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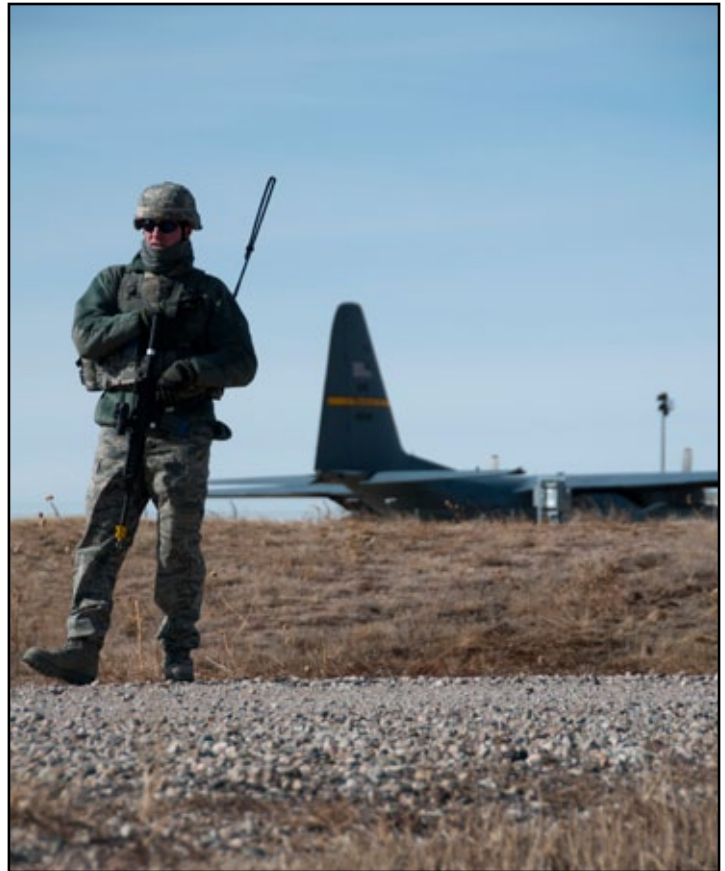


Photo by Staff Sgt. John Galvin

Staff Sgt. Ronald Mills, 153rd Security Forces Squadron, participates in an exercise during March UTA. The 153rd Airlift Wing is preparing for Operational Readiness Exercises and an Operational Readiness Inspection. All units participated and evaluated at the lowest level to ensure compliance. The learning experience provides preparation and helps focus on areas needing improvement.

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# Commander's Corner



Col. Gerald L. Champlin  
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I am not going to waste your time with a lengthy article on the pros and cons of belonging to professional organizations. These groups have a long list of accomplishments serving the needs and interests of National Guard members, so I think almost everybody realizes their importance and the benefits of membership. However, during these financially difficult times, I think it is essential that we know which groups best represent our futures by lobbying our interests in Congress so we can make an informed decision in selecting where our hard-earned dollars go.

Several organizations are committed to improving the readiness, quality of life and benefits for those who volunteer to be always ready to defend this nation. Right now, more than ever, we need the help from

these professional groups. But since most of us aren't rich enough to support all of them, I have provided a list of the more prominent organizations and where more information can be found about them. This list is by no means all inclusive, but it provides a good place to start, should you decide to join one.

## *NGAUS-National Guard Association of the United States*

The association includes nearly 45,000 current or former Guard officers. It was created in 1878 to provide unified National Guard representation in Washington. In their first productive meeting after Reconstruction, militia officers from the North and South formed the association with the goal of obtaining better equipment and training by petitioning Congress for more resources. Today, 132 years later, NGAUS has the same mission. NGAUS provides states and its members unified representation before Congress. The NGAUS legislative department is the lobbying branch of the association. It seeks modern equipment, training, missions and personnel benefits for the Army and Air National Guard by lobbying Congress and the executive branch. For more information: [www.ngaus.org](http://www.ngaus.org)

## *EANGUS-Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States*

EANGUS was formally organized in 1972 with the goal of increasing the voice of enlisted persons in the National Guard. As such, EANGUS is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the status, welfare and professionalism of enlisted members of the National Guard by supporting legislation that provides adequate staffing, pay, benefits, entitlements, equipment and installations for the National Guard. For more information: [www.eangus.org](http://www.eangus.org)

## *MOAA- Military Officers Association of America*

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, non-profit, politically non-partisan organization with about 370,000 members from every branch of service - including active duty, National Guard, reserve, retired, former officers and their families. It is a powerful force speaking for a strong national defense and representing the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers. MOAA's highest priority is providing first-class service to its members. It is the leading voice on compensation and benefit matters for all members of the military community. MOAA provides expert advice and guidance to their members. For more information: [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

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# Aviation history

## Where the friendly skies began

Image courtesy of Wyoming State Archives

Staff Sgt. Natalie Stanley

153rd public affairs specialist

*This is part two of a two-part series.*

*Part one can be found online at [wyomilitary.wyo.gov](http://wyomilitary.wyo.gov)*

**Y**ou've just reached altitude on your commercial airline flight and are looking forward to kicking back and enjoying a snack and a drink. You look around and there are no flight attendants to be found. All of a sudden the pilot comes out of the cockpit and starts serving the passengers beverages, maybe offering blankets or pillows, making sure everyone is comfortable.

This was the reality for the first passenger service aircrafts starting in 1927, with the introduction of the Boeing 80s.

"The pilot-mechanic was not only responsible for the mechanical functions of the aircraft but had to ensure that the passenger cabin was supplied," said Michael Kassel, curator of collections at the

Cheyenne Frontier Days Old West Museum. "The pilot-mechanic was also responsible for serving lunches, keeping the cabin clean and attending to the passengers needs."

Having only a two-man crew to accomplish all the tasks made getting the job done difficult. This was about to change however, with the introduction of female nurses as stewardesses.

In 1930 Ellen Church, a registered nurse, approached Boeing Air Transport with an idea of how women could get involved working for the airlines.

"For the women of the time becoming a stewardess was really the only way they could get involved in civilian aviation," said Kassel, "it was absolutely a male dominated world."

According to PBS's article "Chasing the Sun," Church was a registered nurse who was intrigued by

flying and even took flying lessons. Church approached Steve Stimpson, of BAT, for a job as an airline pilot. Stimpson wouldn't hire her as a pilot but saw potential in her idea that nurses onboard planes could help combat the public's fear of flying.

On Feb. 24, 1930, Stimpson wrote a letter to his management explaining the idea and benefits of nurses aboard aircraft.

"At first, management was skeptical but Stimpson ultimately prevailed," said Kassel.

To some pilots the notion of women aboard planes seemed absurd, at first.

"From a lot of accounts some of the pilots couldn't imagine having women on board the plane or even around the plane," said Kassel, "they had this phobia that having women on board was bad luck."

On May 15, 1930, the first



Photo courtesy of Wyoming State Archives



Following photos courtesy of Michael Kassel



eight women arrived in Cheyenne to be trained as the world's first stewardesses and the pilot's attitude quickly changed as the women became an invaluable part of the flight crew.

"They had to stock the entire plane for the flight," said Kassel. "They would clean and polish the silver, make sure the thermostats were correct, dust the inside of the aircraft and the stewardess's duties didn't end at passenger care."

"If the plane landed with a problem they had to help push the plane into the hanger," said Kassel, "and if they landed on an emergency field they were required to haul buckets of fuel from the trucks to the plane."

The standards for the women applying as stewardesses were very strict, according to "Chasing the Sun". The women had to be single, younger than 25, weigh less than 115 pounds and stand less than 5-foot, 4-inches.

"They had to be trained as nurses and this was true all the way up until World War II," said Kassel. "They had to have a huge battery of expertise just to apply." These continued to be the standards until 1970.

While attending stewardess training, the women's world revolved in and around what is now known as Building 16, at the Wyoming Air National Guard Base, Cheyenne, Wyo.

"The school use to be in the office spaces of Building 16," said Kassel, "it was known at the time as hangar number three."

"They worked there, they did their homework there, and they slept there," said Kassel. "Every young lady got a dresser, a bed and a lamp and that's what they had."

The women trained five days a week on subjects ranging from etiquette and graceful walking to avionics and first aid.

The stewardess's school in Building 16 trained 1000's of women every year for BAT with the most up to date technology, including a full scale aircraft galley mock up. Graduates would go on to work for United Airlines. They averaged around two years of service, said Kassel.

Kassel said the school continued in Cheyenne until 1962 and was just one more example of the "astronomical amounts of cool things and cool people to come through Cheyenne" during the early to mid 1900s. 🇺🇸

*Some information in this article was obtained from Michael Kassel's master's thesis and a power point presentation presented to the Wyoming Air National Guard on Dec. 3, 2011. Information also obtained from pbs.org article "Chasing the Sun".*



# AROUND THE WYANG

1. 153rd Airlift Wing Commander, Col. Stephen Rader, briefs the Honorable Daniel B. Ginsberg, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, on the Wing's unique aerial firefighting capability while giving him an up-close look at the U.S. Forest Service MAFFS unit.

2. The Honorable Daniel B. Ginsberg, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, speaks with Barry Dishman, air traffic manager, Lt. Col. Christopher Howard, 243rd Air Traffic Control Squadron commander and Staff Sgt. Sean McDermott, 243 ATCS controller, in the Cheyenne Regional Airport air traffic control tower March 20, 2012.

3. The Honorable Daniel B. Ginsberg, assistant secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs, speaks to Airmen of the Wyoming Air National Guard March 20, 2012, at an all call during a visit to Cheyenne, Wyo. Ginsberg took time for questions addressing budgets and the future role of the Air National Guard.

4. Col. Richard Knowlton, Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center commander and Lt. Col. David Herder, deputy commander, lead the Pledge of Allegiance opening the legislative day at the Wyoming House of Representatives.

5. Col. Gerald 'Gerry' Champlin, 153rd Operations Group commander and Col. James 'Pat' Moffett, 153rd Maintenance Group Commander, speak with veterans and Naval Reserve members at the Wyoming Capitol.



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



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Photo and story by 2nd Lt. Rebecca Ogden  
deputy base civil engineer



# Construction Corner

## Civil Engineer happenings

**G**reetings everyone! We are pleased to announce the start of our CE news column. The column will include Building 16 updates, answers to frequently asked questions, and other topics of interest to the Wing population. First of all, I must give credit to all the hard work by our CE employees who have been busy dry walling, painting, assisting with systems furniture, electrical upgrades, moving trailers, tearing up asphalt to provide plumbing, electrical, and communications to the same trailers, etc. We also thank the 153rd Communication Flight for the overtime they are working to ensure everyone has voice and data access. Finally, we especially thank those units who have already adapted and done what was necessary to complete their move.

**REMINDER:** For work requests please do not make requests of the craftsman directly. Contact Master Sgt. Dooley at 772-6410 for all items from paint, keys, and

any other upgrades. Interrupting the craftsman as they work will delay everyone's progress including your own, and they have been directed to keep the priority lists given by work control.

**Questions:** When will the ROSC be awarded and what is taking so long? Has the ROSC been canceled?

**Answers:** The ROSC will be built and the contract is scheduled to be awarded mid April. Initial bids for the ROSC exceeded the statutory limit of for this type of program. CE, together with the design team and local contractors, worked to value engineer the design (take stuff out) to achieve a building within budget and with room to allow for inevitable change orders. The ROSC mission will remain in Building 16 until it can be moved into the new building connected to Building 31 (CE) around October 2012.

**Questions:** Why is the project not phased? Is there any money saved by renovating the entire building at





(Left) Airmen assigned to the 30th and 187th Airlift Squadrons move the top of the wing commander's conference room table from Building 16 to storage in the final days before renovation work begins.

(Below) Master Sgt. Janetta Coughenour, 153rd Maintenance Group, moves final supplies and equipment to a new location in Building 15.

Photos by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley



once?

*Answers:* The Building 16 project is the largest SRM (Sustainment, Renovation, and Modernization) project ever authorized by Congress. The project was budgeted to fall under MILCON (Military Construction) within the Presidential Budget, but MILCON funds have been severely cut and are becoming more and more scarce. We did receive bid options for phasing and in today's money breaking the project into two phases would have added another \$1million to the project. In short, we are grateful Congress gave us the money at all.

*Question:* Why is furniture and moving not included in the CE budget?

*Answer:* According to federal rules and regulations, SRM money is not allowed to be used for any-

thing that is not real property. Col. Linde and Maj. Castillo are working to secure money from NGB to cover some of the costs incurred by affected units. Again, we are blazing a new path with a renovation project of this magnitude—we are renovating more than one third of the facility space on base and displacing nearly half of Wing personnel.

*Questions:* Did CE consider mission impact? It looks like letting the project out in one phase only serves to make CE's life easier.

*Answers:* In today's economic climate, there is considerable risk in receiving phases of money spread over more than one fiscal year as there is a real possibility of being left with a half renovated building for years—a much greater impact to the mission than the inconvenience of having to move once or twice.

CE, along with Comm Flight, must service moving everyone at once which is not making CE or Comm Flight's life easier. Mission impact was considered throughout design, as the building renovation was initially planned for only the administration side of the building with only fire suppression system upgrades to the ISO Dock. CE, installations and mission support (A7), and the MXS representatives considered this and saw an opportunity to improve maintenance workflow with a better, more efficient layout of the shops.

That's about all the space that we have for this month. Stay tuned for more. For more timely updates, please see the PowerPoint slides broadcast to the Wing as needed to address parking, construction traffic flow, move-in dates (starting in 2014), etc. 🇺🇸

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# Commander's Corner Cont...

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## *WYNGA- Wyoming Guard Association*

The Wyoming Guard Association combines members from NGAUS and EANGUS to support the national organizations. It has regular monthly meetings talking about a range of different issues affecting Guard members. It is always looking for members and especially members who want to become actively involved in the Wyoming Guard future. It will have its annual meeting April 28, at Joint Force Headquarters, starting at 8 a.m. It will have the association meeting in the morning, golf tournament in the afternoon and a dinner and dance at the Buckle Club. For more information: [www.wynga.org](http://www.wynga.org)

## *Air Force and Military Professional Associations and Societies*

These are professional groups and associations for active duty, retired, and former members of the United States Air Force and U.S. military. The two links below will take you to listings of organizations with links to their websites.

<http://www.military.com/spouse/content/military-life/military-resources/military-and-veteran-associations.html>

<http://www.fas.org/man/assoc.htm>

## *AFA- Air Force Association*

AFA is a non-profit, independent, professional military and aerospace education association. Its mission is to promote a dominant United States Air Force and a strong national defense, and to honor Airmen and the Air Force heritage. To accomplish this, it: educates the public on the critical need for unmatched aerospace power and a technically superior workforce to ensure U.S. national security. It advocates for aerospace power and STEM education. It supports the total Air Force family, and promotes aerospace education. For more

information: [www.afa.org](http://www.afa.org)

## *ATA- Airlift/Tanker Association*

The ATA is dedicated to ensuring that American military forces continue to have the air mobility capability required to implement U.S. national security strategy. International in scope, the Association has chapters and members throughout the world. Association membership includes active duty, reserve and retired military personnel, both officer and enlisted, as well as civilian and industrial supporters of the air mobility mission. For more information: [www.atalink.org](http://www.atalink.org)

## *AFSA- Air Force Sergeants Association*


AFSA is a federally chartered non-profit organization representing the professional and personal interests of active duty, retired and veteran Total Air Force and their families. For more information: [www.hqafsa.org](http://www.hqafsa.org)

## *AFCEA- Armed Forces Communications & Electronics Association International*

AFCEA is an international organization that serves its members by providing a forum for the ethical exchange of information. AFCEA is dedicated to increasing knowledge through the exploration of issues relevant to its members in information technology, communications, and electronics for the defense, homeland security and intelligence communities. For more information: [www.afcea.org](http://www.afcea.org)

## *SAFPA- Society of Air Force Physician Assistants*

SAFPA is a professional organization serving the needs of active duty, retired, and reserve Air Force physician assistants. The mission of SAFPA is to promote quality, cost-effective, and accessible health care and to promote the professional and personal development of Air Force physician assistants. For more information: [www.safpa.org](http://www.safpa.org)

These organizations need our help and we definitely need their voices in Congress. So check them out, and decide which of them is the best fit for you. Have a great Guard weekend! 

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*Lt. Col. Don Taylor, 187th Airlift Squadron director of operations, contributed to this article.*

# “Understanding Generational Differences” Symposium

Chief Master Sgt. James Branom  
human resource advisor



The Enlisted Force Development Council (EFDC) continues to provide educational opportunities to our Airmen with the upcoming symposium on “Understanding Generational Differences”. The symposium will be held on June 3, at 7:30 a.m. in the new Joint Force Readiness Center, and is open

to all members of the Wyoming Air National Guard. Jennifer Landis, director of organizational development for the Black Hills Corporation, will present on this critically important mission readiness topic.

The presentation will focus on:

- learning to understand and appreciate the differences between generations.
- learning how to help members from each generation better communicate, support, and appreciate members of other generations.
- discover leadership insights for working with and leveraging the strengths of each generation.
- learning how different organizations are tackling multi-generational workforce challenges and succeeding.

The cooperation and support by each commander is critical to the success of our symposiums. The EFDC understand the demands that current training requirements and a high ops tempo has placed upon your members. However, we believe the importance of the materials to be presented during this half-day event will be beneficial to the development of all our Airmen (officer and enlisted) and the information and discussion opportunities will prove invaluable to each of the attending members as they progress through their military careers. 🇺🇸

## Wing Family Readiness upcoming events

### April

- Teen Leadership Summit applications due by April 23 (apply online at [www.afrc.af.mil/library/4rfamilies](http://www.afrc.af.mil/library/4rfamilies)) dates are June 17-22 and Aug 7-12.

### Tax preparations

- Military OneSource H&R Block at HomeR free tax filing service. Call 1-800-342-9647 to talk with a Military OneSource tax consultant.

for more information on upcoming events contact Denise Rampolla at 307-772-6063 email: [denise.rampolla@ang.af.mil](mailto:denise.rampolla@ang.af.mil)

# Rising 6 Leaders needed

Are you looking to improve your leadership skills, help with community relations, or fulfill your volunteer commitment?

If so, come see what the Rising 6 council is all about!

*Council meeting will be held  
April 14 at 1 p.m. in  
Building 27 (McCue)*

# Wyo. Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention members recognized as outstanding

Wyo. Military Department

Senior Master Sgt. Gary Foster, of Cheyenne, Wyo., a member of the Wyoming Air National Guard recently received the national Recruiting and Retention Superintendent of the Year Award.

"It's always an honor to recognize the outstanding achievements of our Wyoming Airmen," said Col. Shelley Campbell, chief of the Joint Staff.

"These selfless men and women uphold the core values of the Wyoming Air National Guard, always maintaining the ideals of people first and mission always."

Wyoming's recruiting team competed against four other regional nominees for the National



Award in each of the following categories. Each regional award means they were one of the top five teams or individuals for each of the above categories out of 89 teams and more than 600 Recruiting and Retention personnel

nationwide. Wyoming was recognized in five of the eight categories in which they were eligible to compete.

Region 1 consists of 14 states and/or territories with the following Wyoming Air National Guard

individuals being recognized:

Senior Master Sgt. Gary Foster - Recruiting and Retention Superintendent of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Mark Hill - Production Recruiter of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Iris Honrado - Unit Career Advisor of the Year

Top Recruiting and Retention Team - Patriot Team Award

Top Recruiting and Retention State - Golden Eagle Award

FY 11 - 2nd Quarter Wing with most health professional accessions (out of 89 Wings)

FY 11 - 1st Quarter Wing with highest average accessions (out of 89 Wings)

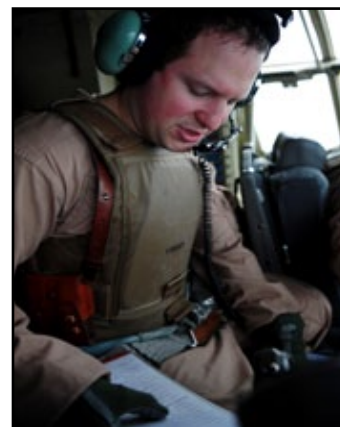
Congratulations to Master Sgt. John "Junior" Stanford and Tech. Sgt. Greg Dedicke, both assigned to the 30th Airlift Squadron, for receiving Staff Sgt. Henry "Red" Erwin outstanding enlisted aircrew member for 2011 nominations for Air Mobility Command.

Dedicke and Stanford secured 2 out of the 3 categories (NCO and SNCO) and will compete



at the Air Force level as outstanding enlisted aircrew members.

They will compete



against major commands: PACAF, USAFE and AFSOC nominees.

"Congratulations to all

who competed," said Maj. Gen. Frederick Martin, Headquarters Air Mobility Command director of operations. "They all demonstrated true dedication to our global mobility mission and are a perfect example of our core value of 'excellence in all we do.'"

"We wish them the best as they compete at the next level," said Martin.

Submitted by 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley



<i>AFSC</i>	<i>Job Title</i>	<i>Closing Date</i>
3P071	Security Forces Craftsman	19 APR 12
3P091	Security Forces Craftsman	19 APR 12
46F/N3 or 41A3	187 Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron Commander	8 May 12
44M3	Internist	Open Until Filled
48R3	Residency Trained Flight Surgeon	Open Until Filled
48R3	General Medical Officer	Open Until Filled

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

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

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. Denise Hondel, Tech. Sgt. Victoria Lopez, or Maj. Rachel Bennett for submission. Questions on posting job announcements may be directed to Maj. Rachel Bennett, 307-772-6320.

# We Salute

## Promotions

Senior Airman Samantha Daniels  
Senior Airman Ryan Grimes  
Senior Airman Kelsey Herzfeld  
Senior Airman Kelsey Raile  
Senior Airman Andrew Vang  
Staff Sgt. Blayne Anderson  
Staff Sgt. Lee Goodrich  
Staff Sgt. Michael Kyte  
Tech. Sgt. Travis Bennett  
Tech. Sgt. Olivia Delatorre  
Tech. Sgt. Paul Snow

## Retirements

Lt. Col. Thomas Hofmann  
Chief Master Sgt. Michael Sorensen  
Senior Master Sgt. Lee Stevens  
Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Malcolm

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