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I am extremely proud to be back in Western New York and the Vice Commander of the 107th Airlift Wing after having spent the past nine years with the National Guard Bureau. First off, I would like to commend everyone in the Wing for their professionalism and military service. Since my arrival in August, I am inspired by the number of times 107th Airlift Wing's personnel have stood up and volunteered to deploy for real world contingencies. The first was our Civil Engineers deploying to OEF, then the rapid deployment to assist fellow New Yorkers for Hurricane Irene, and finally witnessing the successful return of our Ops and maintenance personnel from their first ever deployment to CENTCOM in the C-130. This speaks volumes to the extraordinary caliber of personnel in the 107th Airlift Wing.

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I had the privilege to work for another extraordinary group of individuals during my recent assignment at US Air Force Special Operations Command (AFSOC). One thing I found notable, the AFSOC Commander made it mandatory for all new squadron commanders and Senior NCOs to attend a lecture by Mr. Andy Andrews, author of "The Traveler's Gift" (a short and inspiring read which I highly recommend). I was fortunate enough to be invited to one of these lectures and walked away truly inspired. Andy, as he likes to be called, spoke for about an hour (seemed like 5 minutes) and focused on the following two character traits of great leaders: 1. "Always do the right thing" and; 2. "One person can make a difference." Regarding the first trait Andy explained that while something may be legal to do, you must ask yourself, "is it the right thing to do?" Many public figures who ventured down the wrong path could have saved their careers (and marriages) if they had followed that sage advice.

Illustrating the second trait, Andy then told the story of Col Joshua Chamberlain, Commander of the 20th Maine, during the Battle of Gettysburg. Early in the battle, Col Chamberlain's unit was on a hill guarding the southernmost end of the Union line. The 20th Maine had repelled four consecutive Confederate charges in which they lost over half of the unit and depleted almost all of their ammunition. As the Confederate lines formed one again, Col Chamberlain, faced with being overrun and almost certain, decided to take decisive action. He told his men to fix bayonets and then led a charge against a much larger Confederate force. The Confederate Army, caught completely by surprise, was easily defeated that day with most soldiers surrendering without getting off a shot. The 20th Maine's victory that day ensured the Union victory at Gettysburg and turned the tide of the Civil War. Had Col Chamberlain not charged, and retreated or surrendered instead, the Union Army would have been certainly been flanked and lost the battle and most likely the civil war. The long term consequences of a divided United States would have been immeasurable. The outcomes of WWI, WWII and the Cold War would certainly have been different without a single, strong United States. In a sense, we can say the United States, and the world for that matter, is the way it is today because of Col Chamberlain's decisive action that day at Gettysburg.

Although a small part of their leadership training, AFSOC leadership took Andy's lessons to heart. The energetic speech by Andy synergized AFSOC leadership training and created a "can do culture" in Special Operations. What was really interesting was how contagious the "can do culture" has become and is now ingrained in AFSOC personnel. In my short two months at Niagara, I witnessed these same special traits ingrained in 107th personnel from volunteering for Hurricane Irene to deploying overseas for the AEF. I ask that you please continue to "do the right thing" along with "make a difference" and the multiple inspections we have in 2012 will go off without a hitch.....Thanks again for all you do!



Your game face on

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back from the recent AEF deployment and thank you all for stepping up to the challenge. Congratulations on a job well done! Your efforts made the deployment successful, proving once again the 107th has what it takes to accomplish the task at hand and contribute to the Air Force mission to Fly, Fight and Win.

Back in September, the 107th AW was also called upon to support Hurricane Irene relief efforts, which meant sending people to New York City with very little notice to help any way possible: directing traffic, crowd control or removing debris. Thanks to all who helped out. Back home we were tasked with a Bravo alert commitment, consisting of two Niagara's tails and ten additional C-130 Hercules aircraft that were staged out of Niagara, six tails from the 109th AW and four tails from the 106th AW. Thanks to all of you that supported this commitment.

Now it's time to seriously start preparing for our upcoming Operational Readiness Inspection (ORI). The inspection is less than a year away. Believe me it will be here before you know it. Three units are involved; the 107th and 914th Airlift Wings and the 143rd Airlift Wing from Rhode Island. 1997 was the last time the 107th had an ORI, several people have retired or left the unit since then. Additionally we have several new people on board that have never been exposed to this type of inspection. I am fairly certain we are all a bit rusty and in need of all the training that will be offered. If you are an ORI player or alternate it is extremely important that you are here during specified UTA's to accomplish training that will be given. Two of many acronyms you will hear several times - ORTP – (Operational Readiness Training Program). This is a four step process to prepare for the ORI. Implementation has started by listening for Force Protection Conditions and responding to them. A couple of examples would be donning chem. gear and taking steps to protect yourself and your buddy. The second acronym is - ORE – (Operational Readiness Exercise). This is the final stage in the ORTP process before the ORI. This exercise will likely mirror the ORI.

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Having a positive attitude or your game face on (as we called it back in the day) and making the best of the situation, whatever it might be, has to come from within you. This will make the difference between success and failure. Keep a positive attitude, always keep trying and have fun!

Remember, UTA-Unit Training Assembly dates have been modified for those who will be participating in the ORI as well as non-ORI players. Please check with your supervisor for your scheduled UTA date.



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
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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.

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Getzville NY 14068
Office: (716) 688-8677
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And with your spirit – New recovery of the Mass and the Roman Missal

Fr. (LtCol) James Jaeger

Changes in time, season, and liturgy

On Nov.27, 2011, the First Sunday of Advent, the Roman Missal, Third Edition, the ritual containing prayers and instructions for the celebration of the Mass will be implemented in the United States of America. It will contain added features such as prayers for the newly canonized saints, additional prefaces for Eucharistic Prayers, and updated instructions.

This new Missal is for the English speaking world only and gives these countries a common text. The prayers are a recovery to a stricter adherence to the original Latin language wording and structure than earlier directives. Some of our older Catholics will remember these former changes going from Latin in 1973 to the vernacular of the English language 39 years ago. The original Latin goes back through the centuries to something like 200 years AD., when it was first translated into Latin from the language of the East.

One noticeable change will be at the beginning of Mass when the priest says "The Lord be with you." The people's response was "And also with you." The response now is "And with your spirit." Other noticeable changes will be in the Penitential Act, Gloria, and Creed for example. Not to worry as the priest parts have changed the most.

If your parish has not prepared you for this not to fear, you will find them in the missalettes we use. Missalettes are the worship books that Catholics use in participating the Mass. It will take a few times to read and say

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some of the new responses and then it will become part of us. The new Missal also will include various musical settings such as chant. Some things are not in the Mass. It will take a few times to read and say changing such as the Lord's Prayer and the Lamb of God.

The structure and rite of the Mass is not changing, so will look and feel the same. There will be new posture such as a bow during the creed and a gesture of the strike of the breast during the mea culpa at the beginning of the Mass. I mention this during this article to let everyone know that changes are happening in worship. I want Catholics to be ready for it and the public informed. These changes will give us an opportunity to pause and think about the words they are saying every time they participate in the Mass. This is a teachable moment for the entire Church in the United States to deepen its understanding of the Sacred Liturgy, of its meaning and importance in their lives. It will also put us in contact with the tradition of prayer and will help create an historical awareness. All these things should enrich our spiritual lives and make us more attune to God's spirit. For our other non Catholic readers out there, I would ask them to reflect on the question- has your church service changed? Did these changes enhance your worship or faith?

November is the month of Thanksgiving here in the United States. What better month than to begin the changes in the Roman Missal during our Thanksgiving to God called Eucharist or the Mass. The Mass is to remind us to go out into the world and be God's Spirit and the Good News to others. And with God's spirit may we make these adjustments to change in the liturgy with charity and compliance. We have done so in changes within the military and world with the spirit of God and we will do so yet again this November.



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STAY **CONNECTED**





October marks the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness Month, a month dedicated to bringing awareness to the alarming statistics mentioned above. Stresses aren't changing or going away. Recognizing the signs of abuse can go a long way in potentially saving a life.

Domestic violence is a pattern of intentional coercive behavior used to establish and maintain control over an intimate partner, ex-partner, or family member through fear or intimidation.

Anyone can be victimized by domestic violence. Victims can be of any age, sex, race, culture, religion, sexual orientation, education, employment, or marital status. Although both men and women can be abused, most domestic violence is committed against women by their male partners or ex-partners

Contrary to popular belief, domestic violence is not caused by stress, mental illness, alcohol, or drugs. The only true cause of domestic violence are the abusers' choices to act violently and control their intimate partners.

For help and info: **The Family Justice Center**, Phone: (716) 558-SAFE (7233) E-mail: safe@fjcsafe.org

The 107th will be joining the rest of New York State by showing our support by wearing purple. On Wednesday, October 19th, we encourage you to participate and wear purple in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.



SALUTE REPORT

SIZE



The number of persons and vehicles seen or the size of an object

ACTIVITY



Description of enemy activities (observing, assaulting, fleeing)

LOCATION



Where the enemy was sighted (grid coordinate or reference point)

UNIT



Distinctive signs, symbols or identification on people, vehicles, aircraft or weapons (numbers, patches or clothing type)

TIME



Time the activity is observed

EQUIPMENT



Equipment and vehicles associated with the activity

Use the **SALUTE** report as a quick and effective way to communicate ground enemy attack information up the chain of command.

Example of a **SALUTE** Report: "Six enemy soldiers running away from the command post, heading towards the flightline. Uniforms solid green fatigues. Time is 0230 hours. Equipment AK-47 rifles, backpacks and carrying gasmasks."





The 2011 Niagara Frontier Combined Federal Campaign has kicked off again. The 107th AW has stepped up generously helping those less fortunate in years past. We have raised over \$100,000 in the last 5 years with employee contributions and fundraisers. This year's helmet drive is being planned for the November UTA. The fundraising option of being able to pick the charity you believe in and want to support is priceless. You can contribute with a one time donation or have it come out of your pay. Guardsman who want to make a onetime donation can contact their section representative for the form. Thank you for your past and future support of this program.





Repair and Disposal of Worn Flags

WASHING

If your American flag is beginning to look dirty or dingy, washing it may save it from an early retirement. The Flag Code does not prohibit washing flags. In fact washing your flag on a regular basis can prolong its life. Most outdoor flags can be hand-washed with a mild laundry detergent. If you're not sure if your flag can be washed, or of the proper washing procedure, take it to the dry cleaners. Many offer free flag-cleaning services, especially in the month of July.

Despite the common myth, flags that touch the ground do not need to be destroyed. If your flag does touch the ground, and it gets dirty, simply wash it. Allowing a flag to touch the ground is disrespectful to the flag, but of course accidents do happen. Just try to prevent it from happening again.

REPAIRING

As long as the flag is serviceable, it is acceptable to repair minor damages. While it is permitted to do repairs yourself, taking your flag to a seamstress may be a safer option. It's important that the repairs are not noticeable, and that the dimensions of the flag aren't altered. Flags with large tears or excessive fraying should be retired.

To avoid damage to your flag, bring it inside in bad weather, and make sure your flagpole or staff is in good condition. Rust can corrode your flag. If you are putting a flag into storage, make sure it is dry and the bag or container locks out moisture. Mold and mildew can grow on damp fabric.

DISPOSAL

According to the Flag Code, any American flag that is worn, damaged or tattered beyond repair should be retired in a respectful and dignified manner. The preferred method is burning. This may shock some, since it is a well known fact that burning the flag is illegal. This, however, is an exception to the rule. You can burn the flag yourself, making sure it is done in a discreet and professional manner, or many organizations like the American Legion, the Boy Scouts Council and the Girl Scouts Council will perform a flag retirement ceremony and burn your flag for you. In this case, burning signifies purification and rebirth.

Although burning is the preferred method, it is also acceptable to seal your old flag in a box or bag and bury it. The most important factor is showing respect to the flag during its disposal.

CONTACT

To properly dispose of your worn or tattered flag by burning, please contact the local branch of the following organizations.

The American Legion

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Girl Scouts

OR MSgt Chris Zastrow

Ext: 2523

Bldg 901, room 126



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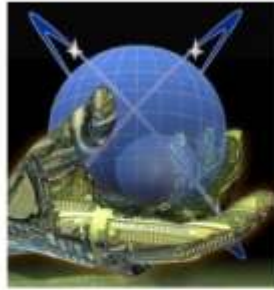
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The text below was pulled from the AF Portal Cyber Space page. It is good information for all travelers with personal mobile devices

Traving With Personal Mobile Devices

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Traveling with Personal Mobile Devices

Many establishments (e.g. coffee shops, hotels, airports, etc.) offer wireless hotspots or kiosks for customers to access the Internet. Since the underlying infrastructure is unknown and security is often lax, these hotspots and kiosks are susceptible to adversarial activity. The following options are recommended for those with a need to access the Internet while traveling:

- a. Mobile devices (e.g. laptops, smart phones) should utilize the cellular network (e.g. mobile Wi-Fi, 3G or 4G services) to connect to the Internet instead of wireless hotspots. This option often requires a service plan with a cellular provider.
- b. Regardless of the underlying network, users can setup tunnels to a trusted VPN service provider. This option can protect all traffic between the mobile device and the VPN gateway from most malicious activities such as monitoring.
- c. If using a hotspot is the only option for accessing the Internet, then limit activities to web browsing. Avoid accessing services that require user credentials or entering personal information.

Whenever possible, maintain physical control over mobile devices while traveling. All portable devices are subject to physical attack given access and sufficient time. If a laptop must be left behind in a hotel room, the laptop should be powered down and have Full Disk Encryption enabled.

For more cyber information, visit The Cyber Space.

www.24af.af.mil/library/thecyberspace/index.asp

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Does this sound like you?

- No one knows how I feel
 - I can't stop thinking about my problems
 - My spouse says I am drinking too much
 - I have difficulty sleeping
 - People tell me I'm not the same person I used to be
 - I'm constantly arguing at home





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