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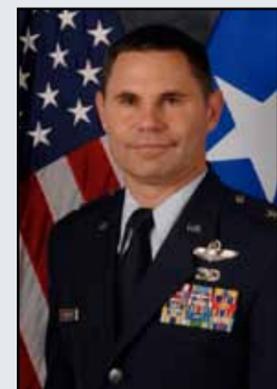
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Cover Photo by Senior Airman Perry Aston, 11th Wing Public Affairs.

The final UTA schedule is not available at this time, so please check with your section supervisor for the final copy. Please note the following activities that are occurring during the May 5,6 UTA:

1. The 201st Airlift Squadron will be participating in the Joint Service Open House later in the month of May, so they will not have a normal UTA schedule for May.
2. Numerous members of the 113th Wing will be participating in survival training at Key West, Florida over the UTA weekend.
3. As a reminder, please check with your section supervisor for your finalized UTA schedule.



**Brig. Gen. Jeff Johnson,**  
113th Wing commander

## Commander's Action Line

The Commander's Action Line gives all Airmen a direct link to the 113th Wing commander for any questions or suggestions regarding the 113 WG.

The action line can be used to express constructive points of view on the policies and procedures of the wing, as well as discuss safety and security issues. The goal is to provide you with an accurate, timely response.

Airmen should use this tool after coordinating problems or concerns with supervisors, first sergeants or commanders. If you're not satisfied with the response or are unable to resolve the issue, e-mail the action line at [113WG.CAGL@ang.af.mil](mailto:113WG.CAGL@ang.af.mil).



**Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Anderson,**  
113th Wing command chief master sergeant



### Pilot for a Day

Honorary Pilot for a Day, Darion Thorne, poses with his family and members of the 113th Wing during his tour of the wing as part of the Pilot for a Day program. Darion was able to fly in a F-16 simulator; view military working dogs in action; and tour a C-40 where he was served lunch and watched the movie *Despicable Me*. (Photo by Master Sgt. Adrienne Wilson)

For more information about the Pilot for a day program, please see the website [www.check6.org](http://www.check6.org).



### SERBIAN VISIT

Members of the Serbia Reciprocal Security Delegation pose in front of a F-16 during a tour of the 113th Wing led by Lt. Col Doug Sayers, 113th Wing executive officer, and Master Sgt. Jeff McGee, 113th Wing chief of information protection. (Photo by Master Sgt. Adrienne Wilson)

# Message from the Air Force Chief of Staff

By General Norton A. Schwartz  
Air Force Chief of Staff

Fellow Airmen:

Sexual Assault Awareness Month reminds us to renew our collective and individual commitment to our core values and to focus on promoting an environment that prevents sexual assault. Sexual assault is criminal behavior that violates the basic tenets of our profession. There is no place in

## Officials announce new sexual assault reporting policies

By Karen Parrish  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Senior Defense Department officials said recently they hope more service members who are victims of sexual assault report the crimes as a result of a policy change Defense Secretary Leon E. Panetta announced last week.

Panetta issued guidance April 20 withholding “initial disposition authority” from any officer who is below the O-6 – colonel or Navy captain – level and who does not hold special court-martial convening authority. In other words, unit commanders at the company or squadron level no longer have authority to decide whether to take further action in reported cases of attempted rape, forcible sodomy or sexual assault.

In announcing the new policy, the secretary said the change will ensure that sexual assault cases receive high-level attention.

A senior defense official told reporters during an April 23 background briefing that the new policy will allow more experienced and less partial officers to make the initial decision on whether a sexual assault case goes to trial. That will add consistency to how such cases are handled, the official said.

“The further ‘north’ you go [in rank] the more attention there is paid to this,” the official said. “They get a level of training that somebody at the O-3 level wouldn’t necessarily get.”

The defense official cited a hypothetical case in which an alleged attacker and victim belong to the same company-level unit of about 115 enlisted people and five officers working for the same Army captain or Navy lieutenant commander.

In the past, the official said, a victim in that unit might choose not to report an assault because the commander liked the alleged attacker more, or because the victim’s performance in the unit might cause the commander to disbelieve the victim’s report. Now, that unit commander must forward such reports up the chain of command to a colonel-level special court-martial convening authority.

A Joint Staff official told reporters, also on background, that the new policy is intended in part to remove decisions from the

our Air Force for this crime.

All Airmen have an enduring responsibility to foster a climate of dignity and respect, and one that fosters an environment of accountability in which victims feel comfortable coming forward. We will support and protect the rights of victims and we will provide the best medical, legal, and investigative services available in both the military and civilian communities. As Wingmen and engaged bystanders, we

must also intervene when we recognize a potentially unsafe situation emerge so that we ensure the well-being of all Airmen.

Sexual assault directly undermines our core values, erodes the trust and confidence upon which our institution is built, and diminishes our mission readiness. I expect each member of our great Air Force to promote and ensure a culture that does not tolerate sexual assault...not now, not ever.

“immediate level of the crime.”

More senior officers will have “a more neutral ability to take a look at the facts ... and make a reasoned decision,” the Joint Staff official said.

The change also means that officers making future disposition decisions typically will have legal and medical staff members who can assist in determining proper handling of the case, the defense official said. The new policy also applies to any associated charges related to an alleged assault, the official said.

“Any suggestion or appearance of retaliation would have to be resolved at the same [higher] level,” the official said.

The official noted there are several precedents for the withholding policy. A similar approach – placing authority for case disposition under the Uniform Code of Military Justice with more senior officers – typically applies in cases of officer misconduct, cases with national security interest or in alleged misconduct by civilians accompanying the force, the official said.

The official said Panetta has directed that other new policies also take effect:

- Establishing “Special Victim’s Unit” capabilities within each of the services, to ensure that specially trained investigators, prosecutors and victim-witness assistance personnel are available to assist with sexual assault cases;
- Requiring that sexual assault policies be explained to all service members within 14 days of their entrance on active duty;
- Allowing Reserve and National Guard members who have been sexually assaulted while on active duty to remain in their active-duty status to obtain the treatment and support afforded to active-duty members;
- Requiring a record of the outcome of disciplinary and administrative proceedings related to sexual assault, and requiring that copies of those records be centrally retained;
- Requiring annual organizational climate assessments; and
- Mandating wider public dissemination of DOD resources, including the DOD Safe Helpline, a free, anonymous and confidential resource that can be reached worldwide, 24 hours a day, to connect victims with live sexual assault support professionals

# Pilot retires after setting alert tour record

By Staff Sgt. Tabitha Gomes  
113 Wing Public Affairs

Recently retired F-16 pilot Lt. Col. Lance ‘Squirt’ Utne accomplished an extraordinary feat during his 23-year career by accruing 602 24-hour alert tours, the most in the history of the Air National Guard

Colonel Utne joined the D.C. Air National Guard in April 2002, and has served as an F-16 instructor, evaluator, alert mission commander and flight commander. 113th Operations Support Flight superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Michael Clemons, said he is not surprised to hear of Colonel Utne’s accomplishments.

“Lt. Col. Utne was a great Operation Support Flight Commander, always approachable. The kind of guy you wanted to go the extra mile for,” said Sergeant Clemens.

Colonel Utne’s career was filled with commitment and dedication; serving throughout the United States, Balad, Dhahran, Turkey, including combat missions to classified locations. Colonel Utne was also the first pilot airborne in the south eastern U.S. after the Sept. 11 attacks. Since then, Colonel Utne accrued the 602 alert tours, a great accomplishment considering the operations tempo of the 113th

Aerospace Control Alert facility.

“We are the busiest ACA facility in the country” said Master Sgt. Steve Joyner, 113th Wing Command Post controller. The D.C. Air National Guard has completed more than 3,635 alert missions since Sept. 11, surpassing any other alert unit in the country. Within the DCANG, no other pilot comes close to the amount of alert time Colonel Utne accrued. Colonel Utne spent the last five years on military leave from his civilian job to work alert missions.

“Colonel Utne’s expertise in alert operations has helped make us the premier alert unit in the nation.” said Lt. Col. Christopher Hardgrave, 113 ACA commander.

On April 14, Colonel Utne was sprayed down with champagne after completing his final flight as an F-16 pilot. “I gotta thank maintenance for 23 years of flying and 22 years of flying the viper, I have never flown a jet that wasn’t air worthy,” Colonel Utne stated during his retirement ceremony.

Colonel Utne Retired with over 3,340 hours of flight time which includes 108 Combat sorties and 355 Combat hours. Now that’s he’s retired he will be returning to his full time job as an American Airlines 737 pilot.



Lt. Col. Lance Utne, is enjoying a time-honored tradition following his final flight as an F-16 pilot Apr. 15 at Joint Base Andrews, Md. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Nicole Carattini)

# 113 WG begins SharePoint 2010

By Master Sgt. Irma Tamayo  
113th Communications Flight

What is SharePoint? SharePoint is the new way the Wing will conduct business. We want our users to have a positive user experience the first time they access to this collaboration tool. It is a web site that provides a central storage and collaboration space for documents, information and ideas. The 113th Wing is 1 of 8 Pilot units. A SharePoint site is a tool for collaboration, just like a telephone is for communication, or a meeting is a tool for decision making. SharePoint site helps groups of people share information and work together. For example, a SharePoint site can help you coordinate projects, calendars, and schedules. Discuss ideas and review documents or proposals. Share information and keep in touch with other people.

The National Guard Bureau helpdesk are on call on this drill May 5 for your assistance with SharePoint. Available Training Opportunities:

- SharePoint Training is conducted every Thursday from 1:30 to 2 p.m. via DCO or OCS for end users.
- Training manual that can be worked through in a lab setting. Since the guide is being created for the entire Air Force, it is only at 85 percent completion. Even though it is not complete, it is more than enough to assist users, SLSOs or TLSOs trying to train users. The manual is located on the productivity Hub.
- SharePoint training for our traditional Guardsmen will be available May 5 from 10 to 11 a.m. and then again from 1 to 2 p.m. in the CF Computer Room.
- Computer Based Training - On the Air Force IT E-learning site, (2 CBTs for users) Cours ID: mo ospe a01 dt enus Course; Title: Getting Started with SharePoint 2010, Course ID: mo

# 113th Fatality Search and Recovery Team

By 1st Lt. Daniel Keffer  
113th FSRT

In February the 113th Fatality Search and Recovery Team began receiving nearly \$1 million in new equipment. This equipment included new trailers, communications gear, shelter systems, all terrain vehicles, MT94 chemical suits, and various other equipment.

This equipment is vital to the FSRT's mission readiness and the effectiveness of the team. One of the main challenges in receiving this equipment is all the training/certifications that come with it. This is especially hard for FSRT due to the majority of the team being traditionalists. Training began during the March UTA on power generators, refrigerated trailers,

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• Microsoft E-learning program can be accessed by visiting a public URL and entering the appropriated access code. This course's primary focus in on client applications such as MS Office 2010 (Word, Excel, Outlook, etc) and are targeted at the end user knowledge level. Instructions are in the Word Document at <https://pwa.ang.af.mil/org/a6/A6K/kom/Training%20Materials/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

SharePoint is accessible from any PC (home, DOD, etc.) equipped with a CAC reader to get the right information to the right person at the right time. It is the role as your Knowledge Operations Manager to make the link between Wing member's information, processes and technology. This link is essential in ensuring proper knowledge management is taking place within the Wing.

Do you know who our Sub-Level-Site Owner is?  
113th Wing – MSgt Wilson/MSgt Delaney  
113th Maintenance Group – SrA Gunter/SrA Kling  
113th Medical Group – MSgt Katt/SSgt Holt  
113th Operations Group – MSgt Jones/SSgt Leonard/SSgt Snow  
113 Mission Support Group – SrA George/A1C Wander  
201st Airlift Squadron – MSgt Sears/MSgt Tapp/TSgt Christmas  
Joint Force Headquarters-DC – TSgt Bunch-Car/SSgt Robinson  
TLSO – MSgt Tamayo/SrA George  
The ANG home page can be accessed at – <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/113wg> and the 113th Wing home page can be accessed at <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/113WG/Pages/default.aspx>  
For any additional information regarding SharePoint, contact Mater Sgt. Irma Tamayo, TLSO, or your SLSO.

and MT94 chemical suits and will continue to receive proper certifications.

“The new equipment will allow me to receive the training necessary to perform adequately,” states Airman 1st Class Dominique Comer.

FSRT was particularly excited about the new chemical suits since they are the best in emergency response operations. They save members extra time which can be critical to life or death in a CBRNE environment. FSRT will continue training with this new equipment in hopes of applying these new skills during an upcoming joint exercise with state agencies and other FSRT teams in upstate New York for NJ/NY OCME Training Evolution Exercise.

# Think safety during critical days of summer

By Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Thompson  
113 Wing Safety

Liquid petroleum gas or propane, used in gas grills, is highly flammable. Each year about 30 people are injured as a result of gas grill fires and explosions. Many of these fires and explosions occur when consumers first use a grill that has been left idle for a period of time or just after refilling and reattaching the grill's gas container. To reduce the risk of fire or explosion, consumers should routinely perform the following safety checks:

- Check the tubes that lead into the burner for any blockage from insects, spiders, or food grease. Use a pipe cleaner or wire to clear blockage and push it through to the main part of the burner.
- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease. If you can't move the hoses, install a heat shield to protect them.
- Replace scratched or nicked connectors, which can eventually leak gas.
- Check for gas leaks, following the manufacturer's instructions, if you smell gas or when you reconnect the grill to the LP gas container. If you detect a leak, immediately turn off the gas and don't attempt to light the grill until the leak is fixed.
- Keep lighted cigarettes, matches, or open flames away from a leaking grill.
- Never use a grill indoors. Use the grill at least 10 feet away from your house or any building. Do not use the grill in a garage, breezeway, carport, porch, or under a surface that can catch fire.
- Do not attempt to repair the tank valve or the appliance yourself. See an LP gas dealer or a qualified appliance repair person.

Consumers should use caution when storing LP gas containers. Always keep containers upright. Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors. Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.

Grills manufactured after Oct. 1, 1995, are required to have three additional safety features to eliminate leak hazards: a device to limit the flow of gas in the event of hose rupture; a mechanism to shut-off the grill; and a feature to prevent the flow of gas if the connection between the tank and the grill is not leak proof. Consumers should consider purchasing grills that have these safety features.



## May Promotions

**Master Sergeant (E-7)**  
Gareth Buckland - 113 WG  
**Staff Sergeant (E-5)**  
Cory Blessman - 113 MXS

Deadline to submit stories for the June Potomac Air Monthly, is May 18. Please send submissions to Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper at [Craig.Clapper@ang.af.mil](mailto:Craig.Clapper@ang.af.mil).

# DCNG displays pride, patriotism during Washington Nationals home opener



Army veteran J.R. Martinez throws out the ceremonial first pitch during the home opening day ceremonies on the Washington Nationals' field Apr 12. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gareth Buckland)



Screech, the Washington Nationals' mascot, displays the Nationals' flag during the home opener, Apr. 12. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



F-16 Falcons from the 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard, fly in formation over Washington Nationals' field during opening ceremonies at the Nationals' home opener Apr 12. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



D.C. National Guard members unfurl a giant U.S. flag on the Washington Nationals' field during opening ceremonies for the Nationals' first home game of the 2012 season on Apr 12. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gareth Buckland)



D.C. National Guard members hold tight the end of the U.S. flag displayed across Nationals' field prior to the start of the game. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



Brig. Gen. Jeff Johnson speaks to the crowd in attendance for the Nationals' home opener. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Gareth Buckland)

# Federal Agency Recognized for “Adoption” of 113th MXS during AEF Deployment

Story and photo by Chief Master Sgt. James Mathews DCANG

The expression “I support the troops” is said so often that it can sometimes sound like just another bumper-sticker slogan. But last year, the communications office of the National Cancer Institute, a federal agency based in Bethesda, Md., decided to back up the sentiment by “adopting” the 113th Maintenance Squadron during its deployment to Afghanistan.

More than 100 federal employees and contract staff donated time, money, and various food items to pack and ship more than eight care packages, each weighing 25 to 30 lbs, to deployed 113 MXS members. In addition, many of the staff wrote personal letters to individual squadron members, expressing appreciation for their service and also passing along news from the region.

“The idea was not just to send care packages to ‘an anonymous Soldier or Airman’ but to focus on the neighbors and friends from our own community who willingly put themselves in harm’s way on our behalf,” said Robin Harrison, a cancer communications specialist who organized the NCI effort.

To recognize the support, several 113 MXS representatives attended the NCI office’s April 12 All-Hands Meeting and presented an American flag that had been flown over Afghanistan to the office’s director, Dr. Lenora Johnson. Chief Master Sgt. Louis Keeler and Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Brown both delivered short



remarks about the overall mission of the 113th Wing and its importance in the defense of the capital region and the Nation. “The event gave us the opportunity to put a human face on the Wing and also to show that even something as simple as writing a letter of support to a deployed guardsman can go a long way,” said Chief Keeler.

Ms. Harrison agreed, stating, “Most of our employees don’t really interact with the military and sometimes take for granted the sacrifice of organizations like the D.C. Air Guard. The presentation of the flag and certificate was an unexpected and moving honor. I don’t think there was a dry eye in the house.”

Dr. Lenora Johnson, Director of the National Cancer Institute’s Office of Communications, is presented a flag and certificate by Chief Master Sgt. Louis Keeler and Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Brown of the 113th MXS



# 113th Warrior of the Month - March

By Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper Editor

Staff Sgt. Roberto Rivas, 113th Maintenance Group technician, is a pilot, scuba diver, motorcycle enthusiast, and the April Warrior of the Month.

Sergeant Rivas was born and raised in El Salvador, where he attended the military academy of aviation “Capitan Piloto Aviador Reynaldo Cortez.” Upon graduation from the academy, he served as a lieutenant and was drawn to the U.S. military while he completed training at Fort Benning, Ga., for the academy in El Salvador. Sergeant Rivas’ enthusiasm for the U.S. military led him to enlist in the U.S. Air National Guard.

“The United States has given me and my family so much that I wanted to give back to this country with my service in the military,” said Sergeant Rivas.

As is the case with many National Guard members, Sergeant Rivas juggles a civilian career along with his military career. He works as an EO/IR supervisor and his duties include maintenance, operations, reparation, and



testing of all infrared payload systems that are in use in small UAV’s, aerostatic balloons, ground vehicles, and ships. Sergeant Rivas is very busy but he remains focused on what it takes to be successful in life.

“The Air Force will prepare you not only for your future but also in the civilian world. The young enlistees today need to be focused, ambitious, and have goals in mind to reach everything they want for their lives.”

# 113th Warrior of the Month - April

By Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper Editor

Master Sgt. Jason Scott, 113th Wing chief host aviation resource manager, enlisted in the Air Force because he wanted to do something different and exciting.

The West Baltimore native served on active duty for 11 years and decided to give the Air National Guard a try because he found inside him the desire to serve his country and to help other people as much as possible.

“I want to give back to the community that has given so much to me, which is why I decided to join the Guard and stay,” said Sergeant Scott.

Currently residing in Anne Arundel County, Md., Sergeant Scott enjoys spending time with his family, included wife Andrea, daughters Alexis, 15, and Jayla, 12, and son Jason.

The April Warrior of the Month likes playing golf and doing all different types of sporting activities to keep himself busy. Sergeant Scott is a dedicated individual and would like to one day reach the pinnacle career mark that an enlisted person can reach.

“I want to continue to serve honorably and make chief master sergeant before I decide to hang up the uniform for one last time,” said Sergeant Scott.





**ARE YOU ELIGIBLE FOR RETIREMENT?**

Thinking about Retirement? Read this FIRST!!!!

Commentary by Connie Moore – Room 108 Wing Building – 240-857-9746

Basically BEFORE individuals "SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR RETIREMENT" "I ask that you download the "view all" point credit summary from the virtual MPF web site. Bring that to one of our retirement planning sessions - Planning sessions are Tuesday's and Thursday's 10am and 2pm and 11AM Saturday or 3PM Sunday on UTA. I will sit down with you and review the point summary to help decide on the ideal time to retire and to ensure the point summary is correct. If there are discrepancies it could take a couple of months to correct. Every point is worth money in retired status so the more points you have the higher your retired pay..... Then we establish an ideal retirement date-- and suggest a visit to the Commander before entering anything in the system-----preferably about 12 months away but not less than six months out. Remember traditional enlisted members only

have to wear grade for one day to retire at that grade.....so if you want promotion it needs to happen before submitting request to retire--otherwise the system will block promotion. Next we start working on the VA Compensation Claim - retiring individual needs to obtain copies of medical records from all area facilities (Malcolm Grow, Bethesda, Walter Reed, our med group) and or civilian sources ---- suggest follow up on "medical issues" - cardiac stress tests, EKGs, Ortho or other individual clinic appointments relative to previous LOD or active duty injuries or illnesses..... Finally we suggest spouse and member come in for "insurance review" and Survivor Benefit Plan briefing.... the SBP/Retired Pay Form needs to be notarized with spouse signature and submitted to ARPC before Retirement Order is generated. I am a Notary. Mr Rickey Hopkins our Transition Assistance Advisor (he is here on Tuesday and Thursday) and I both can give "Mandatory Pre-Separation Briefings" required for all separations and retirements and for military members who have been on active duty for 180 or more days. If the retiring individual is a technician please refer all civil service questions to Ms Bobbie Hall for Technician Benefit briefings and retirement actions. If individual is AGR they often need to talk to Chief Towns to get orders amended to match projected retirement date. For AGRs and those close to age 60 we also discuss Tricare health and Dental or "Hopkins Health Plan" for member and family during retirement....for tradition-

al Guardsmen discuss "gray" area benefits i.e. retiree dental, Space A travel. I encourage everyone to request a "records review printout" and/or a Security Clearance printout as well as print off their record from "VMET" - these documents will help when creating resume's or filling out security questionnaires in future. If moving away from the area you need to make an appointment with TMO - to discuss packing and moving information. Verify leave balances and map out strategy for terminal leave and "Permissive TDY".... consider starting new job while on terminal leave Make an appointment with MS Turner to discuss CCAF degree status---Make an appointment with MSgt Cumberbatch to review GI Bill eligibility. I suggest to all prospective retirees !!!! Plan on attending TAP (Transition Assistance Program), the Department of Labor hosted workshop. This will help you understand jobs availability and prepare for future employment as a civilian or as an entrepreneur. You are in duty status (not personal leave) but attend in civilian clothes. To register to attend you need to call 301-981-7087 (available twice a month) Colonel or Chief can attend Executive TAP over at the Pentagon or at the Naval Yard we can provide contact information. When you finish out processing checklists from unit, MPF and/or AGR plan to go to MPF customer service to get "retired" ID cards for member and family members. Officer or enlisted if you wish to bestow any awards/decorations on prospective retirees contact SMSgt Chase, MPF.

**TRICARE extends health care coverage to eligible young adults**  
The TRICARE Young Adult (TYA) program is a premium based health care plan available for purchase by qualified dependents. TYA offers TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Standard coverage worldwide. TYA includes medical and pharmacy benefits, but excludes dental coverage. **WHO IS ELIGIBLE?**  
If you are an adult-age dependent, your sponsor's status determines whether you are eligible for TYA Prime and/or TYA Standard. You may generally purchase TYA coverage if you are all of the following:

- A dependent of a TRICARE-eligible uniformed service sponsor
- Unmarried
- At least age 21 (or age 23 if previously enrolled in a full-time course of study at an approved institution of higher learning and if the sponsor provides at least 50 percent of the financial support), but have not yet reached age 26

You may not purchase TYA coverage if you are:

- Eligible to enroll in an employer-sponsored health plan as defined in TYA regulations
- Otherwise eligible for TRICARE program coverage
- Married

Once you complete and sign the application, take it, along with your initial premium payment, to a TRICARE Service Center, or mail or fax it to your regional contractor. Your completed application must include the first three months of premium payments, paid by personal check, cashier's check, money order, or credit/debit card. After the initial three-month payment, premiums must be paid in advance by monthly

automated electronic payment. **ENROLLMENT IN TRICARE YOUNG ADULT**  
After enrolling in TYA, you and your sponsor will need to visit a uniformed services identification (ID) card-issuing facility to obtain an ID card for you. You must bring two forms of ID; one must be an unexpired government-issued ID card with a picture. If you enroll in TYA Standard, your coverage will begin the first day of the following month after your enrollment application is processed and payment is received. If you enroll in TYA Prime, your coverage will follow the 20th-of-the-month rule: As long as your enrollment application is received by the 20th of the month, coverage can begin on the first day of the next month. If it is received after the 20th of the month, it will start the first day of the following month.  
Note: You may be eligible for the Continued Health Care Benefit Program after TYA coverage ends, unless you have been locked out of TYA coverage. TYA Prime has the same copayments as TRICARE Prime and TOP Prime. TYA cost-shares contribute to individual and family deductibles and to your family's catastrophic cap. The annual deductible varies based on your sponsor's category. For more information on costs, visit [www.tricare.mil/costs](http://www.tricare.mil/costs). **TRICARE YOUNG ADULT STANDARD COSTS AND FEES**  
The 2011 monthly premium for TYA Standard coverage is \$186, and will drop to \$176 beginning on January 1, 2012. TYA premiums are adjusted annually, effective January 1. Ongoing premiums must be paid

in advance by automated payment. Premiums are not credited to deductibles or catastrophic caps. TYA Standard has the same cost-shares as TRICARE Standard and TRICARE Extra in the United States and TOP Standard overseas. TYA cost-shares contribute to individual and family deductibles and to your family's catastrophic cap. The annual deductible varies based on your sponsor's category. For more information on costs, visit [www.tricare.mil/costs](http://www.tricare.mil/costs). **New TRICARE Dental Plan**  
Beginning May 1, 2012, The TRICARE Dental Plan (TDP) will be administered by MetLife. As the TDP contractor, MetLife will manage enrollment, claims processing and customer service. You will receive a welcome package and a new enrollment card in the mail ahead of the May 1st start date. The transition should be seamless for you, and no new enrollment forms or other paperwork are needed. However, if you pay your premiums through a direct payment from your checking account or credit card, you need to contact MetLife to reauthorize this payment to ensure there is no break in coverage. MetLife has also created a new TDP Web site, available at <https://mybenefits.metlife.com/tricare> Also, if you pay your monthly TRICARE Dental Program premiums by electronic funds transfer (EFT), please remember to reauthorize your EFT payment with MetLife before 20 Apr 12. Please call MetLife at:  
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# 3rd Annual DC National Guard Military Ball 2012



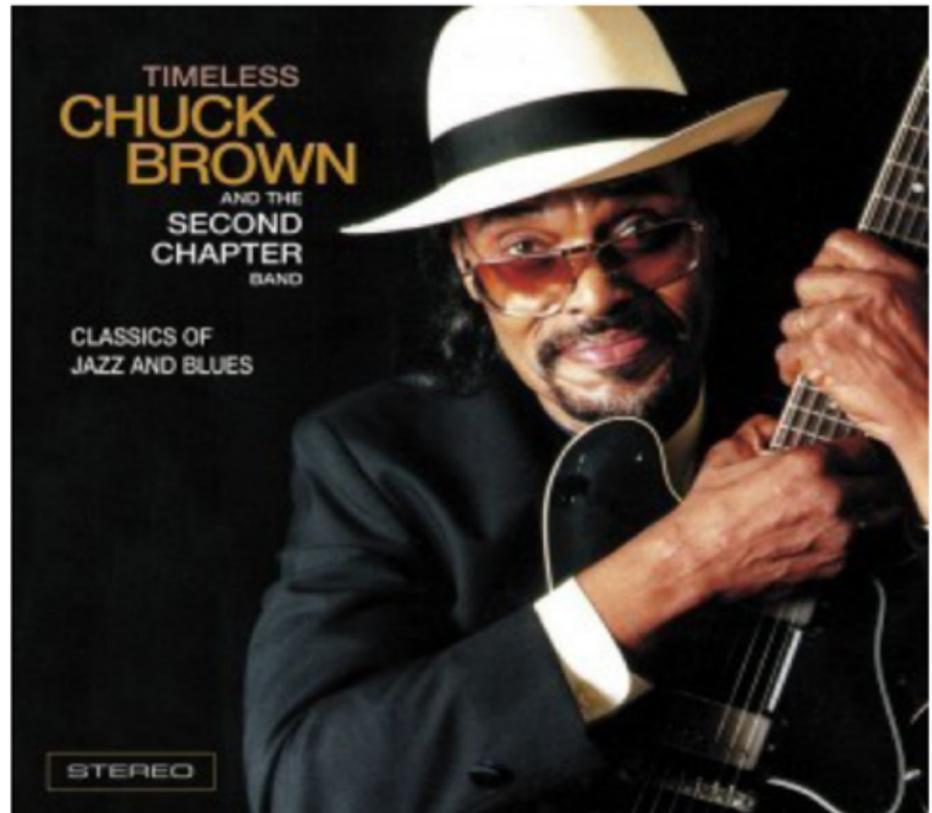
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On Capitol Hill  
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Washington, DC 20001

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## Featured Entertainment



### Reception and Dinner

Individual Price: \$70.00

Table Price: \$840.00 (Seats 12)

Valet Parking: \$20.00

Free Transportation from  
DC Armory

Music by Chuck Brown

“The godfather of Go-Go,” Chuck Brown is the undisputed sole founder and creator of Go-Go music, a hypnotically danceable genre deeply rooted in funk and soul that he developed in the early 70’s and the only form of expressive culture to originate in the district of Columbia.

\*\*\*Get your tickets now! Tickets are selling fast\*\*\*

### Ticket Distribution and Information

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### Uniform Requirements

- Dress Blues
  - Dress Mess
  - Army Service Uniform (Blue)
  - Formal Dress (i.e. Tuxedo, Ball Gown / Dress)
  - Army Class A Uniform (Green)
- Priority : Dress Blue ( Army/ Air Formal Uniform)