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Children of the members at the 180th Fighter Wing Air National Guard participate in a mock deployment on July 13, 2008 at 180th Air National Guard in Swanton, Ohio. Story is on page 3. Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice

Commander's Comments

People: AF most important Weapons System

By Col. Florencio Marquez
180th Medical Group Commander

The most important weapon system in the military is its people. Your health and welfare is the key to always being ready and deployable to meet the mission. Preventative health care is your best investment to having a long and healthy life into your retirement years.

We work so hard for retirement but a lot of us forget to invest in ourselves. I personally want to be healthy and strong and take vacations seeing the world during my golden years not taking trips to the doctors' office and spending my money on medication and health care. . How do you do that?

1. Reporting to the Medical Group for your (PHA) Physical Health Assessment and having your dental exam yearly. Teeth cleaning should be every six months.

2. Having a routine physical ideally by your Primary Care Provider and Occupational health exam provided by the Medical Group which is job specific to the potential hazards of your job.



Col. Florencio Marquez
180th Medical Group Commander

3. Having a regular exercise program and a healthy diet is key to staying within your Body Mass Index. Passing your fitness test with a score with a 75% or greater is a good indicator if you are in good physical shape.

4. Proper sleep of seven to eight hours is important for rejuvenating the body.

5. When you're deployed it is important that you complete the pre-deployment, post deployment and the post deployment reassessment. Early intervention of an illness, injury or mental health issues is key to recovering earlier and not letting the illness or injury get worse. Complete a Line of Duty Injury or illness right away.

The last topic I want to discuss is the Self Aid Buddy Care. This program is the key to survivability when you get injured. The education and life saving techniques are not only useful in combat but in every day life. The first responder who can provide care increases the survivability during the golden hour of any injury.

Please complete the Self Aid Buddy Care training before the AEF. Your SABC trainer can give you the training and guidance to complete the course. If you have any further questions or need help in getting the resources for living a healthy style contact the Medical Group.

180th Fighter Wing Vacancies

Please see the Air Force Portal for vacancies, <https://www.my.af.mil>

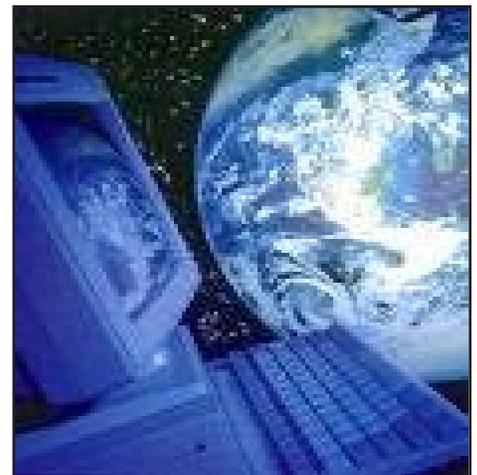
180th public website launched

By Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker
Public Affairs

The 180th Fighter Wing has officially launched the new public website: <http://www.180fw.af.mil/>

This public site can be accessed by anyone, military or civilian, both on and off military installations. The site contains information about the 180th to include current news stories, photos, unit history, family readiness resources, and traditional and fulltime career opportunities. Please check it out and share it with your family and friends.

If you have any questions, feel free to call. Tech. Sgt. Elizabeth Holliker, Base Multimedia Manager, Public Affairs at DSN 580-4072 or commercial (419) 868-4072.



Kids of the 180th deploy, mock style

**By 2nd Lieutenant Tiffany Pasker
Public Affairs**

"Can you please verify that the information on your dog tags are correct? Here is a copy of your orders."

These are sentences that kids of 180th FW servicemembers have never heard. But on Sunday, July 13, 2008, they received a taste of what it is like to deploy as they participated in the Family Programs' mock deployment for the children of unit members here.

"The mock deployment idea came from Family Programs in Tulsa. It gives the kids the opportunity to experience what mom and dad have to go through when they prepare for a deployment," said Judy York, Family Programs Coordinator.

The mock deployment started promptly with a mobility line which

featured Personnel, Finance, Medical, Legal, Family Programs and Supply. Each child received the necessities for their deployment to include a mobility folder complete with orders and dog tags, money from Finance, verification of shot records, legal advice, pictures for "Operation Pillowcase," and a mobility bag.

Once they finished processing, they boarded a bus and were off to the deployment location, Anthony Wayne High School. There they participated in various activities such as arts and crafts, weapons training and for the older participants, basic CPR. The highlight of the deployment was the weapons training given by the Security Forces Squadron.

"We showed them the M-9, M-4 with the M-68 site, M-203 Grenade

Launcher," said Tech. Sgt. Timothy McCormick, Security Forces Specialist. "They received hands-on training on how to shoot. When asked who wanted to hold one, they all got in line, some of them more than once."

The deployment ended with them returning to the base.

"I loved it and my kids had a great time," said Senior Master Sgt. Shelly Brunn, Personnel Deployment Manager. "They really enjoyed coming to work with mom. It was beneficial because they got a chance to see the base."

This mock deployment presented a unique opportunity for kids to spend time with their parents while learning more about deployment processing. Thank-you Family Programs for this fun and educational experience.

Passing on a legacy of love

Widow of pilot imparts wisdom to deploying Airman

**By Tech. Sgt. Annette R. Kornasiewicz
Public Affairs**

In June of 2007, Loren Sonnenberg lived through what every spouse dreads when their loved one is deployed. In the middle of the night came a knock at the door with word that her husband, Ohio Air National Guard Lt. Col Kevin Sonnenberg, died while serving his country when his F-16 Fighting Falcon crashed near Balad Air Base, Iraq.

"This was not the plan," said Sonnenberg. "I did not expect to be a widow."

To have a plan was just the message she wanted to impart in her touching presentation July 16 here to the soon-to-be deploying 180th Fighter Wing servicemembers.

"We cannot make the promise that we will return from Iraq, or the grocery store for that matter," said Sonnenberg.

Sonnenberg introduced the Sonny Smiles Foundation, which is a "volunteer based organization dedicated to building a legacy of love af-

ter death by providing organizational kits and seminars for families across America."

Available on the website are Care Kits, which are organizational tools that provide loved ones with everything they need to carry out last wishes and personal details, and are comprised of easy to use, short instruction booklets that keep everything in one place, said Sonnenberg.

Some of the tips in the Care Kits include recommendations about Living Wills, Durable Power of Attorney documents and to have a Revocable Living Trust. Sonnenberg advised the servicemembers to check and update beneficiaries on these documents, and also to have a list of user names and passwords available.

Sonnenberg also advised loved ones to have conversations about special plans and wishes, such as where to be buried and funeral arrangements.

"Don't make your family guess what you wanted," said Sonnenberg.

Although these issues can be uncomfortable ones, they can be a



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice, Public Affairs

Loren Sonnenberg addresses soon-to-be deploying servicemembers on how to prepare loved ones in case of a tragedy. The presentation was held at the 180th Fighter Wing Dining Facility July 13, 2008.

comfort in the face of a tragedy.

"So much of what Kevin did for me was out of love," said Sonnenberg. "It is a true gift of love for your family to complete a Care Kit."

Please visit the website at www.sonnysmiles.com for more information.

180th Team victorious in Dragon Boat Races

By Lt. Col. Thomas R. Gee
Public Affairs

The 180th Fighter Wing “STINGERS” rowed their way to victory by one tenth of a second in the Class D Championship race at the seventh annual Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Festival held on July 26 at International Park in east Toledo, Ohio.

“We won our final race by 1/10 of a second over Cumulus Glass City Boaters,” said Chief Master Sgt Claudia Jones. “I personally thought we beat them by a mile. We were yelling and screaming all the way to victory.”

The 180th was one of 44 teams from a variety of organizations including schools, businesses, government agencies, churches and other groups that were in the race. The 2008 race was the first ever for the 180th whose boat was sponsored by The Toledo Blade, Toledo Molding and Die, Inc. and Paxton Construction. The festival, which was presented by British Petroleum, included more than 1,200 paddlers with all proceeds benefiting Partners in Education.

The Dragon Boats, which are about 40 feet long, were manned by a 180th team of 20 paddlers, Capt. Rick Easler, who steered the boat and Airman 1st Class Ashley Bowerman, the drummer beating a cadence to set the pace. Each team participated in three races with a race length of 500 meters. The first two races determined what boat race class the team would participate in as its final race. The first two races were learning experiences for the 180th.

“We had three races with the first race coming in second trying to get our sea legs and paddle rhythm together,” said Jones. “In our second race, we had points taken off our win because we cut off the Pine Lake Pirates boat.”

The competitiveness of the Dragon Boat races increased when the STINGERS team learned it would be in the Class D Championship race.



Photo by Senior Airman Sheena Meyer

The 180th STINGER Dragon Boat Team and their mascot, the Stinger Bee.

“In our third and final race we were ready and waiting for the other three boats to line up at the starting line and they were struggling to get lined up,” said Senior Master Sgt. Michael Carman. “That was the longest couple of minutes which in fact could have been five minutes or more but once the starting gun sounded, we were off and in sync all the way.”

The “STINGERS” boat was in command of the Class D Championship race most of the way. “We were close to neck and neck with one of the other boats and I know that everyone tried not to look over at their boat so as to not lose focus on our cadence,” said Carman. “But I know we all saw how close it was when we finished and I think we all had a great sense of accomplishment at the end of that race.”

Partners in Education, the beneficiary of the event is a non-profit organization, established in 1994, and dedicated to promoting student success through community involvement. For many years, Partners in Education has developed partnerships between area public and parochial schools and Northwest Ohio business, social agencies and places of worship.

Several members of the “STINGERS” team commented on how much they enjoyed the event.

“The Dragon Boat Race was an excellent opportunity for the 180th FW to do some good in the community and help build camaraderie amongst each other,” said Staff Sgt Alfred Cranon. “I met people I might not have met had it not been for this.”

Tech. Sgt. Ingrid Mattes said, “We really worked hard at getting in sync as a team in such a short period of time. We won our last race with teamwork, encouragement, and a lot of adrenalin,”

The “STINGERS” team leader, Capt. Richard Easler summed the experience up. “I thought this was a great opportunity for community involvement and our sponsors were very generous in getting us started. We had a lot of fun but we also had a competitive spirit on the team. We were able to show teamwork and made a respectable showing in the standings for our first year. I look forward to doing even better next year.”

Congratulations to the 180th STINGERS team for the outstanding effort at the Great Maumee River Dragon Boat Festival.

EFAC hosts Fun Run/Burger Burns

**By Senior Airman Brandon Tucker
Logistics Customer Service Representative**

The 180th FW Enlisted Field Advisory Committee identified that a need existed to continue the long tradition of the Minuteman and its award to retiring members with 20 or more years of service. As funds have continued to be pulled back in support of this decision, members of the EFAC felt it was a great opportunity to pull together and aid this worthy cause.

In 2007, EFAC sponsored a very successful breakfast during drill in which all proceeds were donated to help purchase Minuteman trophies. Once again, EFAC is "stepping up" by coordinating a base-wide Fun Run and Burger Run. Approved by Col. Bartman, the Fun Run/Burger Burn will take place on Sunday, September 7, 2008 at 3 p.m. Runners will have the option of participating individually or in duty section teams of three. Those that run in teams will do so in hopes of being crowned the Minuteman Champions and will receive a plaque that can be hung proudly in their duty section as well as have bragging rights. This event will be a tradition and next years winners will be able take and hang that plaque in their respective sections.

Volunteers from across the base will be staffing this event.

If you need more information please contact Senior Airman Brandon Tucker at (419) 779-6645.



Courtesy photo

Senior Airman Paul Dangelo, 180th Intelligence Journeyman, is congratulated by Lt. Col Michael Digby, 180th Operations Support Flight Commander, for his Joint Service Achievement Medal.

On Saturday, July 12, Senior Airman Paul Dangelo, 180th Intelligence Journeyman, was awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for a recent deployment to Baghdad, Iraq. Dangelo was the only 180th FW member to deploy, but soon became a member of the Multi-National Force Iraq. Dangelo quickly established himself as a productive and valued member of the Sunni Recognition and Engagement Element. Dangelo developed significant intelligence products utilized in update briefings going directly to the Commanding General, Lloyd J. Austin III. Congratulations to Dangelo on another job well done, and on demonstrating the pride and professionalism of the 180th Fighter Wing Operations Group.

Promotions

**Senior Master Sgt.
Roger W. Gritzmaker**

**Master Sgt.
Keith D. Holliker
Charles Hollingsworth, III**

**Tech. Sgt.
Roy W. Poor, III
Ingrid E. Mattes
Nickolas Whiteman
Rodney E. Johnson
Jeffrey D. Jackson**

**Staff Sgt.
Derek A. Phelps
Jill S. Bonnough**

**Senior Airman
Brooke A. Nusbaum
Kaitlyn Conner**

PME, a life altering, eye opening event

By Col. Jim Reagan
Maintenance Group Commander

I recently had the distinct honor and pleasure to attend the Senior NCO Academy Graduation at Maxwell AFB, Alabama. I did so at the invitation of Master Sgt. Chuck Wasnich, a member of the Class 08-D. It was a very prestigious event with over 300 members in the class. There was a formal dinner in the evening with General Norton Schwartz, the interim Air Force Chief of Staff as the guest speaker. It was a great evening and certainly a program I will never forget.

What was most impressive was not the largely attended crowd for the speech by the General but the energy you could feel from all of the new graduates. They had just completed a rigorous academic, physical and emotional seven-week in-residence course. You would think they would be tired and ready to return home, but there was this element of excitement.

The Air Force spirit had been reinvigorated and I am sure all felt a great deal of satisfaction and accomplishment. I asked Master Sgt. Wasnich if he would do it all again and he said "absolutely."

Professional Military Education for the military is a career building step just as an advanced degree or continuing education classes are for other professions. It refocuses us on our duties and responsibilities as Airman and broadens our perspective on how we accomplish our mission. When I was a young airman, I was



Photo by Col. Jim Reagan

Master Sgt. Chuck Wasnich, 180th Maintenance, left, and Col. Jim Reagan, 180th Maintenance Group Commander right, at the Senior NCO Academy Graduation at Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama.

trained that for the most part, everything in the Air Force was cut and dry and that was my perspective as a young Crew Chief.

As I progressed in my career, it became more obvious that everything we do has a ripple effect on many other agencies and personnel. PME helped me understand that. Whether Squadron Officer School, Air Command and Staff, or Air War College, they all build on each other. The whole story seemed to tie together toward my last course. It changed the way I looked at problems and the way I viewed the world as a whole. I am positive it's the same for Airman Leadership School, NCO

Academy or Senior NCO Academy. They are life changing events.

I understand not everyone can attend in-residence PME like Master Sgt Wasnich. But if you can, go for it. Ask anyone who has ever attended in-residence and they will tell you it is a life altering, eye opening event. One option that is available to everyone is to complete courses by correspondence. Although not quite fulfilling as in-residence, they are just as rich with history and tradition while blended with new ideas and thought processes.

If you would like more information on PME or would like to enroll, please see your supervisor or Unit Training Manager.

Deploying? Prepare to cast your absentee ballot



Ohio law allows any qualified Ohio voter to request and vote an absentee ballot. Absentee voting begins 35 days before the general election. If you are going to be deployed on Election Day, November 4, 2008, and wish to cast an absentee ballot, please visit the Ohio Secretary of State's website: www.sos.state.oh.us/SOS/elections/voterinformation/absentee.aspx to obtain detailed instructions on how to obtain and cast an absentee ballot.

If you are not a citizen of Ohio, visit the Secretary of State's website in your respective state.

Additional information can be found on the Air National Guard page on the Air Force Portal.

Celebrate Women's Equality Day

By Staff Sgt. Sara Rooks
Military Equal Opportunity

As we celebrate Women's Equality Day on August 26th I would like to recognize the women of the 180th. The number of female members in the 180th has grown immensely over the past years. There is great opportunity for women to advance their careers in both the enlisted and officer ranks. The 180th could not be what it is today without these strong courageous women.

Throughout history women have not had things come easy to them. As we enter this election season we need to remember that women were not allowed to vote until August 26th, 1920.

An example of women's equality in the 21st century occurred on July 23rd 2008. Lt Gen. E. Dunwoody was confirmed as the first female four-star general. Historically, serving in combat roles had lead to the highest ranking positions. By law women are excluded from serving in combat roles. This exclusion still applies but the Army has chosen to cast aside its customary limitations on promotions.

"I am very honored but also very humbled today with this announcement," Dunwoody said. "I grew up in a family that didn't know what glass ceilings were. This nomination only reaffirms what I have known to be true about the military throughout my career – that the doors continue to open for men and women in uniform."

180TH FW BOASTS AREA'S LONGEST RUNNING CAR POOL

By Senior Master Sgt. Lee Burgy
Human Resource Advisor



Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Brubaker has been saving on his commuting costs since becoming a member of the 180th Fighter Wing in 1975. His father, Senior Master Sgt. George Brubaker, retired, AGE shop supervisor, started carpooling from Hamler, Ohio in 1963. The carpool has varied from three to six technicians during the standard work

week and up to 10 traditional Guardmen on a drill weekend.

"I was carpooling before carpooling was cool," states Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Brubaker, Production Supervisor in the Maintenance Squadron. "My father, George, would meet up with four other people everyday. They'd take turns driving or putting money toward fuel. It was already in place and is really the right thing to do."

Senior Mster Sgt. Brubaker has an approximate 70 miles roundtrip miles daily to get to work. Other members of the current carpool are Master Sgt. Ray Gerschutz and Rob Erford, both near Miller City, Ohio about 90 miles round trip. Senior Master Sgt. Brubaker goes on to state, that it makes the commute go quickly when you've got someone to talk to.

Interested in a carpool? Contact Senior Master Sgt. Lee Burgy by email to get on the 180th FW Carpool interest list: lee.burgy@ohtole.ang.af.mil or call 4472 with questions.



Photo by Senior Airman Jodi Joice

David Spataro, right, Post Trustee from VFW Post #3360 in Defiance, Ohio, donates a check to Judy York, Wing Family Program Coordinator, and Col. Mark E. Bartman, Commander of the 180th Fighter Wing. The Defiance Post donated \$1000 to pay for lunch for the families participating in the Family Readiness Pre-Deployment Courses held July 13 here.

ONG retiree reunion

The annual Ohio National Guard Alumni Reunion will be held at Camp Perry Sept. 12-14, 2008. The purpose of this special day is to provide all ONG retirees the opportunity to reestablish and maintain lifelong friendship and camaraderie experienced while serving Ohio and the nation.

Friday, Sept. 12, offers optional golfing during the day and the weekend kickoff picnic reception dinner at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 13, starts off with a continental breakfast and registration, briefings and a buffet lunch. The evening begins with a pre-dinner social time, followed by the dinner program, buffet diner and socializing and dancing.

Sunday is set aside for Air and Army association meetings.

Registration packets can be found online at www.ohionationalguard.com under "Latest News." Registration and fees are accepted no later than Sept. 1.

Lodging accomodations will be handled by the Camp Perry reservation desk. Call (614) 336-6214 to reserve your room.



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 419-868-4550 or toll-free, 1-800-495-4250 ext 4550
 Cell 419-356-5841
 Available 24/7 for Information and Referral & Emergency Assistance

Swanton VFW holding public picnic

The Swanton VFW Post is holding a picnic open to the public on Aug. 16th at 2 p.m. The VFW opens at noon. There are door prizes, 50/50 Raffle and a Gift basket raffle including Mudhens tickets for their last home game, with fireworks following the game. There is \$20 for the game, free drink tokens for the VFW, popcorn, peanuts, Mudhens Bobble Head, cups, rootbeer, two tickets for free golf lessons, Slim Jims and more. There will be cards to play and corn hole. Retired Chief Dutridge is one of our cooks. Please see the flier on page 11.

Discount offered at Splash Bay



Holiday Inn Splash Bay in Maumee is offering a discount to all 180th personnel and their families. A one-night stay with four tickets is only \$78 plus tax! To make a reservation with this rate, please contact the resort at 419-482-7777, tell them you are with the 180th FW and would like the \$78 special rate. Be sure to bring your military ID with you when you arrive on your reserved date. This discount is being offered for an indefinite time period until further notice so make your reservations now!

If you would like to partake in the waterpark activities but not spend the night at the resort, day passes are being offered at 50% off.

If you have any questions please contact Judy York at ext. 4550 or the resort directly at the number listed above or at <http://splashbayresort.com/>

Half-price to Tribe games offered: Chance to throw first pitch

The Cleveland Indians have made a very special offer for our military and their families. For the remaining five Wednesday home games, you can receive half-price tickets.

Any Soldier, Sailor, Airmen, Marine or Coast Guardsmen that takes advantage of this offer will have a chance to throw out the first pitch, so as soon as you buy the tickets, please contact Judy York Visit www.indians.com/military for more information. Go Tribe!



Change in theme park discount procedures



Last month, Kings Island offered a \$23 rate at the door to military members with a valid ID. They are planning to create a coupon for the Ohio National Guard which will grant a guest admission into the park. They are in the process of creating the coupon and they will mail them out to Judy York as soon as they are printed. Until then, employees, members and family may purchase discounted tickets online at www.visitkingsisland.com/ong. Tickets are \$23 and may be printed out as an "e-ticket", picked up at will call or mailed directly to the purchaser. This website will continue until the coupons have been delivered and distributed.

Discount tickets to Cedar Point may be purchased for \$32 at Cedar Point's front gate.



Operation: New DoD Travel Card

Check your mail for your new Government Travel Charge Card, arriving this summer



DoD's current Government Travel Charge Card contract with Bank of America is ending this year. As the Travel Card Program transitions to the new SmartPay® 2 contract, all government travel cardholders will receive new cards during the summer of 2008, beginning in August.

The new GTCCs will be ready for use on November 30, 2008, after the current cards issued by Bank of America expire on November 29, 2008 at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Your new GTCC will be mailed to your mailing address on file with Bank of America, so please ensure it is current. If you do not receive your new travel card by October 31, 2008, notify your Agency Program Coordinator, APC, LtCol Michalak, x4008.

If you are scheduled for a Permanent Change Station move, please make sure that your address is updated in the database. Your new Travel Card will be sent to the address on file. Any mail that is sent to an incorrect address will be returned to sender. APCs will not have the option to forward the mail to your new address.

Traveling during the cutover

If you will be traveling during the cutover, November 29-30, 2008, you should charge all official travel expenses up to, and including, November 29, 2008, on your current Bank of America GTCC. Travel expenses incurred from 12:00 a.m. EST on November 30, 2008 should be charged to your new GTCC issued by Citi®.

Important Note: Remember, you MUST verify receipt of your new travel card to ensure that you will be able to use it on November 30, 2008. You can verify receipt of your card by phone or online anytime after August 15. The contact information will be on a sticker that is affixed to your card. As part of the receipt verification process, you will be asked to accept the Cardholder Agreement Terms & Conditions. You must agree to the Terms & Conditions in order to use your new Travel Card.

Transition checklist for cardholders

- ☑ Cardholders will need to pay all outstanding, undisputed charges on their Bank of America GTCC before November 29, 2008.
- ☑ No credit balances can remain on the current Bank of America GTCC after November 29, 2008.
- ☑ If your Bank of America GTCC has a credit balance, call the phone number on the back of the card to request that it be sent to you.
- ☑ After the cutover, Bank of America will continue to accept and receive payments for charges previously made on its cards.

What to expect

Since the new card will also be VISA branded, you'll have the same worldwide charging privileges that you currently have. Charge limits will remain the same and Agency Program Coordinators will have the authority to raise limits to meet mission requirements.

Links for more information

Your primary contact for transition information is your APC. Cardholders can also visit www.defensetravel.dod.mil; www.gsa.gov/smartpay; or send questions to dtmotc@dtmo.pentagon.mil for more information.



Renewals and new memberships will be available at \$30 during the open enrollment period of Sept. 6 to Oct. 15. Representatives from Sam's Club will be at the 180th during Sept. UTA (see flyer) to accept your memberships or they can be turned into the Family Programs office starting Sept. 8 through Oct. 15. This is the **ONLY** period of time that 180th memberships can be purchased or renewed.

Times memberships can be purchased:

Sat. 9-6-08 8:00am-2:00pm

by the Medical Clinic

Sun. 9-7-08 11:00am-1:00pm

in the Dining Hall

By agreeing to participate in the Sam's Club Group Membership Program, the 180th Fighter Wing Ohio ANG Family Programs is able to extend a group rate of \$30* for a Sam's Club Advantage Membership. This price is valid for a minimum of 50 memberships; combination of new memberships and renewals.

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*Drawing Held; August 16th at
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To the family of...

Lodging program makes changes for fiscal year 2009

Effective October 1, 2008 the lodging program will be significantly altered to make the program better for you, the guardsman.

The lodging program radius will be modified to the following: members traveling over 90 miles will be eligible for two nights of lodging per drill period. This means that only individuals who travel 90+ miles will be authorized a hotel room. All who are authorized to receive a hotel room will receive the room for two nights. Everyone, regardless of rank, will continue to be doubled up in the hotel rooms. Each member who chooses to use lodging must sign a letter of understanding which simply explains the rules and regulations that a member must agree with to be authorized lodging.

The Services Flight continues to strive for excellent customer service. We appreciate your cooperation during this transition and if you have any questions please contact Master Sgt. Lohman, ext. 4159 or Staff Sgt. Haas, ext. 4447.

Upcoming Events

Save the Date



The next Dining Out is scheduled for March 21, 2009. This is a non-UTA weekend on Saturday evening at the Holiday Inn French Quarter in Perrysburg.