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## PROMOTIONS

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TECHNICAL SERGEANT

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STAFF SERGEANT  
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CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

## 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.

Interested individuals may find out more by contacting the Family Readiness Office at (307) 772-6063.

## QUARTERLY WINNERS

AIRMAN OF THE QUARTER  
SENIOR AIRMAN BENJAMIN WARD  
153 CF

NCO OF THE QUARTER  
STAFF SGT. MONTE MEDINA  
187 AS

SENIOR NCO OF THE QUARTER  
MASTER SGT. DARREN NOGLE  
153 OG

## NOVEMBER MENU

SATURDAY: CHICKEN KIEV OR CORDON BLEU, SPAGHETTI.

SUNDAY: HOLIDAY MEAL.

MEAL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.  
OPEN FOR LUNCH FROM 10:30-12:30  
ON UTA WEEKENDS.

## Heroes Among Us recognized

Several Wyoming Air National Guard members were honored as "Heroes Among Us" at the 2008 Governor's Reception, in October.

Staff Sgt. Bruce Scheel was honored for responding to a jet ski accident during his deployment to Al Udeid, Qatar, earlier this year.

Airman 1st Class Heidi Quick was recognized for assisting a family who was involved in a rollover accident in Colorado. Quick was a member of the Wyoming Army National Guard at the time of the accident.

Staff Sgt. Jodi LaCentra was honored for assisting a victim of a ve-

hicle crash in Texas. She was on her way home from school when she came upon the crash and assisted until first responders could arrive.

"We recognize our Airmen each year for going above and beyond the call of duty to assist our fellow community members," said Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general. "The people we are honoring exemplify the concept of the National Guard Citizen Soldier and believe our dual mission to protect and serve the citizens of the nation and the residents of the state extend beyond duty hours," he added.

## Family volunteers honored

Several Wyoming Air National Guard Family Readiness Program volunteers were honored during an annual recognition lunch over October UTA weekend.

Maggie Jasman, an Air National Guard retiree who has volunteered in the Family Readiness Program since her retirement in 2006, was named the 2008 Wyoming Air National Guard Volunteer of the Year.

"Jasman's volunteer activities are extensive and her persistent advocating on behalf of veterans and their families is a true testament to service both in and out of uniform," said Col. Harold Reed, 153rd Airlift Wing commander.

Amy Wheeler, wife of Senior Master

Sgt. Gregory Wheeler, 243rd Air Traffic Control Squadron; and Kimberly Harris, wife of Senior Master Sgt. David Harris, 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron, were honored with Exceptional Volunteer Awards.

The 153rd Airlift Wing Minuteman Award was presented to Andrea Bowen, spouse of Maj. Scott Bowen, 30th Airlift Squadron. As a new member of the Wyoming Air National Guard's key volunteer team, Bowen has made significant contributions to the mission readiness of the 30th Airlift Squadron since her appointment in April, by providing peer to peer support to family members, especially the spouses and parents of deployed Airmen.

## DRUG TESTING, HEMP PRODUCTS AND YOUR CAREER

Recently at a Newcomer's Briefing I spoke about the drug testing program and informed our newest members that if someone tests positive for marijuana it means the person was using the drug. The military cutoff level, 15 nano grams, cannot be reached by inhaling second hand marijuana smoke.

Someone asked about using hemp products such as hemp lotions and lip balms that are sold at Wal-Mart and other stores. These products are safe to use and will not put a high enough THC level in someone's system to test positive on military urinalysis tests. Consuming multiple gallons of product would be needed in order to test positive. The only way to test positive for marijuana on a military urinalysis test is to actually use the drug, which will in turn end your military career.

*-- Capt. Marilyn Burden  
Equal Opportunity specialist*

## OPERATION GUARDIAN ANGEL

Contact the Wing Family Readiness Program Office if you would like to sponsor a military child or family this Christmas as part of the Operation Guardian Angel Program. Children from infant to 16 are available for sponsorship. 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.

# New ATAG says "thank you"



**BRIG. GEN.  
STEPHAN PAPPAS  
ASST. ADJUTANT GENERAL**

Now that FY 08 is behind us, we can reflect on the great work that the Wyoming Air National Guard has accomplished. With all that was on our plate, to include deployments, training and inspections, it gives me great satisfaction to witness how professionally the mission at hand gets accomplished.

I know it is only through the dedicated, untiring service that each and every member gives. FY 09 promises to be another very busy year, especially with the AEF rotations in front of us. I am extremely confident that with the skill and dedication you possess, nothing less than outstanding outcomes will result. The state and indeed the nation have come to expect no less from you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who participated in my promotion ceremony in October. It was a proud moment for my family and me. As I mentioned at my pinning, the ceremony that day may have been about me, but the reason I was there was because of you. I would have not attained this position if it weren't for so many people who have supported me, mentored me, encouraged me, taught me, and even admonished me throughout my life, and my military career.

I want to thank the officers, NCOs, and Airmen I have worked with over the 23 years of my career, who have listened and counseled me. When they disagreed, or I didn't understand, they thought it was important enough to take the time and effort to educate me. I am sure I would not have made my promotions throughout the years without their hard work. Our organization truly is blessed by gifted and caring individuals. That is why we are the best airlift wing in the world.

People ask me why I serve in the military, with my busy architectural practice, and the community service and other endeavors that I have been involved in over the years. Is it patriotism? While that might be part of the answer, I think it is much more than that. A big part is the people that make up the Wyoming Air National Guard, the US Air Force, and all the other military services.

There is something special about people who offer to sacrifice for others, often having to make the ultimate sacrifice, as Capt. Bruce Hays did when he died in the defense of our country on Sept. 17, in Afghanistan, along with three other Soldiers. Something about that spirit of sacrifice compels me to be part of an organization that espouses service before self. That spirit is infused in the ethos of the U.S/ military, and is certainly abundant in the Wyoming Air National Guard. Please know how proud I am to wear this uniform and to serve with you.

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## JOBS

**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 Noncommissioned 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 packages 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, disease/epidemiological 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.

**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 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 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 (VMPF 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.

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.



## UPCOMING FAMILY READINESS ACTIVITIES

Nov. 1-2: Wing Family Readiness Holiday Basket and Gift Silent Auction

Dec. 6: Children's Christmas Party and Breakfast with Santa; tickets are \$5 and available from unit volunteers

For more information contact  
Denise Rampolla at  
(307) 772-6063

## 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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