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## COULD YOU BE A KEY TO MISSION SUCCESS?

The 153rd Airlift Wing Family Readiness Program is looking for retirees and family members interested in volunteering.

Find out more by contacting the Family Readiness Office at (307) 772-6063.

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# Survey: ANG climate good

More than 80 percent of the Wy-ANG members who responded to questions in the 2008 Command Climate Survey report a positive command climate.

Overall 71 percent, or 864 members, of the WyANG took the survey.

Maj. Gen. Wright, commissioned the first command climate survey in 2003. A follow on survey was conducted in 2005.

This year's survey mirrors the previous two with questions concerning administrative procedures, discrimination, employer support, ethics and values, family support, leadership, compliance with legal requirements, retention and morale, sexual harassment, and training.

Questions concerning post-de-

ployment issues were added this year.

Some specific WyANG answers:

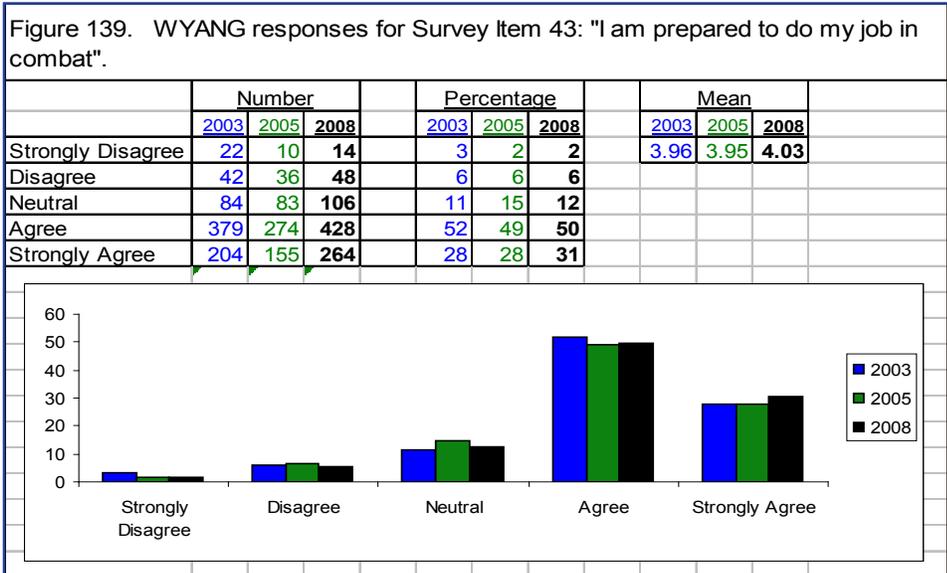
- More than 600 members said they agreed or strongly agreed their unit works well together.

- 16 percent said they disagreed or strongly disagreed with the statement "My morale is high."

- 81 percent of those surveyed said they agree or strongly agree their families appreciate their military service.

- 13 percent have heard sexually harrassing remarks in their unit during the last year.

The complete survey, including results for the WyARNG, can be found on the Web at <http://www.wy.ngb.army.mil>, after Dec. 1.



## DECEMBER MENU

SATURDAY: LASAGNE AND PIZZA.

SUNDAY: HOLIDAY MEAL.

MEAL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

OPEN FOR LUNCH FROM 10:30-12:30

ON UTA WEEKENDS.

## WING HOLIDAY PARTY

Join your fellow WyANG members at the annual holiday party, Dec. 6 at the Holiday Inn.

Cocktails begin at 5 p.m.

Dinner begins at 6 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased from your unit.

The menu is london broil w/ mushroom sauce, chicken cordon bleu, or vegetarian; potato, vegetable du jour; tossed salad; rolls; and chef's choice for dessert.

First sergeants have childcare info.

## OPERATION GUARDIAN ANGEL

Contact the Wing Family Readiness Program Office to sponsor a military child or family this Christmas as part of the Operation Guardian Angel Program.

If you know of a military family that could use a little help this Christmas, please see your unit first sergeant or commander for nomination forms.

Reach the Wing Family Readiness Program Office at (307) 772-6063.

## MEGA DRILL IN JAN.

The annual Mega-Drill is scheduled for Jan. 9-11, 2009.

All members will be receiving required Ancillary/Deployment Training. Maximum participation is required.

Get with commanders for letters for your employers, if necessary. Direct questions to Senior Master Sgt. Helart at 772-6104.

## The end of the ride: turning over the reins



COL. HAROLD REED  
153 AW COMMANDER

Five and one-half years ... where did it go?

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as your wing commander. I thank you for the privilege of leading the BEST wing in the world.

An organization is only as good as its people and because of you, we are the best! You can only lead if you are allowed. You can push ... but you can't lead so again, thank you!

We have accomplished a lot, there have been a lot of changes; we have a lot to show for all the hard work.

New airplanes, new construction, new faces, new strength! Not only have we passed multiple inspections, units such as the AS, AES, CES, Recruiting, and Family Support have brought national recognition to the wing.

The stand up and integration of the 30th Airlift Squadron is an Air Force benchmark! Recruiting and Retention is the best it's been in years: We are manned at 93 percent; we exceeded NGB's retention goal for FY 08!

### COMMANDER'S COLUMN

Because of your unfailing support, dedication to duty and the mission, I was able to be more involved in national organizations. Working issues, hopefully affecting change for the good of the weapons system.

Change of command; as with the wing, so with the nation. New leadership brings new styles of interaction, new schedules, different priorities, ways of doing business etc.

No matter how you feel about the election results, we have a new commander in chief; it is our duty to support the decisions of that office. Same goes on the home front. You have not always agreed with me, but you supported me, as I know you will Col. Grunstad.

A transition period is inevitable. As Isaac Asimov said, "Life is pleasant. Death is peaceful. It's the transition that's troublesome."

But seriously, nothing very good and nothing very bad last for very long; soon the new will seem normal and the old will be a memory.

One thing I don't see changing is in the ops tempo. Remember this is a marathon, not a sprint. Pace yourselves, recharge your batteries. I know from first-hand experience that you

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## FAMILY MORALE CARE PACKAGES AVAILABLE

The Wing Family Readiness Program offers a Family Morale Care Package Program for all military members to help deployed Airmen stay connected to children.

Items such as picture pillowcases and photo buttons, special Air Force bears, disposable cameras, journals, recorder pens, and other items can be provided to children 6 years old and up.

Call 772-6063 for information.



## 153RD AIRLIFT WING FAMILY READINESS PROGRAM CONTACT NUMBERS

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## Deployment preparation begins with you

As an Active Duty Airmen or an Air National Guardsman with potential for worldwide deployment on short notice, the following information will aid in making a family separation more manageable.

Too often, family members deny the possibility of deployment separation, and pretend it is not going to happen. This denial can be emotionally harmful. Once separation occurs, they are likely to find themselves unprepared.

It is much healthier for families to face issues directly and become better prepared to positively address the life style changes brought about by separation.

Adequate preparation for all family members is the key to minimizing the problems which will inevitably arise during a deployment separation.

Having a sense of control over events is a significant moderator of the stress associated with separation. We all desire some sense of control even in the face of uncontrollable situations.

Preparation for coming events, especially undesirable events, can greatly alter a person's attitude. Therefore, the importance of education and preparation cannot be overstated. To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

There is a difference between being ready "to go," and ready "to part." Being ready "to go" means having your duffel bag packed, all shots up to date, and other duty essential preparations completed. Being ready "to part" from your spouse and other family members means being aware of the personal and family issues related to separation, and being prepared to deal as constructively as possible with those issues.

Plan ahead. This is one of the keys to a successful family separation. There are many things you can do before you leave.

The best place to start is at a pre-deployment briefing. Topics discussed are informative ranging from an unclassified intelligence briefing to whom to contact if your allotment or pay check is late. It will also provide you, your spouse and/or family members invaluable information about services available through your Wing Airman & Family Readiness Pro-

gram Coordinator and other base agencies.

Special deployment checklists, deployment planners and community resources are available by contacting your Wing Family Readiness office. One-on-one briefings can be scheduled for deploying Airmen, as well.

Spend an evening with your spouse/family members to discuss the deployment, your feelings, how to handle emergencies or repair problems, and what you think needs to be done around the house to get things together.

Have a "show and tell" day. Even if it is the dead of winter, learn how to start and operate the lawn mower. Ask your spouse/family member to show you how to check the oil in the car and where to add brake fluid and transmission fluid.

The various checklists and tools available through your Wing Family Readiness office can ease stress for all; Airmen, spouse and family members.

Before departing, make sure the remaining spouse/family member is/are the one with the house/car keys, credit cards and checkbook.

So much will depend on YOUR advance preparation. The more you can learn and accomplish before the deployment separation, the more confident all involved will be when the parting time comes.

## Child care help offered

National Guard Child Care Program advocates assist families of service members on orders — activated, deployed, Active Guard and Reserve, etc. to understand available child care supplements, and to help them through the application process.

The program, operated under a contract, also keeps National Guard leadership abreast of the needs that are not met by supplements. The program's advocates are real people helping find the best child care solutions for individual needs, and the available supplements to help pay for it.

For more information or to see about eligibility, call (888) 642-2799 or email [NGCCP@GuardFamily.org](mailto:NGCCP@GuardFamily.org).

## JOBS

**OFFICER VACANCY – CHIEF OF STAFF:** Applications are being accepted for the position of Chief of Staff, (AFSC 90G0). This position is located in Headquarters, WyANG and the authorized grade is Brigadier General. This position is open to all Lieutenant Colonels (immediately eligible for promotion to Colonel) and Colonels, line officers currently assigned to the Wyoming Air National Guard (rated officers may apply, but if selected for this position, cannot remain on flying status). Applications must include, but are not limited to the following: (1) Cover letter requesting consideration; (2) Resume to include civilian and military education and experience; Send application packages to Master Sgt. Denise Hondel, 153AW/MPF, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799 by **COB Jan. 11, 2009**. The nominating official for this position is Brig. Gen. Donald Haught.

**243 ATCS SAFETY POSITION:** The commander of the 243rd Air Traffic Control Squadron is accepting applications for the position of Safety Specialist. This is a traditional position with an authorized rank of Master Sergeant. This position is open to all members of the Wyoming Air National Guard. Applicants must forward a cover letter requesting consideration along with a resume describing their military and civilian experience to include PME completion status. Send applications to Capt. Pedro Rampolla, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009, by **COB Dec. 7**. For questions, call Capt. Rampolla at 772-6094.

**NCO VACANCY – 153rd MEDICAL GROUP:** Applications are being accepted for the position of Education and Training Manager, Technical Sergeant, AFSC 3S2X1. This is a traditional Non-commissioned Officer position and maximum authorized grade is E-6. Conducts education and training (E&T) tasks for medical, medical readiness operations, and support training; education services; curriculum development; and instructor activities. Develops, delivers, and evaluates E&T programs and oversees E&T supervisor activities. Please submit pack-

ages to Chief Master Sgt. Kristin Maurer, 153 MDG, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799, 772-6426 no later than **COB Dec. 8**. Nominating/Selecting Official is Col. Stanley D. Bruntz, 153 MDG.

**NCO VACANCY – 153rd Medical Group:** Applications are being accepted for the position of Public Health Journeyman, Staff Sergeant, AFSC 4E051. This is a traditional Noncommissioned Officer position and maximum authorized grade is E-5. Conducts occupational health, hearing conservation, reproductive health, bloodborne pathogens exposure control, communicable disease control, disease vector surveillance, facility sanitation, food safety and vulnerability, health risk assessment, medical intelligence and operational medicine. Please submit packages to Chief Master Sgt. Kristin Maurer, 153 MDG, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799, 772-6426 not later than **COB Dec. 8**. Nominating/Selecting Official – Col. Stanley D. Bruntz, 153 MDG.

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POSITION:** Applications are being accepted for a traditional 3A071 position in the Joint Force Headquarters – Wyoming. Authorized grade is Technical Sergeant. This position is open to all enlisted members of the WyANG. If required to retrain, member must attend the first available class. Applications should be sent to Senior Master Sgt. Jana Keune, JFHQ-WY/HRS, 5500 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009. If you have questions contact Senior Master Sgt. Keune at (307) 772-5293. Open till filled. Nominating official: Brig. Gen. Stephan Pappas.

**PERSONNEL POSITION:** Applications are being accepted for a traditional 3S071 position in the Joint Force Headquarters – Wyoming. Authorized grade is Master Sergeant. This position is open to all enlisted members of the WyANG. If required to retrain, member must attend the first available class. Applications should be sent to Senior Master Sgt. Jana Keune, JFHQ-WY/HRS, 5500 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009. If you have questions contact Senior Master Sgt. Keune at (307) 772-5293. Open till filled. Nominating official: Brig. Gen.

Stephan Pappas.

**CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON VACANCY:** The Civil Engineering Squadron has a vacancy for a traditional Information Management person, 3A071, E-6. This position is open to all members of the Wyoming Air National Guard. Interested members can contact Master Sgt. Neckermann at 772-6175 or recruiting if interested.

**CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON VACANCY:** The Civil Engineering Squadron has a vacancy for a traditional Operations Management person, 3E671, E-6. This position is open to all members of the Wyoming Air National Guard. Interested members can contact Master Sgt. Neckermann at 772-6175 or recruiting if interested.

**OFFICER APPOINTMENT – NAVIGATOR (C-130):** Applications are now being accepted for UNDERGRADUATE NAVIGATOR TRAINING, AFSC 12M3B. This position is located in the 187th Airlift Squadron. Applicants must be able to enter training prior to age 30; qualify on the Air Force Officer Qualifying Test; meet medical requirements in AFI48-123; possess a bachelor's degree or have at least 90 semester hours with a minimum 2.3 GPA; and meet security clearance requirements. This position is open to all applicants that meet the above minimum requirements. For application procedures contact Master Sgt. Hondel, 153 MPF, (307)772-6457. For AFOQT info Senior Master Sgt. Helart, 153 MPF (307)772-6104. Application packages must include: 1. Cover letter requesting consideration, 2. AF Form 24 (enlisted and civilian applicants only), 3. Resume to include civilian and military education and experience, 4. Official college transcripts (enlisted and civilian applicants only), 5. Two letters of supervisory references, 6. AFOQT

The Wyoming Military Department is an equal opportunity employer. Selection for all positions will be made without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor. This applies to ALL vacancies within the Wyoming Military Department.

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scores, 7. Any private flying paperwork. Send application packages to Master Sgt. Denise Hondel, 153AW/MPF, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799.

**243 ATCS TRADITIONAL MAINTENANCE POSITIONS:** The commander of the 243rd Air Traffic Control Squadron is accepting applications for Airfield Systems Maintenance; Supply Management; Heating, Air, Ventilation; Power Production; and Ground Radar Maintenance. These are traditional positions with some authorized ranks through Master Sergeant for qualified candidates and ultimate potential for Chief Master Sergeant. The positions are open to any enlisted member of the WyANG. Cross-trainees welcome. Applicants may contact Senior Master Sgt. Greg Wheeler at ext. 6290.

**CACS OPPORTUNITIES:** The 153rd Command and Control Squadron located on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, has immediate openings for anyone with a desire to work in a fast-paced environment while going to college. The squadron welcomes all cross-trainees from several career fields and all branches of service. For more information contact Master Sgt. Priest at 773-6715 or a WyANG recruiter at 772-6333.

**TRADITIONAL-MANAGEMENT ANALYST/STANDARDIZATION**

Find technician and AGR jobs at:  
<http://www.wy.ngb.army.mil/HRO/default.asp>

**EVALUATION SPECIALIST:** The 153rd Communications Flight is now accepting applications for a Standardization Evaluation Specialist. This is a traditional position with the authorized rank of Senior Master Sergeant. All immediately promotable Technical Sergeants and all Master Sergeants are welcome and encouraged to apply. Applications must include a cover letter, a current resume with civilian and military experience/education, a current RIP (VMPPF is acceptable), a current fitness assessment and proof of a current SECRET clearance. Upon selection, the applicant must complete SF 86 for TOP SECRET clearance. Duties and Responsibilities: Evaluates mission effectiveness, using standardized and locally developed evaluation programs and processes. Responsible for the scheduling and accomplishment of managerial, personnel, technical and special evaluations. Collectively evaluates management effectiveness, performance and technical proficiency of assigned personnel, equipment, and systems condition. Coordinates and/or conducts management studies of organization, staffing, work measurement, methods, or procedures. Monitors unit standardization/evaluation programs by ensuring adherence to applicable directives. Responsible for ensuring military duty position standards are established. Defines metrics and measure progress toward accomplishment of plans, programs, goals, objectives. Must possess managerial, leadership, and good communication skills. Direct questions to Chief Master Sgt. Perkins, chief, Stan Eval, 153 CF at 772-6478.

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all know your jobs and are exceptional at what you do. Every one of you, and the job you do here for the wing is essential to our continued success.

Keep doing what you're doing, give Col. Grunstad the same support and work ethic you have given me and I am certain this wing will continue its tradition of success and leadership throughout the Air National Guard, the U.S. Air Force, and the world.

One of my favorite John Wayne quotes is, "Talk low, talk slow, and don't say too much." Enough said.

You all know I have a hard time expressing myself in words. Please know how much I have enjoyed the honor and privilege of serving you as wing commander.

My sincerest thanks to every one of you for all you do everyday to make this the BEST wing in the world.

Please keep up the good work and carry on.

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
the USERRA law allows for military members to have a minimum of 8 hours rest between the time they arrive home from military duty until the start of their next scheduled shift with their civilian employer? -38 U.S.C. Section 4312 (e).



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## AUTHORIZED HOTELS

Holiday Inn 204 W. Fox Farm Rd. (307) 638-4466 \$53	La Quinta Inn 2410 W. Lincolnway (307) 632-7117 \$52
Fairfield Inn 1415 Stillwater Ave. (307) 637-4070 \$58	Crow Creek Inn FE Warren AFB (307) 773-1844 \$30.50 - \$33

Contracted prices shown

## PASS & REGISTRATION SECURITY CLEARANCES

In order to register a vehicle with the 153 SFS Pass & Registration, you must have your military ID (dependents need their ID), vehicle registration and current proof of insurance. Civilian employees without a military ID must have a Wyoming Military Department Employee ID.

Due to a change in the DoD vehicle registration database, we now need to have a copy of the vehicle registration for each of your vehicles registered with us, before we can update registrations on your vehicles.

In accordance with AFI 31-204, AIR FORCE MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC SUPERVISION, "a person need not own the vehicle to register it; however, they must have a lease agreement, power of attorney, or notarized statement from the owner of the vehicle granting them permission to use the vehicle and specifying the inclusive use dates."

As a reminder, Pass & Registration's hours are 0700-1630 Monday through Friday (including Fridays before UTAs). UTA hours: Saturday 0830-1630 and Sunday 0800-1600.

Address all Pass & ID questions to Master Sgt. Nate Cook at 772-6192.

The 153rd Security Forces Squadron Personnel Security office is open Monday-Friday 0700-1630, Phoenix Fridays prior to UTAs, and on UTAs from 0700 – 1530 for assistance with security clearances. First preference will be given to new members who live out of town. Please address all security clearance questions to Mr. Dave Smith at 772-6145.

## CLINIC INFO

Physical Health Assessments (PHA) are conducted Saturday of the UTA, 0830-1130 and once per quarter, we will offer Friday PHAs, 0830 - 1130 (Dec., March, June, and Sept. drills).

The 30 AS Flight Surgeon Office is now open 0700-0900 every duty day.

Please contact your unit health monitor to set up your PHA appointments. Immunizations are given in the Clinic on Fridays (quarterly) and Saturdays of drill weekend and during weekday duty hours between the hours of 0700-0900.

REMEMBER, the member MUST be on status (UTA/AT/PM) to be eligible for the

vaccination. Personnel who will be attending school, TDY, or out-processing for any other reason, MUST out-process on Saturday of drill.

The clinic is open Sunday of drill from 0800-1000 hours for administrative purposes only, but this does not include out-processing.

Health Promotion classes, Fitness and Cholesterol, have now been combined and will be held at 0900 in the mezzanine, Saturday of drill. You will be scheduled through your unit health monitor following failure of Fit Test or through the clinic, following abnormal test results receipt. If you have any questions please call ext. 6329, 6251, or 6426.

## ITEMS OF NOTE

COMMANDERS' CALL – Commanders' Call for all group commanders, squadron commanders, and first sergeants on Saturday mornings of UTA is from 0630 – 0700.

CHAPEL SERVICE – Held from 0730-0800 on UTA Sunday. The non-denominational service is held in the civil engineering classroom.

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