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# When 'Opportunity Knocks'

## Traditional Guardsmen vacancies in the Wing

Listed below are enlisted and officer military vacancies available here at Horsham Air Guard Station, Pa. If you know of someone who is interested in these career fields and joining the Air National Guard, please have them contact the 111th Fighter Wing Recruiting Office at: (215) 323-7400.

### Enlisted Vacancies

Client Systems Specialist  
Communications Cable Systems  
Engineering Assistant  
Radio Frequency Transmission Specialist  
Services Specialist  
Special Purpose Vehicle Maintenance Specialist  
Water and Fuel Systems Maintenance

### Officer Vacancies

Aerospace Medicine Specialist  
Cyber Operations Specialist  
Family Physician  
Optometrist  
Mechanical Civil Engineer  
Physician Assistant



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## CGOC lends a hand to Habitat for Humanity

Members of the Company Grade Officers Council (CGOC) volunteered time May 31 to help work on a Habitat for Humanity project in Bristol, Pa. They arrived ready to be involved in various construction related tasks, to include installing dry wall.

### **Cover photo:**

Technical Sgt. Monique Munro-Harris, 111th Medical Group, applies moulage to Staff Sgt. Rosea Pheap, 111th Air Operations Group, during a mass casualty drill held here May 20. Moulage is make-up used to create simulated, visible injuries that exercise participants will treat as part of an exercise scenario. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jessica Berger.



## Mission of the 111th Fighter Wing

The 111th Fighter Wing provides protection of life, property, and the preservation of peace and order when tasked to do so by state or federal authorities. The Wing also provides operational and support units, as well as qualified personnel, to support wartime tasking and contingency commitments of any nature.

## Analog leadership in digital times

By Chief Master Sgt. James A. Roy  
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

The United States Air Force is the world's most advanced air, space and cyberspace force. Most of that can be attributed to you -- our outstanding Airmen -- but technology also plays a huge role. Advanced tools help us maintain an advantage over our adversaries. Technology has enabled our continuing success.

However, technology also threatens to cripple us.

As electronic communication becomes more widely used, our face-to-face interaction skills are beginning to suffer. We know how to text, Skype, and FaceTime, but some of us seem reluctant to engage in a meaningful face-to-face conversation.

We value technology because it saves us time, provides conveniences and helps us to be more efficient. But we must also recognize its potential to strip us of critical human connection skills.

This high-tech challenge has a low-tech solution. We need to strike a balance; we must continue to emphasize the importance of technology -- a resource we cannot and will not stop exploiting -- and at the same time emphasize the importance and value of analog leadership.

Analog leadership means temporarily putting down the iPads and Android tablets, logging out of Facebook and Twitter, and switching phones to airplane mode to stop the stream of texts coming in and out. It means shutting off the technology and talking to each other.

Face-to-face. One-on-one.

Real human interaction -- yes, for some of us it may be awkward at first, but getting to know each other better is an investment that will yield incalculable returns. Stronger connections will create a foundation on which we can grow more meaningful relationships.

And then we can turn the devices back on and use them for their intended purpose: to augment and add value to our real-life relationships.

As Airmen, we have to understand how to use technology, because without it we are not as well-equipped to do our jobs. However, as human beings, we also have to understand how and when not to use technology, because when distracted by it we are not as well-equipped to relate to others.

Thank you for your service and your continued dedication to duty. I look forward to seeing you face-to-face as I travel around our great Air Force.



**Chief Master Sergeant  
of the Air Force  
James A. Roy**

*Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force James A. Roy represents the highest enlisted level of leadership, and as such, provides direction for the enlisted force and represents their interests, as appropriate, to the American public, and to those in all levels of government. He serves as the personal adviser to the Chief of Staff and the Secretary of the Air Force on all issues regarding the welfare, readiness, morale, and proper utilization and progress of the enlisted force.*

*Chief Roy is the 16th chief master sergeant appointed to the highest noncommissioned officer position.*

### Leadership Library

Guardsmen may sign out and borrow books on varied leadership topics from Senior Master Sgt. John Lyon, Wing Human Resource Advisor (HRA).

The HRA Office is located in HQ Bldg. 203 Rm. 228. Please stop by and see what interests you! For more information, please call (215) 323-7400 during UTA weekends.

Some of the available book titles are:

*Who Moved My Cheese?*  
*Man's Search For Meaning*  
*The Three Meter Zone*  
*The Founding Fathers On Leadership*  
*The Leadership Secrets of Colin Powell*

*Good to Great*  
*On Combat*  
*The Leadership Challenge*  
*Exceeding Expectations*

## Chief, Vice Chief of National Guard Bureau confirmed

By Army National Guard Sgt. 1st Class Jim Greenhill  
National Guard Bureau

On July 26, the U.S. Senate confirmed Army Lt. Gen. Frank Grass to be the next chief of the National Guard Bureau and Air Force Maj. Gen. Joseph Lengyel to be vice chief.

Grass, who also will be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be promoted to four-star general and Lengyel will add his third star with his promotion to lieutenant general.

This Senate action followed Grass' July 19 hearing in front of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Grass told that committee the National Guard is an operational force at a historic

peak of readiness, its ranks filled with seasoned Citizen-Soldiers and -Airmen, and a critical partner to the Army and Air Force at home and abroad.

"Your National Guard," Grass – deputy commander, U.S. Northern Command, and vice commander, U.S. Element, North American Aerospace Command – told senators, "is more ready, more capable and rapidly deployable than ever before in our nation's history and also ready to respond to disasters in our states, territories and the District of Columbia.

"The past decade," he said, "has also demonstrated that the National Guard is an operational force and a critical partner with the Army and the Air Force in all missions, all contingencies and on the North American continent."

He attributed the transformation of the National Guard to previous chiefs of the National Guard Bureau, directors of the Army and Air National Guard,

adjutants general, senior enlisted and, he said, "Most importantly, the sacrifice and commitment of the Citizen-Soldiers, Airmen and their families."

"To the men and women and families of the Army and the Air National Guard ... you can know that I will be your strongest advocate," Grass said.

Asked about the chief's role on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Grass said, "As a member of the Joint Chiefs, I [will] definitely have to bring forward the adjutants generals' and governors' thoughts, concerns, on the homeland mission. ... I also need to be able to balance that with the federal mission and deployable forces and be able to give my best military advice to the secretary of defense as well as the chairman of the Joint Chiefs."

Grass will succeed Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley, the first four-star general and first to be appointed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff in the National Guard's more than 375-year history.

Lengyel, the senior U.S. defense official in Egypt, will be the first three-star vice

chief of the National Guard Bureau. The position of vice chief was re-established and elevated to the three-star level by the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act.

Lengyel is a command pilot with more than 3,000 flying hours, mostly in the F-16 Fighting Falcon. His 30-year career has included extensive service with the Texas Air National Guard and key assignments as commander, 455th Expeditionary Operations Group, Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan; commander of the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland; and vice commander, First Air Force, Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.



Army Lt. Gen. Frank Grass



Maj. Gen. Joseph Lengyel



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## Changing of the Guard

Command Sgt. Maj. Nicholas Gilliland relinquishes responsibility of the Pennsylvania National Guard's entire enlisted force to Command Sgt. Maj. Michael Gundrum during a change of responsibility ceremony held July 15, 2012 at Fort Indiantown Gap, in Anville, Pa. Pennsylvania National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Ted Nichols.



## Unity Day at the Gap

The fourth annual State Unity Day Celebration was held Aug. 30 at Fort Indiantown Gap, in Anville, Pa. Agencies and units from across Pennsylvania prepared various cultural foods along with displaying a range of items representing their selected customs. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Jessica Berger.

## Volunteers needed

By Chief Master Sgt. James Finn  
111th Security Forces Squadron

First off I hope that all members of the 111th and your families are having a safe and enjoyable summer. With the end of summer comes the end of the current fiscal year, kids going back to school. Your lives become a little hectic. With that please take the time to enjoy your families and your life.

There is always light at the end of the tunnel. Our light is getting past all of the Inspections that will be taking place in December 2012. We are now 4 months away. But one thing each of us needs to realize is this is a team effort. Everyone needs to be involved. Ask your supervisor what you can do to help prepare.

The next item I wanted to put a plug in for is the Angel Tree. Yes it is that time of year that we start getting the tree and Angels in place. The angels are for the kids who are

residents at Christ's Home (local Orphanage) located off of Old York Road in Warminster. This Wing has supported this organization for over the past 25 years.

Also the Chief's council will be sponsoring a Christmas Luncheon for the clients at the Lynch Home located in Willow Grove. These clients are people with special needs. Volunteers will be needed to help with carrying the meals to the table for those who cannot do for themselves or just sitting down and carry on a conversation with them. The 111th has been hosting this luncheon since 2007. This program started with the 913th and we continued to do this for them.

If your kids have a requirement to do community service this would be a great opportunity for them to get it done. I can honestly say it has been a privilege and an honor to be part of both these programs. If you want to get involved please contact any Chief assigned to the 111th Fighter Wing.

In addition, the Chief's Council is still collecting Baseball style caps (Not Used)

and we donate them to numerous hospitals throughout the area. These caps are mainly for patients who are undergoing Chemo Therapy. Chief Frisco is the point of contact for this program. So if you wish to donate any caps his office is in Bldg. 219, Security Forces building.

As you can see the Chief's council is very involved with community support. But support of these programs involves everyone. As a representative for the council I would like to personally thank everyone for their support in the past and I hope it continues well into the future. On a safety note please don't drink and drive and "Buckle up it's the Law.



# *Around the Wing*



## **BASE FAMILY DAY**





# Around the Wing

Photos by Staff Sgt. Michael Shaffer



## Local Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts learn about Army, Air Guard during base tour

Staff Sgt. Drennan Morris, a pavement and construction equipment operator with the 201st RED HORSE Sq., Det. 1, was one of several Army and Air National Guardsmen who answered questions

from local area Cub Scouts and Girl Scouts during a base tour held here May 20.

The scouts visited a variety of facilities to include: 270th Engineering Installation Squadron,

111th Medical Group, and the Headquarters Stryker Brigade. At each stop, they learned about each unit's capabilities and the equipment they use to accomplish their mission.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Shaffer



Chief Master Sgt. Alice Jenkins, 111th Force Support Squadron (FSS) Force Support Superintendent (shown left), retires during a ceremony held here May 19.

## FSS bids farewell, best wishes to ...



Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Shaffer

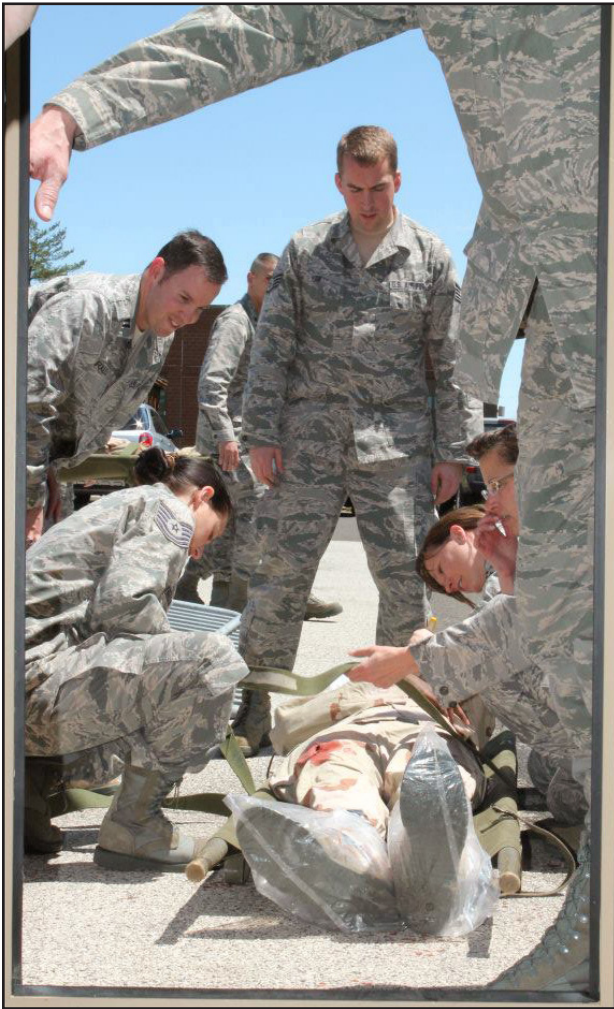


Master Sgt. Felice Parker, 111th Force Support Squadron Retention Officer Manager (shown left), retires during a ceremony held here Jun. 23.



# Around the Wing

Photo by Staff Sgt. Jessica Berger



## Medical conducts mass casualty drill

Members of the 111th Medical Group evaluate the condition of a guardsman with simulated injuries during a mass casualty drill held here May 20. Medical personnel performed triage on volunteers; practiced litter carries, patient tracking, and other critical care skills crucial in a disaster response environment.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Michael Shaffer



## Wing honors hometown heroes

The Wing honored guardsmen and their family members during its third annual Hometown Heroes Salute Ceremony held here Jun. 24. Airmen recognized in the ceremony included those who deployed for more than 30 consecutive days in support of Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Noble Eagle, and other peacekeeping operations across the globe since Sept. 11, 2001.

Two types of awards were presented to the recipients: Tier 1 (symbolizing 30 to 179 days of consecutive contingency service) and Tier 2 (symbolizing 180 to 365 days of consecutive contingency service).

Gen. Craig McKinley, Chief of National Guard Bureau, sanctioned the Air National Guard Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program in August 2008. The purpose of the program is to celebrate and honor the significant contributions of its Airmen, families, and communities.



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Marie Harmon

# *In the Local Community*



The 111th Fighter Wing's team was comprised of more than 20 guardsmen from various work centers across the unit.

The self-titled "Argonauts" took first place in the initial race against the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, US Army, and the Mighty Veterans. This victory earned the Wing's place as contenders in the professional division.

## **111th team members row their hearts out in annual Independence Dragon Boat Regatta**

**Story and photos by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum  
111th FW Public Affairs**

Members from the 111th Fighter Wing came together as a team and took part in the Sixth Annual Independence Dragon Boat Regatta that was held June 2 on the Schuylkill River.

Sitting at the head of long, ornate vessels, one member from every team at Saturday's Independence Dragon Boat Regatta assumed the responsibility of motivating their 20 paddlers to push through the 500-meter course along the Schuylkill,

beating a drum until the last stroke. An intense 500 meters on the river that many say is unlike any other experience.

Three objectives seemed to fuel the racers: camaraderie, a healthy rivalry, and a sense of charity. In its sixth year, the regatta, hosted by the Philadelphia Dragon Boat Association, raises money for the association's members to attend an international dragon-boat competition, as well as for charities.

Organizers say 65 teams from the East Coast are part of this regatta.

"Our team outperformed, not only the National Guard and the Mighty Veterans, but also active duty Army," said Lt. Col. Scott Hreso, 111th FW Safety Office. "That really says something."

The teams are made up of clubs that practice all year long and groups of friends to representatives of offices and organizations who use this as a team-building exercise.

The School District of Philadelphia was the source of one of the many friendly rivalries on display —

between first-year team Stab-N-Grab, mostly health and physical education teachers, and Team 440, comprising of workers from school district headquarters, at 440 N. Broad St.

"We look forward to this, we have lots of fun, we make lots of memories, lots of nice friends," says Betty Ann Creighton, part of the team from the Philadelphia School District building.

Friends and family cheered all day long for the paddlers. Registration fees and proceeds not only go to Team USA, but to some local charities as well.



# *In the Local Community*



## **Fox 29 salute to the military ‘largest ever’**

**Story and photos by Master Sgt. Christopher Botzum  
11th Fighter Wing Public Affairs**

On Sept. 14, local television network, Fox 29 in Philadelphia, Pa., paid honor to the military by holding their annual salute program during their morning news show “Good Day” hosted by anchors Karen Hepp and Mike Jerrick.

In front of the studio,

4th St. had been shut-down well before the break of day to allow regional military units to position display hardware such as earth movers from the 201st RED HORSE Squadron, a Stryker vehicle from the 56th Stryker Brigade and a patrol boat from the

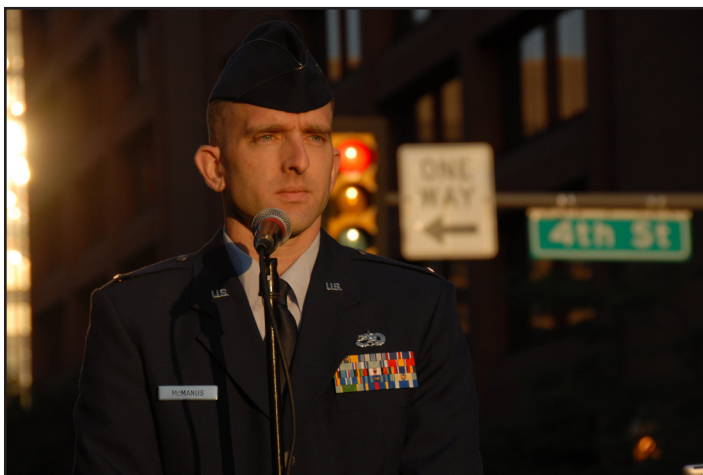
Philadelphia Coast Guard unit.

Col. Howard “Chip” Eissler (shown above-far right), commander of the 11th Fighter Wing, and 1st Lt. Timothy McManus (shown below-left), wing

executive officer, were featured during several segments of the program.

Highlighting the program was a formal awards presentation of the Bronze Star Medal to Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Agnew, project manager with the 270th EIS for his contributions during a recent deployment to Afghanistan.

Recognizing Fox 29 for their efforts for promoting the military and the citizen-soldier over the years, Master Sgt. George Roach, traditional guardsman and state public affairs broadcast videographer at Fort Indiantown Gap, in Annville, Pa. and fulltime videographer with the station, presented Jerrick with a letter of appreciation from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.



# Meet the Member

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Marie Harmon



## Tech. Sgt. Mike Nice and daughter Maya

Story by 1st. Lt. Sean Pearson  
111th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The Olympics are not just something that happen in London and we watch on TV. In fact, we have an Olympic medalist as part of our Horsham Air Guard Station family.

Maya Nice, age 9, is the daughter of Tech Sgt. Mike Nice, 201st RED HORSE Sq, Det. 1. On May 19th, Maya participated in the Special Olympics at Liberty High School in Bethlehem, PA. She competed in several events, winning a gold medal in the 25 meter backstroke and a bronze in the freestyle.

She is continuing to practice her swimming, and will start formal team practices this month. In addition to swimming, next year she will also compete in gymnastics and horseback riding. Outside of her Olympics success, Maya recently started the third grade. Her favorite class is music.

Sgt. Nice is currently serving a temporary technician tour. During this tour he completed a crane operator refresher course at Fort Indiantown Gap. He is currently supervising the paving project that will be part of the new front Gate at Horsham Air Guard Station.

Before Sgt. Nice moved to the 201st approximately four years ago, he spent eight years as part of the 111th FW Civil Engineering Squadron.



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171st Air Refueling Wing  
"Tanker Times"

[www.171arw.ang.af.mil](http://www.171arw.ang.af.mil)

Pa. Guardians Magazine

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### National News:

On Guard Magazine  
Published every Jan., April, July, Oct. <http://www.ng.mil/features/onguard-mag/default.aspx>

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