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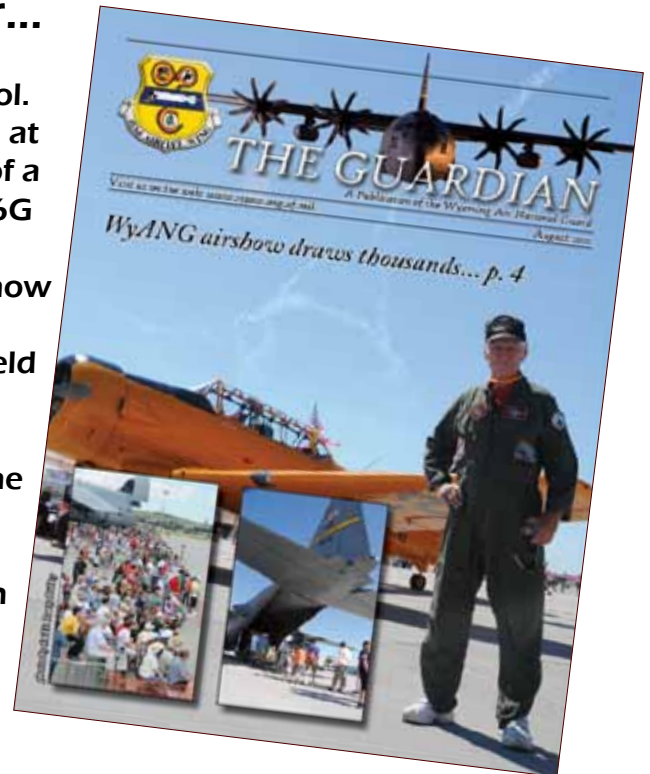
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## On the cover...

Retired Air Force Col. Jack Wilhite stands at the ready in front of a North American T-6G at the Wyo. Air National Guard's airshow at the Cheyenne Regional Airport held July 27. The colonel flies a Mig-17 at airshows around the country. His career includes 5 years with the WyANG in addition to serving in World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He has flown the T-6, T-28, T-33, T-38, F-80, F-84, F-86, F-100, F-104, F-4, F-5, A-7, and the F-15. He also flew Tiger Moths, Vampires and Meteors for the Royal Air Force. In addition to his military career, he flew the Skybolt for aerobatic demonstrations for seven years before moving to the MiG-17 which he has been flying for 13 years. He has more than 42,000 flying hours. Originally from Iowa, Wilhite joined the Air Corps during World War II and has been flying ever since. He now lives in the Denver area.



Spectators sit in bleachers or stand to watch a myriad of aerial demonstrations as others walk through a C-130.

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# 153rd Airlift Wing command changes

## Wyo. Military Department

Col. Stephen Rader assumed command of the Wyoming National Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing in a ceremony July 9 at the Wyoming Air National Guard base.

Rader assumed command from Col. Dennis Grunstad. Grunstad will be assigned to Wyoming Military Department Joint Force Headquarters, in Cheyenne.

The 153rd Airlift Wing is composed of 12 H-model C-130 Hercules and contains four group commands; the 153rd Maintenance Group, 153rd Operations Group, 153rd Mission Support Group and the 153rd Medical Group.

The wing provides worldwide theater airlift, airdrop and aeromedical evacuation; responds to state and federal disasters to assist with relief; and, when activated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, employs the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System (MAFFS).

"Col. Rader is an outstanding senior leader who will excel in leading the best airlift wing in the world," Assistant Adjutant General-Air Brig. Gen. Donald Haught said. "We look forward to the continued success of the wing and its ability to meet every challenge that comes its way."

As a result of the change of command, additional command personnel moves include:

Col. Paul Lyman moved from 153rd Mission Support Group commander to 153rd Airlift Wing vice commander.

Lt Col. Pete Linde assumed command of the 153rd Mission Support Group.



*photo by Master Sgt. Paul Mann*



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(Above) Col. Stephen E. Rader (left) assumes command of the 153rd Airlift Wing, Wyoming Air National Guard, July 9, 2011. Brig. Gen. Donald A. Haught (right), Assistant Adjutant General-Air, Wyoming National Guard, was the presiding officer of the ceremony. Haught presents the unit flag to Rader as a symbolic gesture in front of the entire unit in order for all who attend to witness their new leader assume his dutiful position.

(Left) Col. Dennis Grunstad, outgoing wing commander, waves to the audience gathered for the change of command ceremony. He will be assigned to Wyoming Military Department Joint Force Headquarters, in Cheyenne.

Col. Rader will meet with officers from 0730 - 0830 and Top 3 from 0830 - 0930 at the Joint Force Readiness Center auditorium Sunday of August UTA.  
Make plans to attend.

# WyANG airshow draws thousands

by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley

public affairs officer

An estimated 10,000 spectators attended the 2011 Air Power Airshow at the Wyo. Air National Guard Base, Cheyenne Regional Airport July 27.

People from around the country, and around the world, came to see the Thunderbirds, a variety of aerial demonstrations and static displays showcasing historical and current aircraft.

Phil and Kathy Joubert came from Whitman, Mass., just outside of Boston. "This is great," said Phil. "It's ideal, it's easy, it's nice and brings me back to my youth." Phil was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base from 1959 to 1960 and last year came back to Cheyenne

for the first time since being stationed in Wyoming. "We just love it out here," he said.

Keith Hampton and Mike Zherdev, of Ft. Collins, Colo., work together. It was Keith's first time at the airshow. "Seeing the variety is great," Hampton said. "It's such a nice day." Zherdev, originally from Russia, is no stranger to aviation. He is a professional pilot and flight instructor and aviation enthusiast. "Your airshow is always a nice experience. A must see. This is something unique," he said. "You've done a great job. Just give me the keys to the planes."

Jim Peloquin, originally from Chicago, Ill., and now living outside of Ft.



photo by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley

Retired Col. Jack Wilhite prepares his MiG-17 to fly the skies over Cheyenne for the airshow. Wilhite was a member of the WyANG for five years and has more than 42,000 hours in a variety of aircraft. He is 82 years old.

Collins, Colo., is a Vietnam veteran. The atmosphere reminds him of his service and being around F-4s. "I always come and see this," he said. "I gotta see the Thunderbirds. The noise and the afterburners. Amazing."

Others make the show come alive. They are the performers. Retired Col. Jack Wilhite has been flying most of his life. With 227 combat missions in Vietnam and service in World War II, Korea, and a retired United Airlines captain, it's hard to keep him out of a cockpit. He has more than 42,000 flying hours in a variety of aircraft and has been flying at airshows for nearly 20 years.

"I've been really fortunate to fly," said Wilhite. "A high in my career would be flying combat

missions in Vietnam."

Wilhite flies a Russian MiG-17, at the age of 82. "People come to airshows looking for thrills and to watch war birds fly," he said. "It's a fun day to bring your family."

Maj. Ryan Hendrickson, a pilot for the 30th Airlift Squadron, and airshow director, along with assistance from other base agencies, made the airshow a success. "I truly appreciate the team effort and support from dedicated individuals and squadrons who supported the event. We couldn't have done it without them," Hendrickson said. "The number of people at the airshow and community involvement was amazing. Many of the performers said they want to come back next year—that's a good thing."



photo by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley

Phil Joubert of Whitman, Mass., holds up a picture of himself when he served in the Air Force. He and his wife Kathy came from just outside of Boston for Cheyenne Frontier Days and for the airshow. He was stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base from 1959-1960.



Maj. Robin Duncan, a flight nurse with the 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, shows Youth Challenge cadets the workings of the C-130 and its ability to support medical personnel in flight.



U.S. Air Force Academy cadet Nathan Davies checks the instruments on a TG-10C glider.



(Above) USAFA cadets and falconers show airshow attendees a peregrine falcon.



(Right) Senior Airman Molly Farrand, a medic with the 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, escorts airshow visitors through the C-130 static display.

*photo by Airman 1st Class Nichole Grady*



Maj. J.R. Williams, a pilot with the USAF Thunderbirds, speaks with airshow guests and signs autographs.



Staff Sgt. Greg Wardle, 153 SFS, maintains security on the very busy flight-line.

*photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin*



Col. Gerald Champlin makes the rounds on the tarmac.

*photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin*



A young man sights in his rifle under the supervision of the 10th Special Forces Group.

*photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin*



*photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin*

U.S. Air Force Academy cadets of Wings of Blue get briefed before their jump.



The First Sergeants Council sold snowcones to ease the heat of the day. Booths from different councils were available for food, water and refreshments and an opportunity to raise money for the unit fund, which provide funds for activities throughout the year.

*photo by Airman 1st Class Nichole Grady*



The recruiting booth stays busy as they hand out informational material about the Wyo. Air National Guard.

*photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin*



Young and old alike watch with a careful eye as the Thunderbirds taxi back into position after an aerial demonstration over Laramie County Community College.

*photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin*



“Old Glory” and the POW/MIA flag wave in the breeze as spectators view static displays with a C-5 Galaxy from the Tennessee Air National Guard’s 164th Airlift Wing in view.



(Above) A-10 Thunderbolts fly the skies above the airshow. (Below) Explosions make for a realistic munitions demonstration only to be extinguished by a MAFFS drop.



A C-130H utilizes the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System capability to extinguish flames of a simulated munitions drop from A-10 Thunderbolts.



*photos by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley*

*Celebrating the Past...  
Embracing the Future*

## Wyoming Air National Guard

65th Anniversary  
August 4th ~ 6th



***Thursday, August 4***

F.E. Warren Air Force Base - Golf Tournament  
12 p.m. - Registration  
1 p.m. - Shotgun Start

***Friday, August 5***

Wyoming Air National Guard Base  
8 - 11 a.m. - Base Tour

Wyoming Air National Guard Base  
5 p.m. - No Host Reception - Social Club  
6:30 p.m. - Milk Can Dinner

***Saturday, August 6***

Wyoming Air National Guard Base  
9 a.m. - Informal Tour of Work Centers



Reservations: 307-772-6456 / [www.153aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.153aw.ang.af.mil)

POCs: Major Rachel Bennett 307-772-6320

Chief Master Sgt. Milissa Fowler 307-772-6339



# On a smaller scale: hobby reflects WyANG

by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley

public affairs officer

Jim Mundell has been interested in aviation all his life. His father was a “Tail End Charlie” in Lancaster bombers with the 35th Squadron, Pathfinder Force, and they lived in Scotland close to a Royal Naval Air Station and a civil airport.

Twenty five miles down the road was Prestwick Airport, the transatlantic gateway of the 1960s to 1980s and a busy refuelling stop for USAF flights to and from Europe. On March 3, 1960,



Sgt. Elvis Presley made his one and only visit to the UK when his aircraft made a refuelling stop at Prestwick en route to McGuire Air Force Base, N.J.

In 1976, the Mundell's moved to the outskirts of London, just 8 miles from the famous “Battle of Britain” airfield, Biggin Hill, where, five years later, Mundell would complete his one and only solo flight.

“I loved flying, and still do, but I was aware that



*photos courtesy of Jim Mundell*

A 1/200 scale model of a C-45 Expeditor prepares for takeoff on a one-dollar bill. This scale model is complete with Wy-ANG logo and authentic tail number. The WyANG flew the C-45 from 1953 to 1961.

my vision was not 20/20 and you can't pull into a parking lot at 5,000 feet to check where you are on the map,” said Mundell.

“In 1988, I flew to Louisville, Ky., on business and was invited by a local deputy sheriff to visit the ANG Base at Standiford Field where KY ANG flew the RF-4C Phantom. I was so impressed with the warm welcome, and the dedication of the Air Guardsmen, that I have been interested in the ANG ever since,” Mundell said.

Mundell's interest in aviation led him to a hobby of creating models of aircraft to include those from the ANG inventory.

Several of the present producers of 1/200 scale model aircraft go under the label “The One True Scale” because 1/200 was the first widely used scale for aircraft models.

Why Wyoming?

“My long term aim is to have an example from each state with as many different types as possible. When I heard that a casting was in progress I asked a friend if he would build me a unique model of the Beech C-45 with Wyoming ANG markings to fill the gap in my collection,” said Mundell.

A very detailed process is followed to make the scale models. Small scale producers are often willing to produce individual models and color schemes. “As these are one-offs they are not cheap, but your model will be unique and very collectable,” Mundell said.

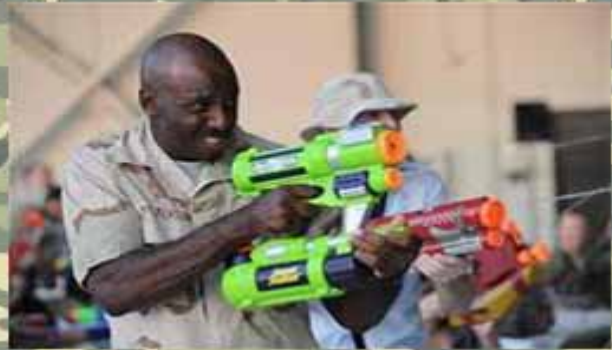
The Wyoming Air National Guard now has a piece of history, with bucking horse and original tail number, in the form of a 1/200 scale model thanks to Jim Mundell. 🇺🇸



A fleet of scale models take their place on the dinner table tarmac at Jim Mundell's home.

# COMBAT DINING-IN

## 2011



**WHEN:**  
**10 Sep 2011**  
**1730-2100**



**PRICE:**  
**\$5-50**  
 (Dependent on pay grade)  
**Includes:**  
**Commemorative**  
**Mug**  
**Dinner & 2 drinks**

**WHERE:**  
**Wyoming ANG Base**  
**Corrosion Control**  
**Hanger**

**Dress to IMPRESS: any current or former duty uniform, NO BLUES or service dress**  
**Sponsored by your Wyoming ANG Top 3**

When was the last time you were able to pick at your food without being told "DON'T PICK AT YOUR FOOD!"? When was the last time you could throw your food without being told,

"DON'T THROW FOOD, THAT'S NOT NICE!"? Well if you're anything like the rest of us it's been too long since you were afforded the opportunity to do either... sounds like it is time for a

Combat Dining-In! On Sept. 10, 2011, the Wyoming ANG Top III is hosting a Combat Dining-In and every Airmen assigned to the Wyoming Air National Guard is invited. Only 300 tickets

will be sold for this event so make sure you contact one of the following Top III members: Master Sgt. Dawn McDonnell, Master Sgt. Paul Mann or Master Sgt. Trudy Woodcock.



# Margaret Jasman selected for Extra Mile Award - Air

## Wy. Military Department

**M**argaret Jasman, retired Senior Master Sergeant, from the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing, was selected for the Extra Mile Award - Air.

She was recognized at the National Guard Bureau National Volunteer Workshop in July. This award is presented to one Army and one Air Guard retiree who distinguishes themselves with outstanding and exceptional service to the family program by continuing to serve the Guard through volunteering.

Jasman began her volunteer activities in 1991 when she joined VFW Post 4343 in Cheyenne. As a veteran herself, retiring in December 2006, she became a staunch supporter of veterans rights and strives to educate servicemembers and their families about benefits, entitlements and resources available to assist them. A small portion of her accomplishments are listed as follows:




▣ Volunteered more than 2,055 hours to the National Guard Family Programs.

▣ Given great amounts of time and sincere attention to such efforts as Yellow Ribbon events, annual Children's Holiday Party and Lunch with Santa, Spring Easter Egg Hunt, Wing Family Picnic and Operation Guardian Angel Program.

▣ Assisted the Wyoming National Guard Family

Program effort with food baskets and gifts over the holidays with approximately 1,500 children being assisted over the course of 2002 - 2010.

“Margaret Jasman is a true homefront hero. She has served our nation and state admirably in uniform and continues her efforts as a retiree by giving of her time and talents through volunteer efforts that support service members, veterans and their families,” said Denise Rampolla, Wyoming Air National Guard's Airmen and Family Readiness Programs manager. “She is a true patriot.” 

# Firefighter named 2011 AF Global Strike Command civilian firefighter of the year

by **Staff Sgt. Natalie Stanley**  
*public affairs specialist*

**T**he 153rd Civil Engineering Squadron's own Master Sgt. Jesse Johnson was named as the Air Force Global Strike Command's Civilian Firefighter of the Year. Each year the Air Force awards firefighters who are outstanding in the fire and

emergency services profession. These Airmen and civilians go above and beyond their already demanding jobs by showing extraordinary compassion and dedication to protecting life and property.

Johnson has been in the fire service since 1992. “It was my childhood dream to be a firefighter,” Johnson said. He pursued his dream in 1992, starting as

a volunteer in Colorado. Currently, Johnson works full-time as a civilian engineer for the F.E. Warren AFB Fire Department, continues to volunteer in Colorado, and is an assistant chief in the Wyoming Air National Guard fire department. To relax from the demanding and sometimes stressful job of firefighting, Johnson spends all of his spare

time with his family. They enjoy preparing for 4-H in the summer as well as hunting. Johnson will receive his award at the Fire Rescue International/Department of Defense Fire Chief's conference in Atlanta this month.



# Fun for all at the wing family picnic

Members of the Wyo., Air National Guard and their families enjoy a day at Lions Park at the annual wing family picnic. Games, prizes and food made for a special event and an opportunity to relax on a beautiful Cheyenne day.



*photos by Airman 1st Class Nichole Grady*

# JOBS

Traditional positions with the full advertisement may now be found on the Wyo. Military Department website under the jobs tab:

<https://www.wy.ngb.army.mil/jobs/>

Members may also subscribe for e-delivery when the page is updated and have the option to have their civilian e-mail address on file.

## Traditional Positions at the Wyoming Military Department

The Wyoming Military Department offers a wide variety of employment opportunities around the state for Active Guard and Reserve personnel, federal government employees and state government personnel.

Current Army National Guard traditional positions are not currently listed

Opportunities for Air National Guard traditional positions can be found at [GOANG.com](http://GOANG.com) and below:

AFSC/MOS	Job Title	Closing Date
8F000	First Sergeant	07 AUG 11
1A271	Aircraft Loadmaster	07 AUG 11
3D175	Ground Radar Systems Craftsman	08 AUG 11
1N0X1	Operations Intelligence Analyst	08 AUG 11
9E000	Wing Command Chief	17 AUG 11
3D0X1 or 3S0X1	Knowledge Operations Management and Personnel Specialist	Open Until Filled
44M3	Internist	Open Until Filled
48R3	Residency Trained Flight Surgeon	Open Until Filled
48R3	General Medical Officer	Open Until Filled
44F3	Family Practice Physician	Open Until Filled
46N3E	Critical Care Nurse	Open Until Filled



*photo by Master Sgt. Paul Mann*

GENERALLY SPEAKING: Retired generals Charles Wing, Stephen Pappas and Vern Baldeshwiler sit with Brig. Gen. Harold Reed at the change of command ceremony for the 153rd Airlift Wing.

All applications must be submitted to  
 Master Sgt. Denise Hondel  
 153 AW/FSS  
 217 Dell Range Blvd.  
 Cheyenne, WY 82009-3320  
 307-772-6457  
 by the closing date listed on the advertisement.

The Wyoming Military Department is an equal opportunity employer. Selection for all positions will be made without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor. This applies to ALL vacancies within the Wyoming Military Department.

Job announcements must be sent directly to FSS, not to the Public Affairs office. The format must include, Position Title, Grade, Officer/Enlisted (both), other special qualifications. The requested announcement may be sent to Master Sgt. Hondel, Tech. Sgt. Lopez, or Maj. Bennett for submission. The submission must be received in advance of the deadline required by Public Affairs each month to allow time for review and accuracy before publishing. Questions on posting job announcements may be directed to Maj. Rachel Bennett, 307-772-6320.

# We Salute

## Promotions

Senior Airman Amy Espedido  
Senior Airman Sara Lei  
Senior Airman Joshua Pennock  
Staff Sgt. Brad Catron  
Staff Sgt. Chance Crosier  
Staff Sgt. Melissa Englebert  
Senior Master Sgt. Luke Lefurge

## Retirements

Master Sgt. Kris Lake



*photo by Master Sgt. Paul Mann*

Master Sgt. Kris Lake, a flight engineer with the 30th Airlift Squadron, gets some help cooling down after his final flight. He retires with more than 22 years of service.

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