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JAY JUDY
SEAN McDERMOTT
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CODY McCANN

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JUSTIN TROLINGER

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ANG annual awards presented

Wyoming Air National Guard members were recognized Jan. 10 during the annual Wyoming Air National Guard Outstanding Airmen of the Year banquet.

“It’s a pleasure to have the opportunity to recognize these outstanding individuals,” said Col. Dennis Grunstad, 153rd Airlift Wing commander. “They represent the ideals all of us in the Wyoming Air National Guard believe, people first, mission always.”

The following individuals were recognized this year for their leadership, military bearing, knowledge of military customs, community service and personal achievements.

Senior Airman Olivia O. De La Torre, Airman of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Monte C. Medina, Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Brandi L. Matzek, First Sergeant of the Year.

Master Sgt. Shane S. Larson, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Capt. Michelle R. Mulberry, Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Senior Master Sgt. Carl Hocking was chosen as the Flag Team Member of the Year.

This award is a symbol of the extreme amount of volunteerism and undying commitment a Flag Team member must possess.

Master Sgt. Daniel Lyon, Tech. Sgt. Lewis Garza, Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Mullin, Tech. Sgt. Nancy Winter, Staff Sgt. Elias Camargo, Staff Sgt. Victoria Lopez, Staff Sgt. Bruce Scheel, and Senior Airman Ann Fitzgerald were named as the Chiefs Council Core Value Award

recipients.

This award recognizes the junior enlisted members of the Wyoming Air National Guard who best represent the Air Force/Air National Guard Core Values: Integrity first, Service before self, Excellence in all we do, Commitment to Citizen Soldier heritage, and Strength of our diverse family.

Master Sgt. Lynette K. Kelley was recognized as the Unit Career Advisor of the Year.

The Unit Career Advisor plays a key role in promoting the careers and opportunities of our military force, from the youngest Airman to the most seasoned senior noncommissioned officer.

Tech. Sgt. Milton D. Fitzgerald was named as the Top Recruiter of the Year for the Wyoming Air National Guard. Tech Sgt. Mark E. Hill was selected as the Rookie Recruiter of the Year.

These awards recognize the recruiters who continue to go above and beyond and whose individual efforts and support have been a contributing factor in this organization’s ability to meet its missions.

1st quarter awardees named

The 153rd Airlift Wing Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter selections for the 1st Quarter of 2009 are:

Airman—Senior Airman Sara Chiapetto, 153 CF
NCO – Staff Sgt. Larry Van Rooy, 30 AS
Senior NCO –Master Sgt. Christopher Huelsenback, 30 AS

FEBRUARY MENU

SATURDAY: BEEF STROGANOFF, SALISBURY STEAK, MASHED POTATOES/ GRAVY, CORN PEAS, CAKES.

SUNDAY: YANKEE POT ROAST, CATFISH, MASHED POTATOES/GRAVY, CARROTS, GREEN BEANS, ASSORTED DESSERTS.

MEAL ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

OPEN FOR LUNCH FROM 10:30-12:30 ON UTA WEEKENDS.



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.



TOP III

The TOP III will feature a guest speaker at their next meeting, Feb. 8, 1330 in the Dining Facility. Capt Pachel, civil engineering squadron commander, will address the group with information concerning future construction to the base.

All members eligible for Top III membership, E-7 thru E-9, are invited to attend. Membership dues are \$12/year or \$40/lifetime.



COO COO FOR COCOA PUFFS?

The WyANG has sponsored Bain Elementary School since the mid-1990s.

Box Tops 4 Education is a program that Bain Elementary is involved in to help the school purchase computers and other items. Anyone can help. Each box top provided to the school is worth 10 cents.

The Top III Council is placing box tops receptacles around the building to collect and send over to the wing's Adopt A School partner.

Respecting everyone's individuality

*By Chief Master Sgt. Jim Branom
State Human Resource Advisor*

We must all be committed to an environment of mutual respect that allows every member of the WyANG team to achieve his or her greatest potential.

This new diversity presents both challenges and opportunities to individuals and to the organizations of which they are a part.

Benefits include a broader talent pool and the opportunity for individuals to more fully develop their potential. At the same time, however, new perspectives on creativity, innovation, and performance can be perceived as intrusive and lead to tension, misunderstanding, and even hostility between old and new, creating problems of coordination and cohesion for diverse organizations.

It is imperative that we, as leaders, work out the difficulties generated by diversity and reap the rewards.

Applying varied perspectives and approaches--such as training and education, being a leader who "Walks the Talk" and treats each individual we come into contact with dignity, proper

acceptance, and courtesy, will all pave the way for our Airmen to embrace diversity as the norm and seek a deeper understanding of the problems and promise inherent in diverse organizations.

Our philosophy of diversity goes beyond that of race, creed, ethnicity and gender.

We look to promote the diversity of thinking that results from the differences in experiences, knowledge and background of all Airmen.

Diversity of thinking will help us continue to encourage the creativity and innovation necessary for the WyANG to maintain a competitive advantage in air and space dominance.

The WyANG is committed to a tradition of mutual trust and respect, one that promotes a culture of confidence, dependability and reliability.

This is vital in our mission to Fly, Fight, and Win...now and forever.

DIVERSITY CORNER

CGO Council collecting soap

The Company Grade Officers Council has an ongoing community service project in support of Needs, Inc.

The council collects soap, shampoo, conditioner and body lotion for the people serviced by this organization.

The council is looking for support in

its efforts to meet the needs of people in Cheyenne.

When going TDY, please collect the small toiletry items available in hotels, bring them back and place them in the boxes that will be located around the Wing.

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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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Annual egg hunt scheduled

Tickets are currently available for the annual Wing Family Program Spring Easter Egg Hunt which will be held on April 4 from 0900-1130, at the King of Glory Lutheran Church Hall located at 8806 Yellowstone Rd., Cheyenne.

Cost of each ticket is \$5, and are only required for the children participating.

All WyANG families, especially those who have deployed loved ones, are encouraged to attend.

Fun crafts, Easter egg decorating and of course, the grand hunt for treasured eggs and candy will all be part of the

festivities. There will even be a very special visit from the Easter Bunny.

Those wishing to attend can obtain tickets by contacting Denise Rampolla in the Wing Family Readiness and Support Services office, or contact Tech. Sgt. Anna Beeman in the wing command offices. Tickets must be purchased no later than March 27.

A select number of tickets are available for families who wish to attend but may have difficulty purchasing tickets. Please contact the Wing Family Readiness office for more details.

Tax filing services offered

Military OneSource will be providing tax filing services for the 2008 tax season. Services will include free online tax filing services, both state and federal, and free telephonic tax consultations.

To get access to the free tax filing services, go to the Military OneSource Web site.

Users must enter the tax filing services via the link provided to a customized version of the tax filing site.

The free, customized Military OneSource version will only be available via the link posted on Military OneSource after Jan. 19.

Grant provides funds to children

Our Military Kids supports children of deployed National Guard and Reserve personnel with a grant program that gives them the opportunity to participate in sports, fine arts, or academic tutoring programs.

Such activities help nurture and sustain these children while their parent is away in service to our country. Extracurricular activities become all the more important for keeping kids involved and on track when their parent is deployed overseas.

Unfortunately, it is often difficult for Guard and Reserve children to play on school or community sports teams,

participate in local music or dance programs, or get tutoring to help them stay on grade level because fees for these programs can be prohibitive for deployed parents.

All Guard or Reserve children between the ages of 3 and 18 are eligible for an Our Military Kids grant. Qualified families complete a simple one page application and submit it along with a copy of the deployment orders and a brochure or flyer from the organization providing the activity. Grant awards are paid directly to the service provider. No eligible child who has requested a grant has been turned down.

HADD HERKS AGAINST DRUNK DRIVING

Need someone to drive you home? Call one of the Wing volunteers for safe and confidential transportation.

Friday & Saturday, 1900-0300
Call: (307) 220-7961 or 220-7962

LOGISTICS READINESS OFFICER:

Applications are now being accepted for two Logistics Readiness Officers (AFSC: 21R3), 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron with an authorized grade of major. These positions are open to members of the Wyoming Air National Guard and those eligible for membership, who are able to meet the following minimum requirements. The individual selected must attend required technical schools. Applicant must possess a Bachelors Degree (those individuals with at least 90 semester hours by announcement closeout may apply; be able to complete AMS before their 35 birthday; qualify on the Air Force Qualifying Test (AFOQT)); meet medical requirements in AFI 48-123; and meet security clearance requirements. Application packages must include, but are not limited to the following: (1) Cover letter requesting consideration; (2) AF Form 24 (enlisted only); (3) Resume to include civilian and military education and experience; (4) College transcripts from an accredited 4 year college or university (enlisted only); (5) Letters of recommendation (optional). Forward application packages to Master Sgt. Hondel, 153 MSF, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799, (307) 772-6457 no later than **COB Feb. 2**. Selecting official is Lt. Col. James Kuhns.

NCO VACANCY – 153rd Services Flight. Applications are being accepted for the position of Services Prime Ribs Manager. Its purpose is to manage the Prime Readiness in Base Services (Prime RIBS) and base services activities. Ensures combat readiness, analyzes combat capability of the services unit, manages and evaluates services training programs, and the self-inspection programs. Provides guidance and defines requirements for RIBS combat support during contingency operations and conventional regional conflicts. Manages, trains, and equips base search and recovery team. Manages the base Mortuary Affairs Program, briefs the mortuary officer on status of remains to higher headquarters. Develops directives, plans, and programs relative to services of MAJCOM gained resources. Provides technical guidance and recommendations to the commander on a regular basis regarding services programs. Is the day-to-day point of contact at the services unit for the senior commander.

Please submit packages to Chief Master Sgt. Rob Coughenour, 153 FSS, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799, 772-6337 not later than **COB Feb 8**. Nominating/Selecting Official – Col. Debbie L. Henson, 153rd Mission Support commander.

OFFICER VACANCY - 153rd Airlift Wing: Applications are now being accepted for the vice wing commander (91W0) position. This position is a traditional officer position with a maximum authorized grade of O6. This position is open to all Wyoming Air National Guard Colonels and Lieutenant Colonels immediately promotable to Colonel. Application packages must include, but are not limited to, the following; (1) cover letter requesting consideration; (2) resume to include civilian and military education and experience; (3) letters of recommendation (optional). Send application packages to Maj. Rachel Bennett, 153AW/MPF, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799, by **COB Feb. 8**. Please direct any questions to Col. Dennis Grunstad at 772-6153. The nominating/selecting official is Col. Dennis Grunstad, commander, 153 AW.

SNCO VACANCY – 153rd OPERATIONS SUPPORT FLIGHT: Applications are being accepted for a position in Aviation Resource Management. Maximum authorized rank for this position is Master Sergeant. This position is open to traditional members who hold or can obtain the AFSC 1C0X2. Fulltime members may apply but **MUST** hold a 1C0X2 AFSC. Applicants must either hold the rank of Master Sergeant or be a Technical Sergeant that is immediately promotable to Master Sergeant. Duties include planning, implementation, and control of all operational administrative aspects of aircrew resource management, aircrew training, aircrew incentive pay, various Air Force forms, Aviation Resource Management System (ARMS) control, ARMS interfaces, operational reports, technical guidance, and training of assigned aviation resource management personnel. Please submit packages to Master Sgt. Exie Brown, 153 OSF, 217 Dell Range Blvd, Cheyenne, WY 82009, 772-6879 no later than **COB Feb. 9**. Nominating/Selecting Official – Lt. Col. Stephen K. Anderson, 153 OSF/CC.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING POSITION: Applications are being accepted for a traditional 3S271 position in the Mission Support Group. 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 must include a cover letter, a current resume with military experience/education, a current RIP (vMPF is acceptable) and a current fitness assessment. Applications should be sent to Chief Coughenour, 153 FSS, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne WY 82009. This position will be open until **Feb. 16**. Nominating official: Col. Debbie L. Henson.

CONTRACTING SUPERINTENDENT: Applications are being accepted for a contracting superintendent position in the contracting section in Mission Support Group. Authorized grade is Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). This position is open to enlisted personnel who are immediately promotable to E-8. All applicants must possess AFSC 6C071 or qualify IAW 36-2502. Applications must include a cover letter, a current resume with military experience/education, a current RIP (vMPF is acceptable) and a current fitness assessment. Applications should be sent to Chief Coughenour, 153 FSS, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne WY 82009. This position will be open until **Feb. 16**. Nominating official: Col. Debbie L. Henson.

187 AES TRADITIONAL POSITIONS: The commander of the 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron is accepting applications for a Medical Service Corps Officer. This is a traditional position with the authorized rank of Major. Applications must include but are not limited to the following, a cover letter requesting consideration, a current resume with civilian and military experience/education, a current RIP (VMPF is acceptable), a current fitness assessment. Applicants may direct questions to Maj. Williams at ext. 6195; packages to Master Sgt. Denise Hondel, 153AW/MPF, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009-4799 by **COB April 5**. Nominating official is Lt. Col. Hofmann.

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.

JOBS CONT.

AIRCRAFT LOADMASTER, 187AS: Maximum authorized rank is Master Sergeant. Individual selected must possess AFSC 1A271 and be immediately promotable upon selection for the position. Application packages or questions concerning the vacancy need to be forwarded to Chief Master Sgt. Mike Sorensen, 772-6278. Application deadline is the **COB May 4**.

NCO VACANCIES – 153rd OPERATIONS GROUP: The Operations Group has vacancies available in Aviation Resource Management. Maximum authorized rank for these positions is Technical Sergeant or Staff Sergeant. These positions are open to all traditional members of the WyANG. Duties include planning, implementation, and control of all operational administrative aspects of aircrew resource management, aircrew training, aircrew incentive pay, various Air Force forms, Aviation Resource Management System (ARMS) control, ARMS interfaces, operational reports, technical guidance, and training of assigned aviation resource management personnel. Any interested members can contact Master Sgt Exie Brown at 772-6879.

TRADITIONAL – 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Flightline Vacancy: The 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is now accepting applications for a 2A571, Master Sergeant. This position is open to all immediately promotable Technical Sergeants of the Wyoming Air National Guard. All applicants must possess AFSC 2A571 or qualify IAW ANGI 36-2502. Applications must include a cover letter, a current resume with military experience/edu-

cation, a current RIP (VMPF is acceptable) and a current fitness assessment. Duties and responsibilities: Performs production supervisor, flight chief, expeditor, crew chief and maintenance functions. Maintains aircraft, support equipment, forms and records. Inspects aircraft structures, systems and components. Interprets inspection findings and determines adequacy of corrective actions. Inspects and checks components for clearances, tolerances, proper installation, and operation. Inspects and operates powered and non-powered aerospace ground equipment. Direct questions to Senior Master Sgt. John Moritz ext. 6106 or Senior Master Sgt. Gene Garmane ext. 6164.

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 until 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 until 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.

187 AES TRADITIONAL POSITIONS: Want to start an exciting career focusing on Homeland Defense with possible overseas deployment opportunities? Become a radio operator with the 187 AES. Perks include a short six week technical school, fascinating training, promotion opportunities and possibly a bonus for up to \$15,000. Learn to operate the latest in radio technology including high frequency transmissions and satellite communications. If interested direct questions to Maj. Williams at ext. 6195.

CACS OPPORTUNITIES: The 153rd Command and Control Squadron, has immediate openings for anyone with a desire to work in a fast-paced environment while going to college. For more information contact Master Sgt. Priest at 773-6715.

243 ATCS TRADITIONAL MAINTENANCE POSITIONS: The commander 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. The positions are open to any enlisted member of the WyANG. Cross-trainees welcome. Applicants may contact Chief Master Sgt. Greg Wheeler at ext. 6290.

DID YOU KNOW...

The escalator principle requires that each returning service member step back onto the seniority escalator at the point the person would have occupied if the person had remained continuously employed -38 U.S.C. Section 4313(a)(2).



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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
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Fairfield Inn 1415 Stillwater Ave. (307) 637-4070 \$58	Crow Creek Inn FE Warren AFB (307) 773-1844 \$30.50 - \$33
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Contracted prices shown

Guardian submissions are due by COB of the Monday after UTA weekend. Submit information to Deidre Forster, state public affairs officer, at deidre.forster@us.army.mil

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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