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Leaders of the Wyoming National Guard and 90th Missile Wing await the arrival of Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel at the Wyoming Air National Guard Base, Cheyenne, Wyo., Jan. 9, 2014. Hagel visited military facilities in Wyoming to thank military members for their service. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Capt. Rusty Ridley)

U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Stephany D. Richards



## Commander's Corner

By Maj. Matthew Gallegos  
153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron

Welcome to February Drill. I am the new commander of the 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron and it is a privilege to be addressing you as one of the newest commanders in the 153rd Airlift Wing. My family and I are from Colorado and at my last duty assignment I was a logistics readiness officer with the 140th Fighter Wing, Buckley Air Force Base. I have had the privilege of serving this great country on active duty as well as in the Air National Guard. I have spent most of my career as a logistician, but I do hold an aircraft maintenance officer Air Force Specialty Code. I have also had the opportunity to serve in the guard as a drill status guardsman and a full-time technician. When Col. Shelley Campbell called me and told me I was selected for the LRS commander position here in Cheyenne, I knew my family and I had been blessed to be part of such a wonderful organization.

It is truly an honor to be a member of such a prestigious unit that is rich in its history. From the Wyoming Air National Guard's inception as a fighter squadron, to its transition to today's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System mission, the WyANG has always answered the call at home and abroad. The true dynamics of working in

a blended unit, a combination of National Guard forces and active duty, are truly unique and fit well into the scheme of things here in the wing. I want to take a little bit of your time to tell you what I have experienced so far here at the 153rd AW.

From the moment I arrived in Cheyenne until today, my involvement with the Wy-ANG has truly been a gratifying and positive experience. The people I have met and the camaraderie I have witnessed has been phenomenal. I have observed a can-do attitude to get the job done, commitment to the Citizen Airman heritage, and strength through diversity. It has been refreshing to be part of an organization full of people so willing to help their fellow workers.

I have always considered the guard to be an extension of my personal family and the people I have met in the Wyoming Guard have definitely reinvigorated that feeling. I know I have not had the opportunity to meet everyone in the wing, but for those I have met I must truly say... "job well done!" For those I haven't met, I look forward to meeting and working with you to accomplish our mission goals. Thank you again for the warm welcome, and I look forward to continuing my military calling here in Cheyenne with the Wyoming Air National Guard. 🇺🇸

# First Air Force officer leaving a strong legacy at Camp Guernsey

by Sgt. 1st Class Jimmy McGuire  
Wyoming Military Department

A history-making Air Force officer is leaving Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center after nearly seven years of building the camp's capability, and relationships with his team there.

Lt. Col. David Herder, camp deputy commander, is the first, and only, Air Force officer to hold a command position for an Army installation in Wyoming, and that is just one of the firsts he brought to the camp.

"2007 was our first attempt to be joint," he said of the effort to combine training for different branches of the military. "The playbook hadn't been written, so we said, let's see where this can go."

One obstacle for the only "blue-suiter in a green world," which referred to his Air Force uniform compared to his Army brethren, was the language, Herder said.

"It allowed me to ask a lot of questions. Plus I was able to teach Army what the Air Force could bring to the fight."

"He didn't know anything Army--how we talk, or how we do things," said Col. Rich Knowlton, the camp commander. "The deputy commander in any organization has a lot of responsibility. It's a tough job and he's executed it superbly. He has set us on the right path for the future. He'll be sorely missed."

Herder said he started out by studying Army regulations and identifying funding sources and building a professional staff, capable of executing the visions he had for what is now one of the nation's premiere military training sites and the fifth busiest Army airfield in the country.

"I saw our manning was deficient," Herder said of his early days at Guernsey. Fixing that issue was his number one accomplishment. "I got to pick people who were a good fit and had the same goals and ambitions to build."

Knowlton, who is one of four Army camp commanders Herder has worked for, noted his deputy's personnel prowess.

"He is outstanding with employees," Knowlton said. "He knows how to get them in the right positions and then to get them the correct pay for that position."

Camp Guernsey's air operations manager, Bob Kolbo, retired from the Wyo. Air National Guard several years ago, and accepted an offer to do his current job about five years ago.

"I've worked with (Herder) since the eighties," Kolbo said. "He's one of the reasons I came up here. It's been great with all the progress we've made. He had ideas and plans and I was able to execute them."

One of those ideas, and one that significantly increases the usefulness and value of the camp, was to build a tactical airstrip, much like pilots use in war zones. Herder said the idea had been 20 years in the making and became a true joint effort by the time it was completed in 2011.

"It allows us to train the way we fight," he said. Air operations at Guernsey have increased from about 4,000 in 2007 to about 13,000 last year.

"We can do unprecedented things here," Herder explained. "We had Marines here last year and we provided



parachute training to them which otherwise would not be considered without our joint resources."

Herder also led the charge for a "catalog of services," said quality assurance officer Christa Bartel. It's a list of regulations and processes for billing units that train here, she said.

Herder's next assignment will be starting a new commander's inspection program when he returns to the Air National Guard's 153rd Airlift Wing's fulltime staff in Cheyenne in a few weeks. "Once again, we'll be writing a new playbook," he said.

"It's bittersweet," he said of moving out of the camp. "I have full support from them all. I think my Guernsey family would like me to stay. We have a great staff and a great relationship."

According to every one of those colleagues asked, that is a true statement.

"He is probably one of the best leaders I've ever had. He is genuine and passionate. He truly loves the people around him. He always stood up for us, whether wrong or right. We never worried about our back with him," Chief Warrant Officer 3 Raymond Vannater, supply management officer for the camp, said.

"It's been a tremendous experience. It's broadened my perspective and made me a more mature leader," Herder said of his stint at Guernsey. "I was basically the continuity here with four different commanders. We've had a lot of different visions, but I've been able to carry out that long term plan." 🇺🇸



# Wyoming Guard Members recognized as outstanding

By Wyoming Military Department

**M**embers of the Wyoming National Guard were recognized for their outstanding service during 2013 at the Outstanding Soliders and Airmen of the Year banquet Saturday night.

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

Sgt. Michael Whitley, 1041st Engineer Company, Soldier of the Year.

Sgt. Kenneth Hicks, 84th Civil Support Team, Army Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Senior Airman Jason Archer, 30th Airlift Squadron, Airman of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Iris Honrado, 153rd Airlift Wing, Air Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Ina Hale, 30th Airlift Squadron, First Sergeant of the Year.

Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Diede, 30th Airlift Squadron, Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Capt. Rusty Ridley, 153rd Airlift Wing, Air

Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Staff Sgt. Tiffany Creel, 153rd Force Support Squadron, Rising Six Performer of the Year.

Chief Warrant Officer 2 Brandon Adsit, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, Warrant Officer of the Year.

Capt. Robert LeJeune, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 2nd Battalion, 300th Field Artillery, Army Company Grade Officer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Iris Honrado, 153rd Airlift Wing, was named as the Recruiter of the Year for the Wyoming Air National Guard. This award recognizes a recruiter who continues 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 Lt. Jennifer Young, 187th Airlift Squadron, was named as the Unit Career Advisor of the Year. The Unit Career Advisor plays a key role in promoting the careers and opportuni-

ties of our military force, from the youngest Airman to the most seasoned senior noncommissioned officer.

Tech. Sgt. Sierra Cunningham, 153rd Medical Group, was named as the Flag Heritage Team Member of the Year. This award is a symbol of the extreme amount of volunteerism and underlying commitment a Flag Team member must possess.

Staff Sgt. Jason Creel, 153rd Medical Group; Senior Airman Amy Frontiero DeBoer, 153rd Maintenance Squadron; Senior Airman Karen Klein, 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Senior Airman Jeremiah Voyles, 153rd Civil Engineer Squadron; Staff Sgt. Jacob Lloyd, 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron; Tech. Sgt. Travis Bennett, 153rd Maintenance Squadron; and Tech. Sgt. Victoria Lopez, 153rd Airlift Wing, 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 and Air National Guard Core Values. 🇺🇸



# WyAng Traditional Jobs

## AFSC      Job Title      Closing Date

48R3	Residency Trained Flight Surgeon, O-6 (153MDG)	26 February 2014
3P0X1	SF Superintendent, E-8 (153SFS)	20 February 2014
3P0X1, SEI 312	SF Craftsman, E-7 (153SFS/CATM)	20 February 2014
2A6X1	Aerospace Propulsion, E-5,E-6 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A6X6	Aircraft Electro Env Mechanic, E-5,E-6 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A6X2	Aircraft Ground Equip Mechanic, E-5 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A8X1E	Aircraft Integrated Comm Nav, E-7 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A8X2E	Aircraft Integrated Guidance & Control, E-7 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A5X1	Aircraft Mechanic RR/Tire/Crash, E-5 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2W0X1	Aircraft Munitions Specialist, E-5, E-6 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A6X5	Aircraft Pneudraulics Systems, E-5, E-6 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
2A7X3	Aircraft Structural Mechanic, E-5, E-6 (153 MXS)	13 February 2014
10C0	Operations Group Commander, O-6 (153OG)	3 February 2014
2A671H	Quality Assurance Specialist Propulsion, E-6 (153MXS)	3 February 2014
2T200	Air Trans CEM, E-9 (153LRS)	2 February 2014
4N000	Air CrewAerospace Medical Service Manager, E-9 (187AES)	Open Until Filled
3D071	Knowledge Operations Craftsman, E-7 (JFHQ)	Open Until Filled
3N0X1	Public Affairs Craftsman, E-7 (JFHQ)	Open Until Filled
3S071	Personnel Craftsman, E-6 (JFHQ)	Open Until Filled
3S091	Personnel Superintendent, E-8 (JFHQ)	Open Until Filled
17D4B	Chief Communication Officer, O-5 (JFHQ)	Open Until Filled
48R3	Residency Trained Flight Surgeon, O-5 (153MDG)	Open Until Filled
48R3	General Medical Officer, Flight Surgeon, O-5 (187AS)	Open Until Filled
3S2X1	Wing Human Resource Advisor	Open Until Filled

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<http://wyomilitary.wyo.gov/Employment/air-full-time-employment>

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 153 AW/FSS • 217 Dell Range Blvd. • Cheyenne, WY 82009-3320  
 307-772-6457

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## We Salute

### Promotions

Chief Master Sgt. Darren Nogle  
 Senior Master Sgt. Jon Perkins  
 Master Sgt. Jason Bishop  
 Master Sgt. John Cisneros  
 Master Sgt. Eric Davis  
 Master Sgt. Zachary Havel  
 Master Sgt. Clifford Johnson  
 Master Sgt. Caleb Kamarad  
 Master Sgt. Victoria Lopez  
 Master Sgt. James McDonnell  
 Tech. Sgt. Joseph Mullins  
 Tech. Sgt. Tambria Owens  
 Tech. Sgt. Derek Wader  
 Staff Sgt. Clyton Schluter  
 Senior Airman Juantiong Chan III  
 Senior Airman Jay Judy  
 Senior Airman Hanna Powers  
 Senior Airman Luis Rojas  
 Airman 1st Class Michaela Brown  
 Airman 1st Class Ryan Jaques  
 Airman Tyler Skala

# Town Hall

**M**aj. Gen. Luke Reiner invites Drill Status Guardsmen to a Town Hall Sat., March 1 - JFRC Auditorium Attend by last name if possible:  
 0830 - 0930 (A-F)  
 1000 - 1100 (G-L)  
 1300 - 1400 (M-R)  
 1430 - 1530 (S-Z)

The hour long event will include interactive polling and a Q&A session with the general. To submit anonymous questions prior to the Town Hall, go to <https://sites.google.com/a/wyo.gov/wyomingmilitarydepartment/home/tagh> More details will be sent via e-mail. 🇺🇸