help strengthen resiliency, family readiness and other personal concerns. Go to www.169fw.af.mil or, for AF Portal users, My Organization/169th FW (Products & Services).

VPC-GR basics

The vPC-GR Basics electronic learning tool is the first in a planned series of web-based interactive courses related to personnel processes. It shows how to establish accounts, use the dashboard and manage action requests/work. The eLT is available via the Advanced Distributed Learning Service website (<https://golearn.csd.disa.mil>). Go to "Course List," then "Miscellaneous."

Web-HA mandatory for PHAs

SCANG members must complete their Web Health Assessments on-line. The standard paper questionnaire is no longer offered. WHAs are due during birth months but can be completed up to two months sooner (but

no later than one week before that month's drill. Contact SMSgt. Candace Cox, Health Systems Specialist, 169th Medical Group, 803-647-8296.

No trespassing

The Base Firing Range, Bldg. 3320, is for official use only and closed to the public and non-authorized personnel. For more information, see TSgt. Paul Wallace, 169th SFS, NCOIC, Combat Arms, 803-647-8703.

New NCOA Course (00015)

The Noncommissioned Officers Academy correspondence course has been updated from Course 00009 to Course 00015. Enrollments in Course 00009 before Feb. 1 remain intact (those members can complete Course 00009).

Veterans Job Assistance

In an effort to reduce veteran unemployment, the Vow to Hire Heroes Act of 2011, was included in the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program. VRAP has begun accepting applications for unemployed 35-60 year-old veterans in the new retraining assistance program, May 15th. The program officially starts, July 1st. This program will offer to eligible participants up to 12 months of training at the full-time payment rate as dictated by the Montgomery GI Bill, currently \$1,473 per month. For additional information about VOW and VRAP, visit <http://benefits.va.gov/vow/education.htm>.

Ideas wanted

Have an idea to improve McEntire? Send it to the Community Action Information Board. The CAIB meets quarterly to improve the quality of life for Airmen on McEntire. Submit suggestions to 169FW.CAIB@ang.af.mil.

Military One Source

Free personal services are available to service members and their families 24/7 at Military One Source. For online assistance related to military life and deployments, families and recreation, health and relationships, careers and education, financial and legal crises, go to <https://militaryonesource.com>.

Financial assistance

For general information about dealing with financial emergencies, getting out of debt, paying for child care, saving for the future and more, call 803-895-1332.

Rack Up!

Though SCANG Airmen excel in everything from their daily tasks to the classroom to international competitions, their achievements often are not reflected on their ribbon racks! Award writing should no longer strike fear in the hearts of McEntire supervisors! The process has been streamlined via VPC-GR. A few strong bullets, an AF Portal login and the following handy guide are all you need: *X:/Baseshare/Awards*.

Gate hours

Main Gate

Daily: 0430-2400

(Hours extended for night flying.)

Morrell Gate

Duty Days: 0620-0815 & 1645-1745
UTA Saturday: 0600-0815 & 1600-1700
UTA Sunday: 0600-0815 & 1530-1630

Church Gate

UTAs: 0600-0815

Updating Personal Info

ANG members with a recent change in status such as promotion, reenlistment, marriage, divorce, moved into a new home/apartment, have an addition or reduction to their household can review personnel military records and submit the required supporting documentation to correct or update personnel data. Use the virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) or contact your servicing Commander's Support Staff or Military Personnel Section. Access this system from the AF Portal: www.my.af.mil, under the Top Portal Links section.

Job Openings

Traditional Air Guard paralegal vacancy for the 169 FW/JA. Contact TSgt. Leeann Melton at Leeann.Melton@ang.af.mil.

Civil Engineers recognized for airfield projects

The 169th Civil Engineer Squadron and Wilbur Smith Associates (now CDM Smith) were honored at the 2012 Engineering Conference Awards Gala in Washington D.C. last month for airfield modernization projects at McEntire.

Lt. Col. Tim Dotson, commander of the 169th CES, said this was a monumental effort that executed multiple airfield contracts simultaneously.

"This was a big deal because our project competed against projects in both the public and private sectors, with only a few military projects recognized," Dotson said.

CE was recognized for their efforts in coordinating the 'Preparing for the Future – Critical Missions' project, which included reconstructing more than 67,000 sq. ft. of runway for the aircraft arresting cable system and improving the lighting system to allow the pilots to make a safe approach in bad weather or even when the control tower is not manned.

Dotson said, "It was a routine project executed in an atypical manner, and was somewhat of a miracle that we were able to pull it off the way we did, while meeting all timelines.



(Courtesy Photo by the ACEC)

Lt.Col. Michael Dotson, commander of the 169th CES, and Nelson McCleod, from Wilbur Smith Associates, receive the ACEC National Recognition Award for airfield contract work in FY 10/11.

"This is yet another demonstration of the Swamp Fox team coming together to exceed high standards and provide mission capability. That's what it's all about."

The individual projects were a total resurfacing of the primary taxiway system, modification of aircraft arresting systems, construction of a 1,000-by-150-foot paved runway overrun, demolition and replacement of 50 percent of the aircraft parking apron and aircraft sunshade modifications, repair and replacement of lighted runway guidance

signs, and modifications to the runway approach lighting system.

One of the categories that earned an award was the Original or Innovative Application of New or Existing Techniques. This award was in recognition of reducing contract cost and solid waste by recycling demolition concrete pavement, which produced new aggregates that were ultimately used in the construction of the overrun and the new ramp. This sustainability initiative allowed many onsite materials to be re-used.

Dotson said, "I want the SCANG and the community to recognize that this is an excellent return of investment for the taxpayer, and will continue to bring a huge payback in military value by allowing us to 'feed the fight' and do the things that others cannot.

"It's going to set us up to compete well with any new or emerging missions, and should keep us totally relevant and in the game."

The National Recognition Award is a prestigious distinction by the American Council of Engineering Companies which honors those that demonstrate exceptional achievement in engineering.

(Story by MSgt. Pelham Myers Jr., 169th FW/PA)

Medical from page 1

TSgt. Barbara Wright, medical records administrator, was awarded the 2011 Health Service Management NCO of the Year. She maintains more than 1,300 medical records for SCANG members. Prince said, "She fosters and promotes teamwork within the Medical Group, and her dedication and medical expertise have improved the clinic and medical records section enormously."

TSgt. Shane Guyett, an aerospace medical technician, earned the 2011 Fighter Wing NCO of the Year honors. Guyett created and maintained numerous tracking tools and organized intricate training materials which ensured 100 percent currency on all required training for the medical technicians. "His vast medical knowledge and computer skills have greatly impacted the medical knowledge and skills of the Nursing section," said Prince.

Prince said her philosophy concerning customer service is to do whatever it takes to satisfy the customer. "We want to make sure their medical needs are met and that they are ready to deploy," she said.

(Story by MSgt. Pelham Myers Jr., 169th FW/PA)



(Photo by TSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

Just Desserts

Laura Cole, a member of the SCANG's Key Volunteers Group and wife of Capt. Ralph Cole from the 169th FSS, sells a homemade treat to MSgt. Scott Sellers from JFHQ-SC, 5 May 2012. The KVG conducted a base-wide bake sale to raise money to support Family Readiness programs for deployed Airmen.

Snapper Primus: Lieutenant fulfilling childhood dream, flies first combat mission

Becoming a fighter pilot was 1st Lt. Andrew “Snapper” Lehman’s childhood dream. He started flying at the age of 17 and has worked hard ever since to make that dream count.

Now he’s here with his F-16 Fighting Falcon comrades at Kandahar Airfield, Afghanistan, providing armed over watch, reconnaissance and close air support for the troops on the ground who serve outside the wire and, at times, come under fire from the enemy.

“Personally, I can’t imagine a higher calling,” he said. “There’s no better way for me to serve my country than by flying an American fighter jet. Going out there, protecting the skies and protecting our guys on the ground. I’m fortunate to be in a position, trained and equipped to help them.”

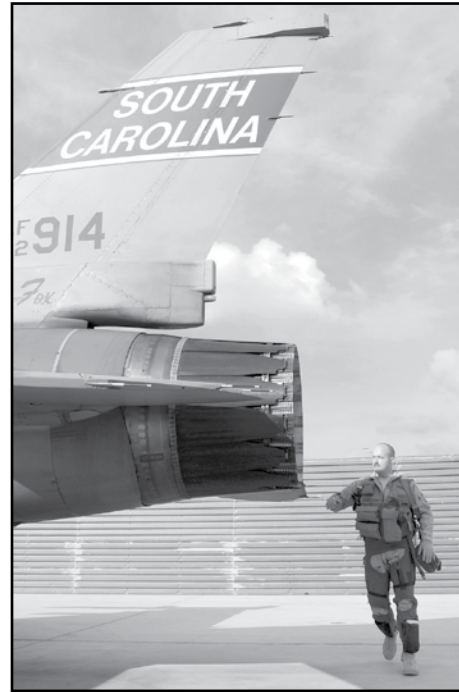
The path to becoming a fighter pilot is long and arduous. From submitting his application in October 2007 to starting fighter pilot training in July 2009 and “earning his wings” a year later, Lehman says he constantly challenged himself to stay motivated.

“The second you let your motivation fall, the second you take your eye off the prize, is the second you’re not going to make it,” he said.

The process of becoming a fighter pilot amounts to a very stressful journey. Because the job itself obviously is intense, Lehman said, demonstrating that you can handle high stress from the get-go is a must. “It’s a challenge in its own to get the job to begin with,” he said. After competing for and earning an opportunity to interview, candidates go up against ten to 15 other highly qualified and motivated men and women, all with their eyes on the same prize.

“Applying and interviewing around the country is by far the hardest part,” he said. “It’s easy to lose your motivation.”

Lehman enlisted in the Alabama Air Guard’s 187th Fighter Wing in April 2004.



1Lt. Andrew Lehman prepares to fly his first combat sortie April 20, 2012.

He worked in POL until he was accepted by the SCANG to become a Swamp Fox fighter pilot in May 2008. He joined the SCANG in November of that year, in a POL slot, while he waited to begin fighter pilot training.

Making it to the “B-course” of pilot training was what Lehman enjoyed most. It’s when pilots in training finally take the seat of an F-16 Fighting Falcon and fly alone. “The whole experience was phenomenal,” he said.

“It’s obviously a very memorable day.”

All the stress and hard work has paid off for him now, as he’s deployed to Afghanistan with his fellow Swamp Foxes and flying sorties in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Stepping to the jet for his first combat sortie was somewhat nerve racking. The lieutenant admits to butterflies and a fair amount of nervous anticipation, but, once he was wheels-up, he was able to settle down and focus on the mission. He considers himself fortunate to belong to a fighter squadron with a wealth of experience and talent and said the more seasoned members of the 157th helped prepare him for this next big step in his career.

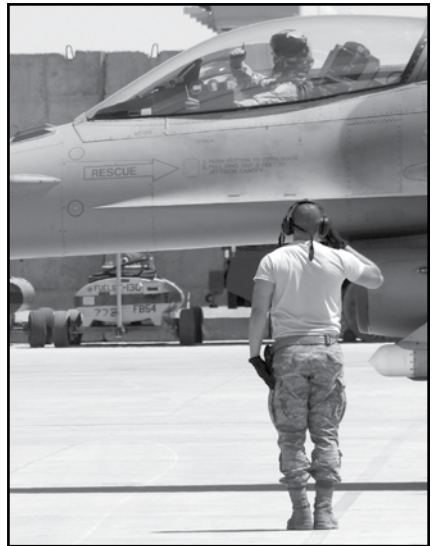
“Flying that first combat mission was pretty enjoyable,” he said. The SCANG pilots traveled around the country, communicating with the troops at various forward operating bases about certain areas they had encountered or marked that needed additional surveillance. They also were tasked with route reconnaissance, searching areas that are traveled daily for IED emplacements to ensure safer missions for the coalition forces.

“We were out there to give them the warm fuzzy,” explained Lehman. “Our jet noise in the sky alone lets the non-friendlies know we’re there and can react quickly.”

“I’m proud to be here,” he said. “Though nothing eventful happened while we were out there, we served our purpose. We had combat-ready airplanes in the air, ready to respond to anything. And I think that, in and of itself, is a success.”

(Photos & Story by TSgt. Caycee Cook, 169th FW/PA - Deployed)





AEF Scrapbook



Rank/Name: TSgt. Tanya Joseph

Job Title/Responsibilities:

- Medic/ To ensure our members are fit and prepared to do their jobs

What do you do on your downtime?

- I workout, eat and I make sure my family knows that I am well

What is your favorite part of being deployed?

- Being there for my McEntire family

What do you miss about home?

- Hugs from all my family

Is there a quick message you'd like to send back home?

- Freedom is precious

SCANG Members garner AFA awards

During a local Air Force Association conference held in Sumter, April 27-28, several SCANG members were recognized for their dedicated service to the Air Force community during the previous year.

The Outstanding Aircraft Technician award was given to MSgt. Joshua Thacker in recognition of his exceptional individual performance and achievement as an aircraft maintainer. Thacker also received The Outstanding Air Force Person of the Year for being voted the top award winner of all award winners.

The Outstanding Mission Support Person award was given to SMSgt. James Rider in recognition for exceptional individual performance and achievement in Mission Support.

The Exceptional Service to the AFA award was given to TSgt. Sharlene Shuler and Lt. Col. Buck Shuler for going above and beyond to support the mission of the AFA. The AFA Member of the Year was awarded to TSgt. Shuler.

“AFA membership by ANG personnel is critical to the longevity and viability of the Air National Guard,” Lt. Col. Shuler said. “In past years AFA was inaccurately thought to be an Active Duty association, but the ANG is now fully integrated with the Active Duty Air Force performing combat duties side by side. In the AOR you can no longer differentiate between Guard and Active Duty personnel. It is truly one team one fight.”

“Most of our representatives currently serving in Washington do not have a military

background and have limited knowledge of our needs as a combat organization,” said Shuler. “One of the primary missions of the AFA is to be our voice in Washington for our needs and to educate members of Congress on the needs of the military, specifically the needs of Air, Space and Cyber warfighters.”

Shuler encourages all guard members to join the AFA and actively participate in their local chapter. For more information about the Air Force Association, or how to get involved, please visit the AFA website (<http://afa.org>) or contact Lt. Col. Shuler at 803-647-8991 for an application.

(Story by MSgt. Pelham Myers Jr., 169th FW/PA)

Military coming to grips with new media

Posts. Like. Tweet. Just a few years ago these words had different meanings. Today, these terms define information sharing at the speed of life. Since the creation of social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, Flickr and Pinterest, the way we communicate as a society has changed. According to comScore, a digital measurement company, one out of every six minutes spent online is on a social network, and 73 percent of the U.S. Internet population visits Facebook each month.

In 2010, the SCANG entered into the social networking world with its Facebook page. The Department of Defense and the Air Force highly encourage units like ours and Airmen in general to use social media. The wing public affairs office maintains an official SCANG page (www.facebook.com/scang.swampfox) and uses it for two-way communication with the public at large.

However, while using social networking sites is encouraged, Airmen are reminded to always think OPSEC and to keep in mind that they represent the unit to the public.

The Air Force PA Agency's March 2012 guide, *Navigating the Social Network*, provides a few social media considerations for Airmen and others to consider.

Stay in your lane. Discussing issues related to your career field or personal experiences are acceptable and encouraged, but you shouldn't discuss areas of expertise where you have no firsthand, direct experience or knowledge.

Be aware of the image you present. To many, you represent the Air Force. Don't do anything that discredits you or our service.

Avoid endorsements. Do not use the Air Force's name to endorse or promote products, political positions or religious ideologies.

Be cautious with the information you share. Again, remember OPSEC. Be careful about the personal details you share on the Internet.

That old saying of 'loose lips sinks ships' still applies. Don't give our enemies an advantage by posting departure and return times for deployments, travel routes and classified locations.

Think OPSEC in your personal life too. While sharing our lives with friends and loved ones or even following our favorite music group or product is a good thing; there are criminals who can use a social network profile to exploit others. By 'checking in' or

even tagging yourself in photos while away from home on vacation (or while deployed), you might inadvertently tell a criminal that you are not home.

So ... why or how can photos of our deployed Swamp Foxes and even the name of the base to which they are deployed be shared via Facebook? The very idea gives most old-school Airmen the willies.

Every image on our site (and the name of the base) has been cleared and released by the Air Force. In other words, these are photos and facts that already have been made public. Our own Public Affairs team is sharing them with SCANG fans via Facebook but only after verifying with the featured Airmen that they do not mind their image and whereabouts being shared via social media.

Among our families, friends and fans, the site is generating good-will and has spawned an online dialogue that a) tells our story and b) allows folks to express their pride and support.

In many regards, the U.S. military still is coming to terms with a relatively new technology that quickly has become the way most folks communicate with one another. Like it or not, social media is here to stay. If you choose to engage in social media, following these simple "rules" hopefully will keep your "status" ... safe.

(Commentary by TSgt. Stephen Hudson,
169th FW/PA)



Revving It Up!

SCANG Chaplain ministers in Afghanistan

The 169th Fighter Wing's senior chaplain Lt.Col. Brian Bohlman thought he'd finally worked a way to be able to deploy with the Swamp Foxes during their deployment to Afghanistan this summer.

"As soon as I found out they were going to Bagram Airfield, I volunteered," Bohlman said. For months he prepared and everything looked good until McEntire's F-16s were diverted to Kandahar Airfield and there was no Guard chaplain slot available anymore. So, Bohlman deployed to Bagram anyway and has been serving as a hospital chaplain at Afghanistan's only trauma center. He left at the beginning of March and is scheduled to return this month.

Bohlman's mission at Craig Joint Theater Hospital is to oversee and deliver pastoral care to more than 500 joint medical staff as well as to the patients who arrive daily.

Two years ago Bohlman served a tour at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany, the main location where patients in theater are sent for further treatment. "Serving here (at Bagram) has brought me much closer to the point of injury for our troops. We see the worst types of injuries from burns and amputees to open chest wounds.

"Our goal here is to treat all patients for 24-48 hours and get them ready to fly to Landstuhl for further care. I am constantly saying hello and goodbye," Bohlman said.

A typical work day isn't even during the day as Bohlman is assigned to the night shift from 9 p.m. to 9 a.m. And he's constantly on the go. One moment he might be visiting with staff or leading a worship service, but then everything kicks into high gear when a trauma patient (or patients) suddenly arrives. A lot of combat missions in theater take place at night which in turn makes Bohlman's shift pretty busy due to incoming casualties.

In May, Bohlman was finally able to obtain special permission to fly down to Kandahar to visit with the Swamp Foxes who are deployed there.

Another memorable part of his deployment was meeting a very special distinguished visitor. Bohlman said that most VIPs tour the hospital during the day and so he never sees them. This time, however, Bohlman was in the right place at the right time.



(USAF Photo by: SSgt. Ryan McDowell)

Chaplain (Lt.Col.) Brian Bohlman ministers to Army SSG Lamar Goodwin at the Craig Joint Theater Hospital in Afghanistan. The Hilton Head native was the first wounded South Carolinian Bohlman met at the hospital.

When President Obama made an unannounced trip to Bagram last month, he arrived under the cover of darkness. Bohlman was among a small group of service members handpicked to greet the Commander in Chief at the hospital entrance.

"My words to him were, 'Good morning, Mr. President. I'm Chaplain Brian Bohlman. Thank you for coming to see us. May God bless your visit.' His response to me was, 'Thank you, Chaplain, for what you do here. You are a key part of the healing team.'

"After Obama walked the line and shook the hands of the other staff members, he thanked us all for doing our part to help our wounded warriors heal and to support their families."

Of course, meeting the President is nothing new for Bohlman. He was invited to meet George W. Bush in the Oval Office a few years ago.

(Story by Lt. Col. Jim St. Clair, JFHQ/PA)

2nd Annual Diversity Day planned for September

The time of year when McEntire recognizes the many contributions and accomplishments of the diverse groups that make up the SCANG is swiftly approaching. On Saturday, Sept. 8th at 3:00 p.m., we will celebrate our various cultures with music, dance, food, and informative displays.

As we plan for the 2nd Annual Taste of McEntire Diversity Day, we are reminded of the tremendous success we enjoy because of the diverse talents and skills of our members. Years ago, Jimmy Carter said, "We have become not a melting pot but a beautiful mosaic. Different people, different beliefs,

different yearnings, different hopes, different dreams." It is these differences that have provided us many perspectives and diversity of thought, and has also helped to propel the SCANG into one of the most innovative and capable fighter units in the U.S. Air Force.

In September, we will put the SCANG's beautiful mosaic on display. We encourage each of you to get involved and help to make this event a success.

Becoming better educated and culturally enriched, facilitates an appreciation for individual differences and helps us grow closer as a family. This is the goal of the Taste of

McEntire Diversity Day. We are confident that this wonderful forum will lead to better understanding and demonstrate the value in embracing our uniqueness.

At the end of the day, we are more alike than we are different. Honoring, respecting and valuing the diversity of each individual is the bridge that connects us together and helps us become stronger as an organization!

Please contact MSgt. Selina Chavez at 803-647-8200 or selina.chavez@ang.af.mil by July 15, 2012, if you are interested in assisting.

(Provided by MSgt. Selina Chavez, 169th FW)



Our May Breakfast was a small but select group, by my count we only had around 45 folks to show. I don't know if the change in our meeting location is part of the problem or what? However, as always, we had a wonderful time. We also had our first raffle this year. We also had comments from and a question and answer period for our monthly McEntire Liaison, Maj. Jack Phillips, Commander of the Force Support Squadron. He is vitally interested in us retirees based on his role and mission. There was some discussion about the 'new' Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (AFOUA) awarded to the Wing recently, and it really boils down to the semantics of the difference between a Wing and Group. There were two previous awards of the AFOUA being awarded to the Group, so there you go, whichever way you want to interpret it, they were all richly earned and deserved.

McEntire History: It struck me as I witnessed our planes leaving that some of us are generational in the fact that many of us have handed the reigns over to our sons and daughters to carry on the tradition and vitality of McEntire. There we are as fathers sending our offspring off to war and deployments. Some folks come to mind, and I am probably missing some; Dick Noble, Donnie Krofchick, and myself. There we are mixed with pride and concern, it's one of life's more emotional moments, such as witnessing marriage, birth, etc. of our children. I don't mean to be melodramatic,

but I think most of you can understand these feelings. This is why I think this fits under the history category.

I am leaving our "Missing Link" folks (1987-1993), although I will never leave them completely until I have a full accounting of all the folks retiring during that period, and I am subsequently picking up where I left off last year. We made a lot of progress and accounting during our missing link timeframe. So lets move on to the 2001 Retirees and begin honoring them. There were 42 of them retiring in 2001, so we will divide them up in three groups of fourteen each. Beginning with Lt. Col.'s Alan Holley, and Larry Windham. CMSgt. David G. Cummings. SMSgt.'s Roger Miller, Walter C. (Bud) Rose, Sr., and Joseph Tolliver. MSgt.'s Reuben George, Harvey Bryant, and Patrick Carr. TSgt.'s Mark Rich, Robert Azargian, Eileen Baker, Jeffrey Larken, and Andre Sisario.

As Tattoo used to say, "the plane Boss" on Fantasy Island TV show? We are in the 70's now, and working our way up to the T-29, not sure exactly what this was, but someone will tell me, and it was there from the timeframe of 1972-75? Then here come the A-7's Corsair II's or Slufs, originally a plane developed for the Navy. They served us well for about nine years. There were a number of deployments made with them taking us out of the Air Defense posture to tactical close air support. So a mission change as well with the 169th being assigned

to TAC (Tactical Air Command). The A-7's were from the period of 1974 to 1983. Many of our older retirees are very familiar with the A-7's, since they worked on them or flew them for years, while deploying to Hawaii, Panama, Norway, etc. Then we acquired the C-131 as a support plane. I believe I got to fly on this plane once to Eglin back in 83 for our ORI. Then Brad Fowler and I got to drive the lead comm jeep in a convoy back to Columbia after the ORI, sorry I digressed.

Since we will be located at the Fort Jackson Officers Club for probably the rest of this year, due to extensive repairs to the NCO Club, meeting-wise, we just have to 'grin and bear it'? There is also another scenario that is germane to our upcoming meetings, and that is our luncheons scheduled for the months of July and December. After conferring with the NCO Club manager, she is suggesting we have our luncheons at the Magruders Club located off of Jackson Blvd, on the fort, it is located between the bowling alley and the base theatre, sitting on a side road between them. If you do not know where it is, drive down Jackson Blvd. at your leisure and locate it. I will give you more instructions as we get closer to the first luncheon on July 10th. At that time, we have tentatively set up to have the Wing Commander give us the annual "State of McEntire" report. For our June Breakfast (the 5th), we will be at the Fort Jackson Officers Club at our usual time, 0830. Please come and see us.

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Officer Promotions

Captain

Amber Goodman, 169th FSS

1st Lieutenant

Charles Hood, 169th STU FLT
Christopher Spotts, 245th ATCS
Jonathan Thompson, 169th OG
James Wingrave, 169th CF

Enlisted Promotions

Senior Master Sergeant

Lester Worthy, 169th CF

Master Sergeant

Brian Schart, 169th AMXS

Technical Sergeant

Franklin Freeman, 169th FW
Tommy Garcia, 169th MDG

Staff Sergeant

Bianca Lindsey, 169th SFS
Robert Nine, 169th CF
Leann Quiliza, 169th AMXS
William Terry IV, 169th FSS
Charles Waffle Jr, 169th MXS
Samuel Wood IV, 169th FSS

Senior Airman

Janay Barr, 169th FSS
Chastity Cooper, 169th MXS
Anthony Furman, 245th ATCS
Latoya Oliver, 157th FS
Walter James, 169th FSS

Enlistments

Capt. Ralph Cole Jr., 169th FSS
SSgt. Kassay Lee, 169th MXS
A1C Andrew Cathey, 169th SFS
A1C Sean Kilcoyne, 169th OSF
AB Stephanie Donahue, 169th MDG
AB Elizabeth Wilson, 169th MDG

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Retirements

Lt. Col. Franklin Gibson
34 years - JFHQ

CMSgt. Mark Morrell
38 years - JFHQ

MSgt. Phillip Grady
34 years - 169th MXS

MSgt. John Bennett
26 years - 169th AMXS

MSgt. Allie E. Bacon V.
23 years - 169th AMXS

TSgt. Shunjie Colton
23 years - 169th LRS

Fitness Center Updates

Thanks to everyone that has helped in the clean up thus far! All of the gym, except the back area by my office, is up and running. However there are mats and stability balls in the front entrance if you would like to use these. We want to make sure the gym is as functional as possible until all further work is completed.

Foods that will boost your metabolism:

* Almonds * Hot Peppers * Oatmeal
* Salmon * Water

Warming additions to add to your favorite food to burn calories:

* Cinnamon * Ginger * Garlic
* Cloves * Mustard * Vinegar

Awesome pancakes and easy to make!!

- 3/4 cup oatmeal - 1/2 cup egg whites
- Pinch of salt - 1/2 tsp brown sugar
- 1/8 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 cup fat free cottage cheese

Mix all ingredients together, cook pancakes in hot skillet sprayed with Pam. Sprinkle more cinnamon on each side as you flip them, to enjoy more of the fat burning benefits. Very tasty and protein packed!

(Provided by Michelle Walker, 169th FSS)

Base Training

TESTING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Report for testing no later than 15 minutes before the test. Members testing on CDCs required for upgrade training must bring their AFIADL 9 course card with the following items documented:

Date review training began
Date due completion
Date review training ended
Supervisor's signature
Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required information are not allowed to test. For more information, contact a unit training manager.

Airman Leadership School
(class start dates -- five-week duration)
(56 seats for ANG members)

2012

Noncommissioned Officers Academy
(class start dates -- six-week duration)
(75 seats for ANG members)

PME Schedule

MCGHEE TYSON NCOA

23 JUL 12 - 29 AUG 12
17 SEP 12 - 24 OCT 12



What's for Lunch?

Saturday

Stuffed Green Peppers or BBQ Pulled Pork,
Mixed Vegetables, Macaroni and Cheese and
Northern Beans

Sunday

Chicken Cordon Bleu or Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Creamed Corn, Green Peas and Garlic Bread

Snack Line

SAT: Pizza or Hot Dogs and Assorted Chips

SUN: Chicken Fingers and French Fries

* All with Soup / Salad Bar / Desserts / Beverages

The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

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"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."
Joshua 1:9 NIV

Sometimes in life when you hear a command you might think of the common phrase, "easier said than done." Joshua must have felt this way before heading into battle because leading up to this verse God commands him several times, "be strong and courageous." What gets in the way of having the crippling mindset of fear and discouragement? Joshua was facing a great challenge as he heard the charge from God to go into battle. An immense challenge and personal limitations affect how well you perceive your ability to face a battle. The promise is that you are not alone and no matter where you go you have the strength of God to call on when you need it. Just knowing that promise can help you overcome fear and discouragement. What battle are you facing or in currently? For some it is a crisis with physical health, financial hardship, a relationship in turmoil, or just struggling mentally to make it through the day. For Joshua, all he had to do is follow God in faithful obedience and take what was promised, a land flowing with blessings. Step out in faith in what challenge is before you and let God do the rest to bless.

(by Chaplain, 1Lt. Christina Pittman)

Worship Schedule Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after roll call

Sunday

0815 - 0845 - Traditional Worship (Wing HQ Auditorium)

1100 - 1130 - Contemporary Worship (Wing HQ Auditorium)

1330 - 1400 - Catholic Mass (Eagle Vision Conference Room)



Blood Drives

June 3rd

August 5th

October 14th

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~ Walk-ins are welcome. ~

Speak today, shape tomorrow!

The 2012 Air Force Climate Survey is your opportunity to tell your leaders what needs improvement within your organization. All Active Duty, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, and Appropriated and Nonappropriated Fund Civilians with a valid AF email address are being invited to participate. Look for an e-mail from the AF Survey Office with your link to the survey.

The Total Force results from this survey are briefed to the Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force. Your unit leaders will receive the unit results with confidential feedback that can be used to make improvements. You know what is working and what needs attention in your unit.