



Thunder Bird



107th Airlift Wing, New York Air National Guard, Niagara Falls, NY

September 2011

- **Hurricane Irene Response**
- **Airman Arrive Home**
- **Bosses Day**
- **Air Show 2011**
- **911 Ceremony**
- **New Guardsman**
- **And more**



“Service before self”, “Aim high”, “Fly, fight, win”

There have been numerous catch phrases through the years expressing the Air Force mission; “Service before self”, “Aim high”, “Fly, fight, win”. But words cannot always capture the reality of our mission. The reality is evident in the way we have conducted business since the unit inception back in the late 1940’s and especially relevant for this month, the last ten years. There have been many deployments with anxious farewells and of course the heartfelt embraces from loved ones upon returning home. Rich vibrant shared memories to talk about for years to come. Through normal changes in leadership, personnel, and airframes one thing has remained constant – the 107th airman. You witness and are part of history shaping events around the globe. Your efforts and dedication are obviously appreciated by the public, but family, friends and fellow unit members know of your commitment on a much deeper level. You don’t require or expect balloons and fireworks to call attention to your constant selfless service for our nation. Your reasons for unit membership run the gamut of utilizing the college tuition assistance program, part time income, full time technician employment or personal fulfillment. No matter the reason, the decision that brought you to the 107th became your admission ticket into something bigger than yourself.

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The 107th endures because we work together, argue together and we overcome adversity together. You can say we persevere together. Our perseverance is possible because of the belief we have in ourselves. We believe that whatever comes our way, even if it slaps us around a bit, will be faced head on and we will master it.

This unit does not shy away from volunteerism. When our nation needs a capable intelligent response to a crisis you can be sure that the 107th will be asking where, and, how soon do you want us. As stated earlier the last ten years have been very busy for this unit. The horrific events of September 2001 commenced an unbroken “can do” mindset for us. Our resolve began as we saw the twin towers fall and the unit was placed in a heightened state of alert. That somber night we launched KC-135’s in support of fighter aircraft patrolling the sky over New York City. All air traffic in the country was grounded except for those military aircraft supporting the nation as it sought to make sense of the attack. We continue to this day in a different airframe with different faces but no difference in the 107th volunteer spirit.

The future looms with reduced finances a certainty. The need for our service will become even more important with the bottom line being looked at more vigorously. We can do more with less and in a time of fiscal austerity we will be there showing others how it is done. The world and nation have changed in the last ten years but the sense of duty and commitment that is exemplified by the 107th through the years is unchanged and unyielding. I have always liked the “Aim High” motto because it encompasses so many of the timeless values that proclaim pride and professionalism. To believe anything other than that is a wasted effort and not worth attempting. The 107th has aimed high with our eyes always on the future no matter how uncertain it will be.

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Chaplain Services

Catholic Mass

Saturday 4 p.m., Base Chapel

Protestant Worship

Saturday 4 p.m.,
Wing Conference Room, Building 901

The Rosary

Fridays prior to UTA at noon,
Wing Conference Room, Building 901
For service schedules of **Buddhist, Jewish, Muslim, and Orthodox** communities, call extension 2395.

If you need to see a chaplain, please call Chaplain Services at extension 2395, or at the numbers listed below. Chaplains are always on call.

Catholic Chaplain

Lt. Col. James P. Jaeger
St. Mary's Church
32 E. Morris St.
Bath, NY 14810
Phone: (315) 597-4571

Protestant Chaplains

Maj. Jackie Ann Rose Kraft
Asbury United Methodist Church
3750 Millesport Highway
Getzville NY 14068
Office: (716) 688-8677
Home: (716) 625-6266

A Farewell Message...

By Chaplain (Capt.) KEITH A. MANRY
107th Airlift Wing, Chaplains Office

As I type this message I'm surrounded by an empty office. My pictures have been removed from the walls. My desk has been cleaned out. My book shelf is empty. And my out-processing checklist has been signed off on by the commander. In 90 minutes I will lock the door and leave this base for the last time as a chaplain at the 107th Airlift Wing. This afternoon I've found myself surprisingly emotional about saying goodbye. This wing has served as a launching pad for a new and exciting journey that will begin for me and my family in just a few short weeks.

My time with the 107th has caused me to grow to love the Chaplaincy and the Air Force and so last Fall I began the recruiting process to become an active duty chaplain. Unfortunately there were only 17 chaplain slots to be filled in the entire active duty Air Force. I am grateful and humbled to have been offered one of those highly sought after positions. On October 1st I will begin my first active duty assignment as a chaplain with the 341st Missile Wing at Malmstrom AFB in Great Falls, MT. I will relocate my family and we will for the first time in our lives live outside of WNY.

As I reflect upon my time with the 107th I want to say "thank you." Thank you for receiving a young, wet behind the ears Lieutenant and embracing him as a part of the family and challenging him to grow in his profession. Thank you to Fr Jaeger and Chaplain Kraft and the rest of the Religious Support Team for believing in me and supporting me in this journey. And thank you to my many friends here at the 107th who will always hold a special place in my memories and my heart. It's been an honor to serve alongside of you.

As I leave, I'd like to leave you with one of my favorite blessings. It's an old Irish blessing with which you may be familiar. Please receive it as my prayer for you.

May the road rise to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
May the rains fall soft upon your fields, And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the hollow of His hand. Amen.





Captain Keith A. Manry

The 107th Airlift Wing wishes the best of luck on Chaplain Manry future and thank him for all of his support.

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<http://www.107aw.ang.af.mil/>

STAY CONNECTED



New York Air National Guardsmen Deploy from Niagara Falls to Hudson Valley for Hurricane Irene Response





Family members and loved ones of the New York Air National Guard's 107th Airlift Wing welcomed the Airmen as they arrive home from a 90 day deployment to Afghanistan.



Bosses Day 2011



Sabres Coach Lindy Ruff flies with the Air Guard



Lindy Ruff, the longest-tenured coach in the National Hockey League, received an aerobatic aircraft flight with the John Klatt Airshow Team at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station on Friday, September 9. Coach Ruff rode along with John Klatt, one of the featured performers at the weekend's Thunder of Niagara Airshow. This flight was in an EA-300L aircraft sponsored by the Air National Guard.



Thunder of Niagara

Niagara Falls Air Show



Thunderbird
of 9/11



★ Opening ceremony honoring 1st Responders and the U.S. Military

★ thunder

★ Free ad

YEAR
BRANCE



NORTHROP GRUMMAN



Thunder of Niagara

Niagara Falls Air Show



New England Small Arms Marksmanship Warrior Challenge



Back in April of this year the 107th AW team won their second in a row NY State TAG Match at Camp Smith, NY. This qualified them to represent NY State in the National Guards New England Warrior Challenge - Fort Devens Massachusetts. This 4 day event included 10 matches with pistol and rifle. Including approximately 70 participants from all services. New York National Guard's "A" Team the "Gun Fighters" Placed 3rd overall. They also placed 3rd in the Team Run Down Match & 2nd in the Team Close Quarters Battle Match. Master Sergeant Edward Stefik received 2 individual awards where he placed 2nd in Combat Rifle Reflexive Fire & 3rd in the Close Quarters Battle.

"Its an honor to represent the NY State National Guards soldiers & airmen in such an event. It gave us a chance to meet some great fellow citizen soldiers and compete against them. The New England Warrior Challenge fell on the 10th Anniversary of 9-11, and stressed the importance of America's Minutemen, to always stay vigilant, strong, & motivated." Stated Security Forces Master Sergeant Edward Stefik an 18 year veteran and who has served in Iraq with the Army Reserve prior to enlisting in the Air National Guard.

The 107th Gun Fighters will now go on to represent the NY National Guard in the National Winston P. Wilson Small Arms Sustainment Match, Camp Robinson, Arkansas

Attached Picture's Left to right: TSgt Christopher Doherty - MSgt Edward Stefik - TSgt Warren Jones - SSGT Erik Johnson





On September 10 & 11 the 107th Airlift Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing held its Thunder of Niagara Air Show 2011. A ceremony was held before the Air Show with first responder's remembering the attacks on 9/11





AB Ian W. Sinclair



A1C Thomas Burley



A1C Brian Callaghan



SSgt Kemp J. Michael

3P0X1 Security Forces Squadron



A1C Misty Wolff
4N0X1-Aerospace Medical Service



A1C Bryan Baker
3E0X2- ELECTRICAL POWER PRODUCTION



SSgt Jenny Valdez
3S2X1 - EDUCATION AND TRAINING



A1C Joshua Herbeck
3P0X1 Security Forces Squadron



A1C Joshua Sukuterski
2T3X1 - Vehicle and Vehicle Equipment Maintenance





Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Recycling, It Starts With You!

ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL *No Sorting Necessary*

NOW RECYCLING: PLASTIC, GLASS, AND METAL

NFARS will start recycling plastic, glass, and metal, see attached flyer for recycling details.

New blue totes with green lids (similar to the large blue paper totes) will be distributed basewide on the These totes should be taken to the curb and placed next to the paper totes weekly for Thurs morning pickups. Modern will pick both totes up at the same time for recycling using a specialized truck that segregates the two waste streams (paper vs. plastic/glass/metal).

In the interest of reducing our carbon footprint, totes should be placed curbside for collection if they are full, where possible. If the tote is full and you need to recycle additional items, use clear plastic bags and place them next to the totes on pickup day.

As a reminder, NFARS also recycles:

- **PAPER** – see attached flyer for acceptable/unacceptable materials to place in your existing blue tote
- **CARDBOARD** – place boxes in the cardboard compactor at the Recycling Center (B1199); no need to break down boxes
- **PALLETS** – place in dumpster on the west side of the Recycling Center (B1199) against the fence; **NOT** in the construction material dumpster
- **Your participation in the NFARS recycling program is appreciated and essential to its success!**

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If you have any questions, feel free to call Kim Powell at 236-3123, Thom Ostrowski at 236-3117, or D. Squeak Csizmar at 236-2514.





Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station Recycling, It Starts With You!

ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL *No Sorting Necessary*

Paperboard



No wax coated paperboard

Glass



Glass*
Clear & colored

Plastic



Household Plastic*
Empty containers only



Plastic Jugs/Bottles*

Metal



Aluminum Cans*
Empty cans only



Kitchen Cookware
Metal pots, pans, tin & sterilis



Steel & Tin Cans*
Empty cans only



Single Stream Recycling

is the latest in state-of-the-art technology which sorts recyclables at our facility. Putting everything in one bin, increases the ease and convenience of recycling so that more people participate and more resources are saved.

Unacceptable Items

- Paper milk or juice cartons
- Styrofoam containers/packing
- Garbage
- Propane tanks
- Paint cans
- Medical waste/syringes
- Flammable liquids
- Household cleaners
- Chemicals (dry or liquid)
- Wood items
- Concrete
- Garden hose
- Electrical cords

Please Follow These Guidelines Carefully

*Please rinse/clean containers before putting into recycling bin.

Recycle Cart Full?

Clear plastic bags can be used for additional items

Questions?

Contact

Thom Ostrowski
236-3117 (914th)

Kim Powell
236-3123 (914th)

D. Squeak Csizmar
236-2514 (107th)

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ACCEPTABLE MATERIAL *No Sorting Necessary*

Mixed Office Paper Recycling Program

High Grade Paper

WHITE/ MIXED COLOR BOND PAPER:

- Typing paper
- Letterhead
- Copier paper used in dry process copy machines
- Unbound reports

COMPUTER PRINTOUT INCLUDING:

- Green and white bar
- Multi-stripe
- All-white

Mixed Grade Paper

- Computer Tab Cards (staples need not be removed)
- NCR – Paper with Carbonless Copies
- Envelopes
- Adding Machine Paper
- Glossy Coated Paper
- Newspapers/ Magazines / Publications
- Telephone Books

**Please
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Guidelines
Carefully**

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Unacceptable Items

- Carbon Paper
- Photographic, Blueprint, Mimeograph
- Rubberbands, Paper Clips
- Binders (metal, spiral, glued)
- Self-Stick Labels, Adhesives
- Wrappers, Tissues, Napkins, Cups, Etc.
- Tyvek Envelopes



57th Military Ball for the 107th Airlift Wing

*To be held on the 22nd of October of
2011 at 1800 in the Grand Island
Holiday Inn Hotel*

Guest Speaker

CM Sgt Zielinski

Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Chief of the National

<i>Ticket Cost</i>		<i>Tickets POCs</i>	
<i>E-1 to E-4</i>	<i>\$ 35</i>	<i>HQ</i>	<i>MSG Clark X3457</i>
		<i>MSG</i>	<i>MSG White X2427</i>
<i>E-5 to E-6</i>	<i>\$ 40</i>	<i>LRs</i>	<i>EMS Ward X3588</i>
<i>E-7 to E-9</i>	<i>\$ 50</i>	<i>MXG</i>	<i>SSG Gouchie X2482</i>
		<i>MDG</i>	<i>EMS Ballester X3235</i>
<i>O-1 to O-10</i>	<i>\$ 50</i>	<i>OPS</i>	<i>MSG Martin X2536</i>