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Weapons specialist to wing commander

By Airman First Class Jennifer Hotte
Photojournalist

As the 113th Wing prepares to say goodbye to Brig. Gen. Johnson this month, we thought it would be fun to talk with one of the people General Johnson knew from his early days as a young weapons specialist. Long before he became a F-16 pilot and wing commander, General Johnson was Airman First Class Johnson attending technical school with Airman First Class (now Senior Master Sgt.) Rebecca Payne. The Potomac Air Monthly spoke with Sergeant Payne about her experiences with General Johnson.

Q: We know it was awhile ago, but when did you meet Gen. Johnson?

A: Yes it was awhile ago, in fact I met him over 29 years ago, in 1983.

Q: What were your impressions of then-Airman First Class Johnson?

A: I remember him as a red rope in tech school. He was always a leader.

Q: Did you ever think he would go far, even one day becoming a wing commander?

A: General Johnson always told us in weapons that he was going to become a pilot and he did. He showed us anything is possible if you set your mind to it.

Q: Do you still reminisce about the old days in weapons school together?

A: One day we were talking about how far we have come and I remember him flying his own personal plane to summer camp. He really accomplished the goals he set out to do.



121st Weather Flight hosts workshop

By Staff. Sgt. Tabitha Gomes
Editor

The D.C. Air National Guard held a Weather Workshop August 13 to 17 at Joint Base Andrews.

Senior Master Sgt. Lynne Morrison, 121st Weather Flight Meteorological Technician, coordinated the event and said there were close to 100 guests from various units across the ANG.

“Air National Guard Weather Flights came from all over the Continental U.S. and Hawaii, including 28 flagged flights and 32 embedded units,” said Sergeant Morrison.

The workshop discussed various topics such as mission essential activities, deployments, and where the future of weather flights in the ANG is headed.

Lt. Col Thyra Bishop, weather officer, 142nd Fighter Wing, Ore., explained the overall goal of weather flights.

“Our main goal is to provide mission essential weather reports to the operators,” said Colonel Bishop.

Weather in the Air National Guard provides support for 3 distinct operations: Air support, Army support, and special operations. They deploy quite a bit too, as in the past five years, 50 percent of weather’s special operations deployable personnel have been deployed, with a total of 1,600 deployments since 2001.

Weather has been without a Functional Area Manager (FAM) for years so the main goal for this workshop was to introduce the new FAM, Mr. Ken Campbell.

“Attendees got the chance to get acquainted with their new Functional Area Manager and discuss concerns” Sergeant Morrison said.

Col. Bill Thomas, ANG assistant to Air Force Director of Weather, also spoke to attendees and provided insight about the possible career field at risk for reduction under Presidential Budget 2013.

“As with any Workshop, it is a chance to exchange information, address training issues, exchange ideas in the area of equipment, latest technology, address concerns in the areas of equipment and training, standardization and updates, discuss upcoming inspections, and town hall meeting for general questions.”

Even though the workshop is not something that can be done often due to budget cuts, it was an opportunity to train, share new information as well as get acquainted with leadership. Sergeant Morrison hopes the event will become a common, if not annual event.

“Overall the workshop was a resounding success providing the ANG weather career field with replenished enthusiasm about our future in our viability, leadership, and technology,” said Sergeant Morrison.



Women’s Equality Day

Photo by Staff Sgt. Tabitha Gomes

Brig. Gen. Allyson R. Solomon, Assistant Adjutant General, 175th Baltimore Air National Guard, speaks to attendees of the Women's Equality Day event held at the National Guard Bureau, Aug. 22. General Solomon spoke about the great strides that have been made to ensure equal right among men and women, in the United States and other countries, and the need for continual attention to ensure equal rights for women in the future.



SATNCOA Icebreaker

Photo by Staff Sgt. Tabitha Gomes

Chief Master Sgt. Donald Felch, Commandant, Enlisted Professional Military Education Center, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., speaks to attendees of the satellite NCO Academy ice breaker at Joint Base Andrews, Aug. 21. Chief Felch spoke about professional military education and welcomed the NCOA students to their first day of class.

ESOH CAMP inspection is a success

By Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper
Editor

The Environmental Safety and Occupational Health Compliance Assessment Management Program conducted an assessment of the 113th Wing during the week of August 20 to 24, and the result was a resounding success.

The assessment kicked off with inspectors looking at continuity books of several different work areas and monitored each the wing's environmental management systems (EMS). Areas of particular interest to the assessors include air emissions and energy/fuel consumption. Dan Mallam, environmental protection specialist, 113th Civil Engineering Squadron, accompanied the assessors and was impressed by the compliance of each unit he visited.

"Things looked very good and we may catch a finding or two, but nothing serious and nothing that can't be readily fixed," said Mr. Mallam, "people should get to know the folks that manage your environmental programs at the shop level, listen to your supervisors, suggest new ways to improve our practices, and we will all benefit from the end results."

Overall, Joint Base Andrews had 94 total non-compliance findings, with 3 findings being attributed to the 113th Wing.

The wing received a positive for Best Management Practice, and the 201st AGE shop was recognized for having an outstanding hazardous materials management program. Their positive finding was even highlighted in the final assessment out-brief. Capt. Duane Peterson, 113th Wing environmental manager, believes the assessment shows the 113th Wing is headed in the right direction.

"As always, the Wing did an amazing job demonstrating its commitment to environmental excellence," said Captain Peterson, "Maintaining this level of compliance is no easy task and is a direct result of the hard work and attention to detail performed by the men and woman managing the programs at the shop level. Command support also played an important role and substantiates the Wing's dedication to environmental stewardship."



Take pride in your accomplishments

By 113th Wing First Sergeants

Are you proud of your uniform? Do you wear your occupational badge on your Airman Battle Uniform (ABU)? Do you wear your ribbons when in blues? Do you have everything you've earned?

Technical training awards skill levels for occupational badges. This is proof of your education and proficiency in abilities. Some of the training you've completed is in excess of 6 months, at one school! Why not wear the proof on your ABU's?

Decorations and military awards that are earned will now earn points towards enlisted promotions, per the 113 WGI 36-2502; 27 June 2012. These awards also give all Airmen higher standings when competing for line numbers at much sought after in residence and sister service schools.

If you are a supervisor, displaying ribbons when wearing blues shows your Airmen what you've accomplished during your career and may inspire them to emulate you. It also proves that the awards earned are something to be worn with pride.

So now what? Review your Record of Individual Personnel (RIP) on the virtual Military Personnel Flight (vMPF) website to review your official records. If there are



ribbons you have earned that are not displayed, the personnel at the Force Support Squadron can assist with submission of the appropriate documentation.

If you're a supervisor, review your Airmen's records. Our Wing is full of Airmen whose accomplishments should be celebrated!

DCANG physician shares medical transport stories



By Airman First Class Jennifer Hotte
Photojournalist

Col. William Rogers, State Air Surgeon for the District of Columbia Air National Guard, volunteered as a physician for Critical Care Air Transport Team. CCATT is a three-person medical team; consisting of a physician, critical nurse, and a respiratory therapist, who are responsible with operating an intensive care unit on an aircraft during flight.

Until recent conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan, the United States' only medical support for injured soldiers were hospitals set up in country. The patients would receive their medical attention from the warzone hospital and remain there for months until they were stable enough to be medevac'd home.

As a physician for CCATT, Colonel Rogers assesses whether patients are stable enough to endure a lengthy flight to a hospital in Landstuhl, Germany. He cares for three to six patients during the flight and addresses any injuries that have worsened or even occurred during transport.

"My job is to make sure no one dies during the transportation. If I do my job well in the Intensive Care Unit, then

there shouldn't be any problems during the flight," states Colonel Rogers.

Once the patient reaches the hospital in Landstuhl, they are admitted to the ICU and receive further medical attention. After they have been stable for 24-hours they are transferred by plane to a hospital in Bethesda or Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, TX.. After recovering at these hospitals, many patients are flown to Andrews AFB to return home.

Colonel Rogers has been doing CCATT for a year and anticipates his next rotation in October that will last more than a month.

"I am hoping this rotation in October is going to be a lot quieter than it was in July. It is dreadful to see what state these kids are in and the sacrifice they have made," says Colonel Rogers. "I use my 32 years of experience to make sure that my patients are in as good of condition as when I put them on a plane."

During his time with CCATT Colonel Rogers has met many patients who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their country. However, one moment touches his heart more than others. Colonel Rogers transported a 22 year-old Soldier from Afghanistan to Walter Reed Medical Hospital. This Soldier had been struck with an Improvised Explosive Device and was missing both legs, his right arm, and had a critical injury to the head that put him into a coma. When his mother arrived at Walter Reed Medical Center, to see her son she was in the room for approximately 15 minutes before she turned and left the room. Colonel Rogers went into the patient's room and understood what this Soldier's mother had seen.

"Her son sacrificed everything for his country and at such a young age," says Colonel Rogers.

Colonel Rogers plans on remaining on the CCATT until he retires. "The Soldiers and Marines that I have transported have made an immense sacrifice. I am deeply moved by their courage and patriotism and it is a great privilege to help bring them home," says Colonel Rogers.

Brig. Gen. Johnson retirement ceremony information

When: September 15, 2012 @ 1600 hrs

Where: The Base Theater next to Home Traditions

Who: All 113th Wing members are encouraged to attend, duty section permitting.

113th Wing Change of Command



113th Wing commander Brig. Gen. Jeffrey Johnson, alongside vice commander, Col. Jeffrey Bozard and incoming Commander, Brig. Gen. Marc Sasseville, salutes 113th Maintenance Group commander Col. Dan Caine during the inspection of the troops, part of the 113th Wing Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



113th Wing honor guard members perform a final uniform check prior to the 113th Wing Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by: Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



General Sasseville is 'pinned-on' by his wife, Karen Sasseville and his mother, Yita Sasseville, during his promotion at the 113th Wing Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by Master Sgt. Dennis Young)



General Sasseville's nameplate is revealed on a F-16 during the 113th Wing Change of Command ceremony. (Photo by: Master Sgt. Dennis Young)



Army Maj. Gen. Errol R. Schwartz, Commanding General, D.C. National Guard, passes the 113th Wing flag to General Sasseville during the 113th Wing Change of Command ceremony. General Sasseville assumed command of the wing from General Jeffrey Johnson. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper)



113th Wing members salute in formation during the Change of Command ceremony in Hangar 8, Aug. 11. (Photo by Master Sgt. Dennis Young)

113th Fatality Search and Recovery Team completes training

By Major Nathaniel Church
113th Force Support Squadron

The 113th Fatality Search and Recovery Team (FSRT) recently participated in two mass fatality exercises to ensure the team is properly trained should it have to respond to potential real-world events.

The primary mission of the FSRT is the search and recovery of fatalities from a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) environment to a coordinated body collection point. They are part of both Tiers 2 and 3 CBRNE Consequence Management Response Plans. FSRTs provide an imperative force multiplier as per Department of Defense (DOD) policy, the deceased will need to be removed and turned over to authorities during military operations. The handling of remains requires trained personnel and subject matter expertise (SME) coordination with the local jurisdiction or incident commander's Fatality Management Branch (typically medical examiner/coroner). Dignified and technically executed search and recovery (S&R) is significant, because the way victims are treated has a profound and long lasting effect on the mental health



of both responders and survivors. Contaminated remains should be considered hazardous and must be treated with extreme caution. The goal is to recover remains so that they may eventually be identified and potentially returned to their families.

The first exercise, held May 14-18, took place in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. with a total of 200 participants. The FSRT worked alongside the Minnesota and Puerto Rico FSRT teams to train as a direct support team for a chief medical officer/coroner's office. Other participants included the 49th QM Army MIRC mortuary affairs personnel, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner for NY, Dutchess County Coroner's office, FBI, NY State Emergency Responders, Amtrak Rail, Joint Mortuary Affairs Center-VA, Forensic Investigates, and observers. The 113th MDG group also provided two Airmen for medical support during all three days by performing medical screenings and providing emergency medical support for more than 200 personnel.

In the second exercise, held July 24-25 in Virginia Beach, VA., the FSRT participated in a Virginia CBRNE Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP) annual training exercise. Per the exercise scenario, an ACME Chemical Plant was severely damaged from a local hurricane. The governor of Virginia has activated the Virginia CERFP in response to the situation. The incident commander believed that more than thirty personnel were injured or killed during the incident. The exercise lasted 2 days with travel days on July 24th and 26th. Other 113th participants included a two-person food services team from the 113th Force Support Squadron (FSS) augmented by four personnel from the 123rd FSS who provided field feeding for over 200 personnel during the exercise. The FSRT was observed by Mrs. Cheryl Ites from the Joint Mortuary Affairs Center who assisted with on-site corrections and improvements to the mortuary training processes.



113th Wing officer commissioning open season

By Senior Master Sgt. Ivan Anglero
Recruiting and Retention

2012 Commissioning Open Season is HERE!!!

The Recruiting Office is currently accepting applications for Commissioning until 30 Sep 2012. This opportunity is for

DCANG members only. For application information please contact SMSgt Anglero at ivan.anglero@ang.af.mil.

PLEASE NOTE!! You will need AFOQT scores to submit with your package. Testing happens only once a month and it fills up fast. Schedule your test date ASAP if you plan on applying this year.

ANG unveils new officer commissioning process and guide

By Senior Master Sgt. Ivan Anglero
Recruiting and Retention

The ANG Officer Programs section has unveiled a new program in an effort to commission new officers. This program is not DCANG specific and will include your application in a database for possible officer opportunities in the ANG nationwide. Participation in this program will not automati-

cally include your application into the DCANG Commissioning Open Season.

PLEASE NOTE!!! This is not the Wing Officer Commissioning Open Season Program, this is a separate ANG Program.

For additional information and to get your ANG Officer Commission Guide please contact SMSgt Anglero at ivan.anglero@ang.af.mil.

National Fire Prevention Week Oct 7-13

By Senior Master Sgt. Glenn Thompson
113th Safety Office

This year during National Fire Prevention Week, October 7 - 13, 2012 attention is focused on promoting fire safety and prevention, however we should practice fire safety all year long. Many potential fire hazards go undetected because people simply do not take steps to fireproof their home.

Many bedroom fires are caused by misuse or poor maintenance of electrical devices, careless use of candles, smoking in bed, and children playing with matches and lighters. Most potential hazards can be addressed with a little common sense. For example, be sure to keep flammable items like bedding, clothes and curtains at least three feet away from portable heaters or lit candles, and never smoke in bed. Also, items like appliances or electric blankets should not be operated if they have frayed power cords, and electrical outlets should never be overloaded.

Fire Safety Checklist:

- Install and maintain a working smoke alarm outside of every sleep area and remember to change the battery at least once a year.
- Designate two escape routes from each bedroom and practice them regularly.
- Teach everyone the "Stop, Drop, and Roll" technique in case clothing catches on fire.
- Avoid storing old mattresses in the home or garage.
- Teach kids that matches, lighters and candles are tools, not toys. If you suspect that a child is playing with fire, check under beds and in closets for telltale signs like burned matches. Matches and lighters should be stored in a secure drawer or cabinet.



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