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Members of the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Civil Engineer Squadron lay asphalt Aug. 13, 2012, at the NATO School recreation center, Oberammergau, Germany. Airmen from the 153rd CES are putting their skills to work as they conduct their annual training. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Natalie Stanley)

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Wyoming troops saddle up for service

by Mr. David Crane, 1st Lt. Christian Venhuizen and 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley

Wyoming National Guard Public Affairs



(U.S. Air Force photos by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley)

A waft of air at Cheyenne's Frontier Park brings the faint smell of manure, which is freshly pounded by the boots (cowboy, not combat) of soldiers and airmen of the Wyoming National Guard.

Their uniforms show the wear of the day and the 90-plus-degree temperatures, but remain professional, shirts tucked in with belt buckles still sparkling.

For more than a week, and many more days throughout the past year, these Guardsmen worked without pay. Their work is volunteer only, a service to their community and a chance to maintain their ties to the state's cowboy heritage.

They are volunteers with Cheyenne Frontier Days, billed as the world's largest outdoor rodeo. In turn, the event produces a significant portion of the annual revenue needed for Cheyenne and its communities.

"We do this for the community, just like the Guard is there for the governor to help our communities," said Col. Pat Moffett, a rodeo volunteer and commander of the Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Maintenance Group.

No statistics were available regarding how many Wyoming Guardsmen volunteer with the 10-day rodeo. However, Guardsmen serve in a variety of ways, including marching in one or more of the four parades, serving pancakes during one of the three free breakfasts,

even working as medical technicians during the rodeo.

Some volunteer directly with one of the 10 official committees, ranging from contract acts to contestants to public relations. Some, like those serving breakfast, volunteer with other clubs and organizations that take part in the festivities.

The Guardsmen come from a variety of ranks and disciplines. There are traditional Guardsmen, who maintain other careers or go to school during the work week. Others are employed fulltime by the Wyoming National Guard.

As volunteers, military rank in the committees does not carry weight. Colonels flip flapjacks alongside sergeants and a private may be the most senior volunteer in the group. Some only recently volunteered; others have ties to the rodeo since childhood.

Whether on the arena fence or behind the chutes, Cowboy Medics volunteering from the Wyoming Air National Guard are ready to assist Frontier Days contestants at a moment's notice.

Cowboy Medics are a blend of local emergency medical technicians, doctors, nurses and military personnel who volunteer to assess rodeo injuries and other health related issues of those attending events at Frontier Park.

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153 CES GERMANY DEPLOYMENT TRAINING

A WIN-WIN FOR ALL INVOLVED



Wyoming Air National Guard's 153rd Civil Engineer Squadron recently returned from deployment training at the NATO School in Oberammergau, where they put their engineering skills to work.

Various projects were completed by members of the 153 CES including: laying asphalt and lumber for a new deck at the NATO School recreation center, mixing and pouring concrete for multiple projects, knocking down a chimney of an old steam plant and re-roofing the area, and building a car port at the recreation center.

The hands-on training offered the 153 CES an opportunity to put their skills to use in a real-world environment while providing the NATO School with needed construction.

"This training was a win-win situation for both us and

NATO," said Lt. Col. Stan White, 153 CES commander. "We received real-world training and the NATO School received free labor."

The skill sets Airmen brought to bear were a cross-section of the civil engineering career field including: structures and power production specialists; plumbers; heavy equipment operators; heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration craftsman and fire-fighters.

The NATO project did not afford all members a chance to practice their particular skill set, but everyone involved was able to jump in and learn a new skill or brush up on old ones.

"Everyone had to overlap and chip in," said White. "Everyone had their turn at the shovel."

Even when things didn't go as planned, with weather

or materials, the members of the 153 CES remained flexible and accomplished the job.

"I have to brag on these guys a little," said Senior Master Sgt. Carl Hocking, operations superintendent. "They always make good use of the opportunities they are given and that's one of the strongest points of the unit."

With the unit's work completed and new skills acquired, the trip was an overall successful training mission, command said.

"The guys were able to receive excellent hands-on training and were able to see the direct results," said Hocking. 🇺🇸

For more stories and pictures on the 153 CES Germany trip visit <http://www.153aw.af.mil/>

Wyoming leaders, leading the way in energy efficiency

By Monica Puente and Alan Stoinski

Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Consumer marketing representative and program manager

The Wyoming Air National Guard has taken significant measures to replace dated lighting fixtures with energy efficiency products in several structures at its Cheyenne, Wyo., facilities. Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power presented rebates to the WyANG, Aug. 3, for their energy efficiency, totaling more than \$84,000.

The primary goal for the WyANG was to reduce energy consumption, said Col. Steve Rader, 153 AW commander. The projects resulted in meeting qualifications for rebate incentives being offered through the Cheyenne Light, Fuel &



photo by Airman 1st Class Nichole Grady

Power Energy Efficiency Solutions Program.

"We're known for taking some chances," Rader said, "so we're happy to lead this initiative to save energy,"

The receipt of a rebate incentive, from a local utility, is likely the first of

many to come for the 153 AW.

"We're real proud of this energy saving effort," said Master Sgt. Carl Hocking, facility manager.

Hocking said the rebated funds will be reinvested into additional energy efficiency mea-

asures, with a number of projects already outlined by the National Guard Regional Energy manager Mel Klaus.

When asked if the WyANG would recommend other community businesses to learn more about Cheyenne Light's Energy Efficiency Solutions Program, Lt. Col. Stanley White, 153rd Civil Engineer Squadron commander said, "It's easy to recommend a win-win situation to others. We like to make decisions based on data. This is a win-win."

Please visit www.cheyenelightsavemoney.com for program information.

RISING 6 COUNCIL

Rising 6 needs leaders! If you are looking to improve your leadership skills, help community relations, or improve your WING, GROUP, SQUADRON, we want you. Attend the Rising 6 Meeting on Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. in the Dinning Facility.

1. Financial counseling from William Lyons will be given in the Dinning Facility Sept. 8 at 1 p.m. This is great training for everyone, especially supervisors. All are welcome to attend.
2. Christmas is just around the corner! The Rising 6 will be taking orders for ABU Wreaths in October and November. Look for more information to come.
3. Rising Six needs volunteers to support HADD on Sept. 8 and 9. If interested in volunteering, contact Tech. Sgt. Iris Honrado at 772-6282 or Tech. Sgt. Olivia Hoffmaster at 772-6159.
4. 8-Freedom 5K or 1 mile Walk. Contact Tech. Sgt. Iris Honrado at (307) 772-6282 if interested in participating.

Wyoming Firefighters Certified Urban Search and Rescue

by Senior Airman Kelsey Raile

153rd Civil Engineer Squadron firefighter



The Wyoming Air National Guard sent eight firefighters for the first part of a certification process in urban search and rescue, January 2012, in Ark.

The Air National Guard has begun the new initiative to certify members in urban search and rescue. Over the past year guardsmen have been training in Arkansas and North Carolina in hopes of developing regional teams that are available to deploy to domestic emergencies, such as tornadoes and hurricanes.

Six of the eight WyANG firefighters have since completed the second part of their training that focused on trench rescue and structural collapse. They spent a total of four weeks training on highly technical skills including; making a trench safe for victim rescue, directing a crane, lifting and moving heavy objects and breaching through concrete to gain access to a victim. The firefighters are also now certified in a number of rescues including; rope, confined space, vehicle, machinery, trench and structural collapse.

The training instructors are highly-experienced professional rescue technicians from Spec Rescue International. Many of the instructors responded to the 9/11 attacks and Hurricane Katrina and also belong to regional FEMA teams.

The ANG will be purchasing cache trailers and rescue equipment which will be distributed among the teams so they may be deployed when an emergency arises.

SAPR bystander intervention training September Drill

Females: Saturday, September 8, 1-2:30 p.m. in the avionics classroom, building 34

Males: Sunday, September 9, 1-2:30 p.m. in the avionics classroom, building 34

Attention E-7s and Above



Maj. Gen. K. Luke Reiner cordially invites you to the 2012 Governor's Reception Saturday, October 13, 2012 Little America Hotel & Resort Cheyenne, Wyoming \$45 singles/\$90 couple Cocktail hour begins at 6 p.m. Dinner at 7 p.m. Music & Dancing after program.

Deadline to RSVP is September 28

Please mail your check, made payable to "WSHPAF," to Wyoming Governor's Reception, ATTN: CW3 Vonnie Benson, 5410 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009

Please include: First and last name, a phone number, an email address, guest information, and meal choices (Grilled Filet Mignon & Grilled Chicken or Vegetable Lasagna)

A photographer will be available.

A block of rooms has been reserved. Please call 800-445-6945 before Sept. 13 to reserve a room under our block "2012 Governor's Reception."

Service continued...

For Lt. Col. Julie Resheske, 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron flight nurse, the experience started nearly 10 years ago, while stationed at F.E. Warren Air Force Base, on active duty. In 2008, she transferred to the Wyoming Air National Guard.

"It's just so different than your day-to-day job," said Resheske. "You have no idea what injury you might be helping with. There is variety and extremes."

Resheske, a pediatric nurse practitioner, finds satisfaction with the unique work at a cowboy event.

"The contestants are great to work with and are very appreciative of what we are doing for them," she said. "We do what we can to keep in them in their job. They want to get patched up and compete again tomorrow."

Staff Sgt. Heidi Valdez, 153rd Medical Group health technician with the Wyoming Air National Guard, is volunteering at Frontier Days for the first time.

"The clinic let us know we could volunteer so I signed up," Valdez said.

Valdez also helped with the Challenge Rodeo where special-needs children are paired with Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association contestants in a modified rodeo performance.

"Working with the kids is fun too," said Valdez. "It's great to get a smile on their face and make their day."

For Valdez, this is just the beginning.

"I plan on doing this every year," she said. "I wish I would have started sooner."

For the full story and pictures visit <http://www.153aw.ang.af.mil>



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2A571	Aerospace Maintenance (E-7)	9 September 12
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3P071	Security Forces Craftsman	14 September 12
44M3	Internist	Open Until Filled
48R3	Residency Trained Flight Surgeon	Open Until Filled
48R3	General Medical Officer	Open Until Filled
5R051	Chaplain Assistant	Open Until Filled
5J071	Paralegal Craftsman	Open Until Filled
5J071	Paralegal Craftsman	Open Until Filled
3M071	Services Craftsman	Open Until Filled
3S071	Peronnel	Open Until Filled
3D171	Client Systems Craftsman	Wed after Sept UTA

please visit link below for a detailed jobs listing
<http://wyomilitary.wyo.gov>

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Master Sgt. Denise Hondel
153 AW/FSS
217 Dell Range Blvd.
Cheyenne, WY 82009-3320
307-772-6457

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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. Denise Hondel or Tech. Sgt. Victoria Lopez for submission. Questions on posting job announcements may be directed to Master Sgt. Denise Hondel
307-772-6457.

We Salute

Promotions

Senior Airman Richard Cruz
 Senior Airman Shane Heidemann
 Senior Airman Laramie Riley
 Senior Airman Ramon Simental
 Senior Airman Brian Storzer
 Staff Sgt. Zachary Annas
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 Staff Sgt. Mathew Brown
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 Senior Master Sgt. Stephen Brow
 Senior Master Sgt. Nathaniel Cook

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Retirements

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 Master Sgt. Ersell Newson
 Master Sgt. Jeanne Scheffler
 Master Sgt. Samuel Wilkinson
 Staff Sgt. Michael Geheb



Janet Cowley, program support specialist for Wyoming ESGR, presents Lt. Col. Gary Monroe, 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, Maj. Bret Trippel, 153rd Maintenance Squadron commander, Senior Airman Michael Mortensen and Senior Air...man Charles Holtzclaw, with certificates of appreciation for their support and the maintenance group's support of the recent Bosslift, Aug. 2, 2012, Cheyenne, Wyo. The Bosslift took place June 9, 2012, and took more than 60 civilian employers to Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center, Wyo., to get a firsthand look at what their employees do for the Guard and Reserve jobs. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Natalie Stanley)