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## Brazil

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**113th Wing members head to Brazil for  
CRUZEX 2013**



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# November training and events schedule

**Saturday, Nov. 2 - Events**

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location	POC	Phone
0800	0845	DOD Information Awareness Trng.	Wing Auditorium	TSgt Noon	857-6525
0900	1000	Fitness Restrictions (AF Form 469)	Bldg. 3282/Navy	SMSgt Katt	857-6615
0900	1100	DTS Assistance	CF Class, Bldg.3222	Lt. Col. Quinn	857-0693
0900	1200	End of Course Testing	Bldg.3252, Rm 201	SMSgt Zayas	857-1211
0900	1030	Medical Mass Flu Shots	Wing Auditorium	SMSgt Katt	857-6615
1200	1300	DOD Information Awareness Trng.	Wing Auditorium	TSgt Noon	857-6525
1300	1430	Medical Mass Flu Shots	Wing Auditorium	SMSgt Katt	857-6615
1300	1400	Rising Six Meeting	Wing Conf. Rm.	TSgt Katt	857-5785
<b>1530</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>Maj. Oliver Promotion to Lt. Col.</b>	<b>Wing Auditorium</b>	<b>CMSgt Thomas</b>	<b>857-3228</b>

**Saturday, Nov. 2 - Normal hours of operation and recurring meetings**

Start Time	End Time	Course	Location	POC	Phone
0730	1600	CE Customer Service	Bldg.3236	MSgt Velez	857-7168
0730	1530	Comm(CFP)/Helpdesk	Bldg. 3222	CMSgt St.Laurent	857-0714
0830	1530	FSS/Customer Service	Bldg. 3252, Rm. 100	SMSgt Chase	857-1225
0830	1600	Retention Office	Bldg. 3252, Rm. 216	MSgt Cumberbatch	857-5449
0800	1600	Finance Customer Service	Bldg. 3252, Rm. 137	SMSgt C. Brown	857-0678

**Sunday, Nov. 3- Events**

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location	POC	Phone
0600	0650	First Sergeant Council Meeting	LRS. Conf. Rm.	MSgt Sepulveda	857-3881
0700	1230	PT Testing	East Gym	TSgt Marx	857-3997
0730	1000	Medical Appointments	Bldg. 3282/Navy	SMSgt Katt	857-6615
0900	0945	DOD Information Awareness Trng.	Wing Auditorium	TSgt Noon	857-6525
0900	1200	End of Course Testing	Bldg. 3252, Rm. 201	SMSgt Zayas	857-1211
0900	1100	Safety Course	Wing Auditorium	SMSgt Thompson	857-5778
<b>0930</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>Maj. Hooper promotion to Lt. Col.</b>	<b>201st Auditorium</b>	<b>Capt Martin</b>	<b>857-6935</b>
1000	1030	Medical Walk-In	Bldg. 3282/Navy	SMSgt Katt	857-6615
1200	1300	Top III Meeting	Bldg. 1217, 201st Conf. Rm.	MSgt Hotte	857-8456
1230	1330	Records Managemetn Training	Bldg. 3222/CF	TSgt Dietrich	857-1161
1230	1315	DOD Information Awareness Trng.	Wing Auditorium	TSgt Noon	857-6525
<b>1500</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>CF Change of Command</b>	<b>Wing Auditorium</b>	<b>CMSgt St Laurent</b>	<b>857-4241</b>

**Sunday, Nov. 3 -Normal hours of operation and recurring meetings**

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0730	1600	Finance Customer Service	Bldg. 3252, Rm 137	SMSgt C. Brown	857-0678
0730	1530	FSS/Customer Service	Bldg. 3252, Rm 100	SMSgt Chase	857-1225
0730	1600	CE Customer Service	Bldg. 3236	MSgt Velez	857-7168
0800	1100	Retention at JFHQ-DC	DC Armory	MSgt Cumberbatch	857-5449
1300	1600	Retention at 113th MXG	Hangar 16	MSgt Cumberbatch	857-5449

# December training and events schedule

\*\*\* Although there will be a December PAM, here is a sneak peak at the schedule for December's UTA. It's never too early to plan!

## Saturday, Dec. 7- TFAT

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location	POC	Phone
0715	0730	ALL PERSONNEL IN SEATS	Base Theater		
0730	0800	Wing Commander's Call	Base Theater		
0800	1100	TFAT TRAINING	Base Theater		

## Sunday, Dec. 2- Awards & Decorations Schedule

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location	POC	Phone
0700	0800	Breakfast with Santa	"About Face" Classroom		
0830	1100	ALL personnel in seats for A&D Ceremony	DCNG Armory		

## Sunday, Dec. 2 - 113th Wing Holiday Party

Start Time	End Time	Event	Location	POC	Phone
1300	1330	Party start time	Hangar 9	Chief Acostar	
1330	1400	Air Awards & Recognition	Hangar 9		
1430	1600	Santa fly-in and party	Hangar 9		

# ADVERSE ACTIONS REPORT

There are no adverse actions to report for the month of November 2013



**Brig. Gen.  
Marc Sasseville,  
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.  
Jeffrey Coombs,  
113th Wing Command Chief  
Master Sergeant**

# 113th Wing members deploy to Brazil in support of CRUZEX



**By Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper**  
Editor

More than 100 members from the 113th Wing, D.C. Air National Guard, recently deployed to Natal Air Base, Brazil in support of CRUZEX 2013, a Brazilian-led training exercise focused on interoperability between participating air forces from multiple countries. Combined with members from the 161st Aerial Refueling Wing, Arizona ANG, the U.S. Air Force contingent's goal for the two-week exercise is to practice working together with other countries' military

forces to prepare for any future real-world situations, such as the evacuation of civilians during a natural disaster.

"This is a great opportunity for the Wing in general due to the training benefits," said Col. W. Mark Valentine, Commander of the deployed contingent, "you can pretend to be in a scenario while at home station but it is totally different when you are actually in theater. This exercise will better prepare us when we deploy to other areas of the world in the future."

The 113th Wing provided six unarmed F-16's for the exercise with no live rounds, ammunition, bombs, or missiles being transported to Brazil. The scenarios provided during the exercise are fictitious and do not represent any particular real-world events. The exercise is not an offensive operation as it is a training event to demonstrate basic fighter maneuvers, refueling, the maintenance of aircraft in a deployed location and the movement of personnel in an expeditious manner.

"The pilots and maintainers are just one piece of the puzzle, we have to work together as a cohesive unit to ensure an exercise of this magnitude is a success and that includes the logistics and medical group," said Colonel Valentine, "everything from the deployment line to working in theater, it takes a team effort and we really showed we had the capability to deploy to anywhere in the world thanks to the members of the 113th Wing."

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# German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge awarded to 3 DCANG members

By Tech. Sgt. Craig Clapper  
Editor

Three outstanding members of the 113th Wing, D.C. National Guard, participated in the German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge completion on September 26. Master Sgt. Joshua Vance, Master Sgt. Cruz Velez, and Tech. Sgt. Frank Runge competed in the challenge that consisted of combat life-saver training, NBC MOPP Test, pistol shooting and qualification, 11x10 meter sprint test, hang in pull-up position, 1000 meter run, 100 meter swim (with official military uniform on), and finally, a 33 pound Ruck March.

“D.C. National Guard soldiers and airmen are always accepting new challenges and this was demonstrated once again,” said Sergeant Vance.

The German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge is a decoration of the Bundeswehr, the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Germany. It is one of the few approved foreign awards for the U.S. military. Obtaining the badge isn't easy, but the three Wing members came through. After the final Ruck March, the Gold badge was awarded to Sergeant Velez, while the Silver badge was awarded to Sergeant's Vance and Runge.



Maj. Terica Rusher stands with German Armed Forces Proficiency Badge winners (l-r) Tech. Sgt. Frank Runge, Master Sgt. Cruz Velez, and Master Sgt. Joshua Vance. Sergeant Runge works in 113th Logistics Readiness, and Sergeants Velez and Vance both work in 113th Civil Engineering Squadron. (Courtesy photo).

## Always maintain professional standards

By Master Sgt. Jessica Dearie  
First Sergeant, 113th Mission Support Group

Dress and Personal Appearance. We've all heard the words and most of us know the meaning. AFI 36-2903 spells out exactly how an Airman should present themselves in uniform. As citizen-soldiers, it's not always easy to merge the styles we have in our civilian lives with our military standards.

Women must take extra care to be informed on dress and appearance standards as it applies to hair length and style, nail polish colors, make-up and the style of handbag we choose. Men must focus on hair length, being clean-shaven and keeping their hands out of their pockets.

That's not to say that those are the only areas we must focus our efforts on. All standards must be complied with at all times. The items mentioned above are issues First Sergeants have had to address over the past year.



First Sergeant's aren't the only ones who should be holding airman to dress and appearance standards. It is every Airman's responsibility! Familiarize yourself with the standards on tattoos and body modification. These are new areas in our culture that are now addressed in AFI 36-2903. If you see someone in violation of standards, politely pull them to the side and inform them of their infraction. Most airmen are happy for the correction!

While most UTAs we are in ABUs, don't neglect your Blues! You never know when you will be needed to attend an official event or sit in front of, or on, a board. Don't wait until the annual Awards and Decorations ceremony to be sure your Blues are ready. The Air Force PErsonnel Center has a great website that lists and updated dress and appearance instructions as well as photos of the correct wear of all our uniforms. When in doubt - look it up!  
[www.afpc.af.mil/dress](http://www.afpc.af.mil/dress)

# Risk mitigation: It's everyone's business

By Col. W. Mark Valentine  
113th Operations Group Commander

In the pitch black night of 1 Aug 2013 two F-16s from the 113th Operations Group collided in mid-air. One aircraft was so damaged that the pilot was unable to control it; he ejected into the inky waters of the Atlantic Ocean and was later rescued by the United States Coast Guard. Despite significant damage to the wing, the other pilot miraculously recovered his aircraft to Joint Base Andrews. As the sun rose on the morning of 2 Aug, the 113th Wing was down one F-16, but thankfully had not lost a single life.

Within hours of the incident, the Commander of Air Combat Command convened a Safety Investigation Board to determine the causes of the mishap and hopefully prevent future occurrences. In parallel with this effort I directed the Operations Group to re-focus its efforts on the basics. The “back-to-basics” model is not new to the flying community. Commanders regularly use the approach to identify risks and ways to mitigate them. The concept, however, is often focused solely on those who wear flight suits and the time from aircraft engine start to engine shutdown. As I reviewed our operation, I knew this formula was too limited for our needs.

Indeed, any effective back to basics review must necessarily examine all aspects of an operation as well as each of the actors, their responsibilities, and how they interact with others in the system. For the Operations Group, this starts with examining how we determine our requirements. In other words, how do we decide what to do when we show up to work next week? From where does this information derive? Who is responsible for getting it, and how do we access it? Once we have the information, where does it go next and how do we receive updates? These might sound like simple questions, especially for a military unit, but simple questions are the essence of getting “back-to-basics”. Furthermore, the answers to such simple questions often reveal several other layers of onion that need peeling.

Once requirements are identified, we then turn our efforts to accomplishing them. At first glance, this process also seems simple; schedule pilots for their sorties. Looking deeper, however, one finds a much more complex problem. Which pilots are available for training duty and which are on leave or conducting Aerospace Control Alert missions or other temporary duties? An even more fundamental question is which pilots are medically qualified to fly? Once identified, how can we ensure they are qualified in all of the required individual skills? Additionally, which aircraft are available and appropriately configured for the mission? How much gas do they need? Where will they actually



conduct the training? Who “owns” that airspace? Will the weather conditions cooperate? This is a brief sample of the questions that arise when building a flying training plan, but even this overview highlights that the “simple” scheduling process is dependent on several different organizations full of people with diverse skillsets. Further complicating the issue, each stakeholder has their own specific information needs, planning horizons, and scheduling concerns.

After these legions perform their roles, the afterburners light and hundreds of man-hours of work are transformed into mere hours of irreplaceable experience for a few aviators. The overall process, however, doesn't end when the engines stop making noise. Indeed, for the pilots the most important part of the process begins – translating that experience into a recallable knowledge base for future operations. Similarly, there is no time for the remainder of the enterprise to rest. Important questions from this phase include: was the training effective or must it be re-accomplished? How do we track training effectiveness? Who needs to review this information and how often? How do we communicate our progress to those who rate us and those who pay our salaries (i.e. the taxpayers)? And, how do we feed this information back into our processes to increase training effectiveness, reduce inefficiencies, and most importantly, make the operation safer?

The purpose of this article is not to extol the complexity of flying operations. It is rather an attempt to highlight the undeniable fact that every single member of the Wing – realized or not – has a role in this complex process. Indeed, every time communication between one or more of the nodes listed above breaks down something doesn't get done and the Wing incurs risk. We buy this risk when those expecting specific conditions receive something unexpected (or nothing at all), and are forced to go without or make assumptions. To be sure, none of our processes are without

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fault; however, each and every one of them was built to get mission critical information or an appropriate product to those who need it when they need it.

There are numerous examples from the flying operation that demonstrate this concept, but a general example is more illustrative. Assuming you had it, would you invest your last \$30-million in a company without some assurance that you could recoup your investment? Or, to be more realistic, would you trade your hard earned \$500 for the newest smartphone without reviewing all the available information from experts, friends and family? The answer is probably “no” for the plain and simple reason that there are too many unknowns. In other words, until you have more information, each of these scenarios presents potential risks that outweigh the potential benefits. The calculus we employ to

accomplish our Wing mission is no different.

Most organs of the US Government define risk as the probability of a negative event multiplied by its consequences. The potential negative consequences in our line of work are tremendous. Human lives are literally at stake. We can’t change the potential consequences, so the only way we can reduce our risk is to reduce the probability they will happen. This starts by understanding and doing our jobs. As highlighted above, however, it also requires that we all know where we fit in the larger process, and recognize that our lapses and misspeaks transfer risk to numerous others.

We in the 113th Operations Group are attempting to reduce risk by getting back to basics. The more we learn, the more we understand that this is impossible without your help. Risk mitigation is your business.

# Notes from the Force Support Squadron

By Master Sgt. Arthur Powell  
113th FSS

## **Tuition Assistance**

Fiscal Year 14 Funds have not been released however submit your ELECTRONIC Tuition Assistance applications to your commander now, if returned to YOU approved by your commander the send them to the MPF. Check your email for details. POC MSgt Powell

## **Same Sex Marriages**

Bring in your original marriage certificate, your spouse, SSAN Card and two forms of official identification, if there are children to be added bring the kids birth certificates and social security card . POC anyone behind the counter

## **Reenlistments**

All reenlistments are done from 8 to 12 on Saturday and Sunday during Drill. Reenlistments can be scheduled during the week during the same hours. POC MSgt Powell

\*AGR Reenlistments should be 90 days before the ETS

## **Orders Update in DEERS**

Our ability to update orders in DEERS has been taken away and this causes problems with Tri Care Presently it takes approximately 2 to 3 weeks for the system to update therefore

in extreme circumstances please call us. POC Amn Cluff  
**SGLI / FSGLI (Family SGLI) and your LES**

Look at your LES every month to make sure you are enrolled for the correct amount of life insurance.

## **New Dependents Children and Single Males**

In short, if you are not married, it’s not that easy.... AFI 36-3026 states

4.9.2. A male sponsor must process and receive an approved dependency and residency determination (reflecting over 50 percent support) to include presenting a child’s birth certificate. Note: A birth certificate alone does not satisfy documentation requirements for an illegitimate child of a male member.

4.9.3. Each state maintains a procedure to allow a father to voluntarily acknowledge paternity of a child born out of wedlock. These state forms will be used to determine eligibility for dependent child status. The sponsor will present the notarized form to the nearest ID card issuance site to have the child added to DEERS. Note: The child may be enrolled at any time before their 21st birthday. ....take a moment and read the regulation and then contact the MPF - POC MSgt Powell

# Family Support Services Information

By **Connie Moore**  
113th Wing FSC

## **For Parents of children with Special Needs Service**

LOCATE: Child Care 800.999.0120 [specialneeds@marylandfamilynetwork.org](mailto:specialneeds@marylandfamilynetwork.org). Do you have a child with a special need? Do you need child care? LOCATE: Child Care can help you find care that meets your child's needs!

Maryland Family Network (MFN) believes that all children are entitled to quality child care and it is the parent's right to make an informed decision concerning their child care needs. To this end, MFN offers the LOCATE: Child Care Special Needs Service.

This service is: FREE - it is funded by the MD State Department of Education (MSDE) available to any family who has a child with a special need available for children from birth through age 21

Here are some examples of eligible children :

- Any child receiving services through the MD Infants/Toddlers Program.
- Any child evaluated and receiving services referred by Child Find.
- Any child receiving special education services through a school system.
- Any child with an IEP (Individualized Education Plan).
- Any child with an IFSP (Individualized Family Service Plan).
- Any child expelled from a child care program.

Also eligible is any child with special needs or physical disabilities such as (but not limited to!) the following: Autism, ADHD, ADD, Asperger's Syndrome, Down Syndrome, Learning Disabilities, Intellectual Disability Seizure Disorder, Cystic Fibrosis, Cerebral Palsy, Developmental Delays (not meeting milestones), Speech and language delays, Behavior concerns or problems, Asthma, Allergies, Special health care needs.

How does the Special Needs Service help **parents** to find child care?

When a parent contacts LOCATE for child care, the LOCATE specialist will:

- Discuss the child's special need or disability.
- Discuss any services or accommodations needed while in child care.
- Discuss location, cost and other factors.
- Discuss how to find quality inclusive child care.
- Refer to community resources.
- Share information on the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- Refer to child care providers or programs with special needs experience.
- Refer to child care providers who are willing to meet and

mutually decide if they can accommodate the child's individual needs.

LOCATE specialists provide this service with respect for the parent's right and ability to choose the best care for his/her child. Service is provided to callers by trained LOCATE specialists who are professionals holding a minimum of a Bachelor Degree in early childhood education or other related field and have experience and/or training working with children who have special needs

LOCATE: Child Care Special Needs Enhanced Service [specialneeds@marylandfamilynetwork.org](mailto:specialneeds@marylandfamilynetwork.org)

LOCATE: Child Care Special Needs Enhanced Service is available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to **4:30 p.m.**

**Messages can be left during non-business hours and LOCATE staff will return the call as soon as possible call: 800.999.0120**

**Attention Single Parents and Military Married to Military with dependents:**

## **CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE (DURING UTA)**

Single Service Members with dependents and Married Service Members who have spouses that work on weekends take note there are childcare resources out there.

There are many resources for ensuring parents have affordable daily care, and free care on UTAs--remember it is your responsibility to ensure you are available for duty and that child care issues do not affect your ability to meet mission requirements.

Please use this link to discover further child care assistance :

<http://www.naccrra.org/military-families/air-force>

For Free Childcare on Base at Andrews on UTA -- See your First Sergeant or contact Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager : [Seconda.Moore@ang.af.mil](mailto:Seconda.Moore@ang.af.mil) for a copy of the letter to be signed in order to request care for the upcoming years UTA weekends. Be sure to ask for a copy of the UTA Calendar for the coming year.

Paperwork for each child is needed so it is a must to stop by the Child Care Registration office to complete the necessary paperwork prior to care. You will need to bring a copy of the birth certificate and the latest immunization record along with the name and phone number of a local emergency contact. Questions please call Elizabeth Cooper, Child Care Coordinator at 301-981-9981 or email at [Elizabeth.Cooper@afncr.af.mil](mailto:Elizabeth.Cooper@afncr.af.mil)

# Thanksgiving Safety

The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.



- » Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- » Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- » Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- » Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- » Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- » Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- » Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- » Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- » Never leave children alone in room with a lit a candle.
- » Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.

## Did you know?



Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

**Have activities** that keep **kids out of the kitchen** during this busy time. Games, puzzles or books can keep them busy. Kids can get involved in Thanksgiving preparations with recipes that can be done **outside** the kitchen.



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[www.nfpa.org/education](http://www.nfpa.org/education)

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HAVE TO BE THERE!'

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'THE FOOD IS FREE,  
YOU CAN'T BEAT  
THAT!'

-SMSGT THOMPSON



'YOU GET YOUR  
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-SANTA CLAUS

**COMING THIS DECEMBER UTA TO HANGAR 9 NEAR YOU**