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Commander's Column Thank you from the 108th CRG

By Maj. Richard E. Friendlich, 108th Global Mobility Squadron Commander

This is an article about the 108th Contingency Response Group. But it's also meant as a "thank you" to the members of the 108th Wing for your support as we stood up over the last three years. And a sample of what we can offer back to the 108th.

By now, the abbreviation CRG is less of a foreign term, but I realize that its inner workings may still be a mystery. So here are the basics. The CRG is a highly expeditionary microcosm of an air wing split across two squadrons: The Global Mobility Squadron (ramp operations, maintenance, C2, aerial port, communication) and the Global Mobility Readiness Squadron (security forces, mission support, medical).

CRGs (six active duty and two Guard) act as the bridge between the seizure force and the 'established air base' force modules. CRGs have increased their scope of responsibility over the years from just opening the runway and airfield to include operating an airbase as a whole. In addition, CRGs are responsible for facilitating the follow-on force commander's vision for establishing the base, its infrastructure, security and relationship with a host nation.

The CRG has three main focus areas: First, humanitarian relief efforts either alone or as part of a Joint Task Force with the Army. Second, CRGs have non-com-

batant evacuation operations, and third, contingency operations.

And the bonus fourth item, thanks to our scalable nature, is that we're also heavily involved in world-wide airfield surveys, airshows, and other specialized support operations.

In September, the CRG completed Eagle Flag 2011, a week-long joint-field exercise hosted at Lakehurst by the U.S. Air Force Expeditionary Center. To a CRG (Guard or active duty), Eagle Flag is the equivalent to an ORE or ORI. The exercise tested our ability to deploy as a combined unit with 55 Army personnel to support USTRANCOM's vision of an Army and Air Force Joint Task Force-Port Opening element. For the CRG, this meant surveying the airfield and integrating air and surface lines of communication, establishing joint logistics reception, staging, onward movement of cargo and integration to the end user. The 108th excelled at this exercise, breaking a number of previous CRG exercise records.

More important than our success were the reasons behind it; namely the support we received from the Wing and the get-it-done, out of the box thinking that many of our members learned prior to the CRG.

Now I'll return to where I started with what we can do for you. Active duty CRWs have the luxury of drawing from



a large pool of personnel to cover their missions. While we are set to do the same with the Kentucky Air National Guard's CRG, there's nothing like having an expanded pool of contingency-ready personnel within the Wing. For those people pleased with their work but wishing to spice things up, we offer training and expeditionary opportunities. Likewise, for shops feeling a crunch at times and wishing they had temporary help, we have many members that would benefit from what your shops have to offer. In other words, our wing has additional resources, personnel, and opportunities than you may be aware of.

If any of these ideas have sparked your imagination for how we can contribute to your mission or career, we'd be glad to hear them.

JB MDL IS CURRENTLY AT FPCON ALPHA

108th MXS Airmen help out local aviation museum

By 2nd Lt. Cynthia M. Cano-Hewitt, 108th Maintenance Squadron

Needing to repair two nose landing gear doors for their F-86D and T-34 aircrafts, the Air Victory Museum (AVM), in Lumberton, N.J. contacted the 108th Wing and requested assistance from their Maintenance Squadron's Structural and Metals Tech shops this past July.

Not surprisingly, several Airmen from these two maintenance shops eagerly volunteered to assist the Air Victory Museum with this task and completed the repairs.

"Although we have talented volunteers, we did not have the expertise to repair these two doors and the 108th Maintenance team accomplished our mission for us," said Ernst Linnemann, AVM treasurer.

The Museum is an educational organization dedicated to inspiring today's youth through the technology and achievements in aviation history. The museum displays: uniforms, airplane models, a "Kids-Port", jet and reciprocating engines including Pratt & Whitney 4360 manufacturers cut-away.

In addition, a P&W 2800 with propeller mounting, a Junkers JUMO 004 jet engine from a Messerschmitt Me-262 Schwalbe



Members from the 108th Maintenance Squadron at Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, N.J., recently assisted the Air Victory Museum in Lumberton make repairs to two of their display aircrafts. From left to right are Staff Sgt. Anthony Parillo, structural shop; Airmen 1st Class Andrew Balint, metal shop, Leon Jackson, structural shop, and Kevin Klingaman, metal shop; and Staff Sgt. Murray Burgan, structural shop. (Courtesy Photo)

aircraft, navigation instruments, Norden Bomb Sight and a novice friendly History of Flight, a pictorial display of the first one hundred years of flight, can also be found at the museum.

The Air Victory Museum is a non-profit 501 Corporation and is 100 percent run by volunteers. Please visit the Museum's Web site at <http://www.airvictorymuseum.org/> for more information.

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A Message From the Safety Office

Fire safety, prevention tips for all

In 2011, Fire Safety / Fire Prevention Week is observed from Sunday to Saturday during the week where Oct. 9 falls, but fire safety is a year-round commitment. In addition, the winter holidays are right around the corner.

Each year fires during the holidays injure approximately 2,600 individuals and cause more than \$930 million in damage. Kitchen fires account for 41 percent of all residential fires, with cooking as the leading cause, followed by bedroom and heating system fires. During the winter holidays there is an increase in electrical and open flame fires, in large part due to the increase in use of electrical Christmas tree lights, decorations, and candles. According to the United States Fire Administration there are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday. By following some of the outlined precautionary tips, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday fire casualty.

Holiday decorating and lighting - Live Christmas trees are only allowed in base housing. They are not allowed in other base facilities. Use caution with holiday decorations and whenever possible choose those made with flame-resistant, flame-retardant or non-combustible materials. Keep candles away from decorations and other combustible materials, and do not use candles to decorate Christmas trees. Do not leave burning candles unattended. Purchase only lights and electrical decorations bearing the name of an independent testing lab, and follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation and maintenance. Carefully inspect new and previously used light strings and replace damaged items before plugging lights in. Do not overload extension cords. Check your strands of lights to determine the number of strands that may be connected. Connect no more than three strands of push-in bulbs and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs. Always unplug lights before replacing light bulbs or fuses. Do not mount lights in any way that can damage the cord's wire insulation (i.e., using staples, clips, or nails). Do not use electric lights on metallic trees; use only indirect off-the tree lighting with metallic trees. Use artificial tinsel and plastic ornaments to avoid shock hazards. Keep children and pets away from light strings and electrical decorations. Turn off all light strings and decorations before leaving the house or going to bed.

Holiday Entertaining - Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the U.S. When cooking and visiting with a guest, remember to keep an eye on the stove. Wherever you



smoke, provide plenty of large, deep ashtrays and check them frequently. Cigarette butts can smolder in the trash and cause a fire, so completely douse cigarette butts with water before discarding. After a party, always check on, between and under upholstery, cushions, and inside trash cans for cigarette butts that may be smoldering. Keep matches and lighters up high, out of sight and reach of children (preferably in a locked cabinet). When smokers visit your home, ask them to keep their smoking materials out of reach of young children. Test your smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector and let guests know what your fire escape plan is.

For more information, contact the Safety Office at 609-754-1414. As a reminder, if you have any kind of an Emergency call 911 immediately for assistance.





Worldwide Day of Play And Fit Factor Kickoff



Place: John Mann Park (Fort Dix)

Date: Saturday 8 October 2011

Time: 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Price: Free

Ages: EVERYONE

- **Free Food, activities, Music with DJ TROY**
- **Information on youth activities (Sports, Instructional Classes)**
- **1st 125 youth (aged 5-18) get a free wrist band for all park activities**
- **Fit Factor Prizes to include Grand Prize of a PS3 Move for eligible members.**



9/11 Ruck March to Remember



Security forces members from the 108th Contingency Response Group and the 108th Wing Security Forces Squadron, New Jersey Air National Guard, participated on the 9/11 Ruck March to Remember event on Sept. 10. The SFS teams marched more than 30 miles along route 46 from Parsippany, N.J. to Time Square in New York City. The 9/11 Ruck March to Remember began eight months ago at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and it ended at Ground Zero in New York. This march is in remembrance of defenders who were killed or injured in the 10 years since the terrorist attacks on 9/11. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Armando Vasquez, 108th WG/PA)

Reach your potential by becoming a first sergeant

The 108th Maintenance Group has two vacancies for a First Sergeant (108 AMXS and 108 MXS). Any eligible enlisted member desiring consideration should prepare a detailed resume of military and civilian experience, letter of recommendation from member's Unit Commander, a letter of intent and a brief statement indicating why the member desires either position. Applications will be submitted to the 108th Command Chief, Chief Master Sgt. Vincent Morton, no later than COB Nov. 5, 2011. You will be notified of the date and time of when the First Sergeant Board will be held. A position description of the job can be found on the First Sergeant Web page.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: Advises and assists the commander in maintaining discipline, standards and unit policies while ensuring that all enlisted members are treated equally and the welfare, morale and quality of life needs of the force are met. Provides guidance to enlisted personnel on matters of leadership, military courtesy, personal appearance, self-discipline, and personal adherence to standards. Helps ensure all supervisors set an appropriate example for subordinates. Promotes welfare and morale of enlisted personnel. Counsels enlisted personnel and

takes action to resolve problems or complaints. Assists in the preparing and presenting staff training and information programs. Attends staff meeting and assists at Commanders Call. Supervises administrative actions of enlisted personnel as directed. Prepares and ensures timely processing of reports, awards and decorations, promotions, demotions, and disciplinary actions of personnel.

SPECIALTY QUALIFICATIONS: The person selected must meet the requirements of AFI 36-2113 and must fully comply with AFI 36-2903. Strong written and verbal communication skills are necessary as well as the ability to work long and irregular hours.

PRE-BOARD REQUIREMENTS: Must be a promotable technical sergeant or master sergeant; obtained a minimum score of 75 - within the past 12 months on the Physical Fitness Assessment (PFA) (to attend the school, you must be able to run the 1.5 mile portion of the PFA); have an ASVAB minimum score of 41 Administrative or 62 General and have a minimum physical profile of PULHES 333231.

Questions may be directed to the 108 WG command chief master sergeant at 609-754-8510.

Odds & Ends

Free mental health program available for Airmen

Attention members of the 108th Wing. A new program is now available to help Airmen deal with issues associated with stress and psychological challenges.

Led by Jill Barrett, the Wing Psychological Health Program is here to support our members' mental and emotional strength, endurance, resilience and well-being.

The Psychological Health Program can offer confidential consultations, education, resource material, and referrals to civilian providers.

Maintenance of your psychological health can improve your job performance, enhance your relationships with family and friends, and advance your skills for personal growth.

The office is located at the Wing Headquarters building 33-27, next to the Airmen and Family Readiness office. Call Ms. Barrett at 609-754-2159 or via email at jill.barrett@ang.af.mil at anytime for a consultation.

In addition, services are also available for family members.

Global company looking to hire vets

Transitioning Soldiers and Airmen, a global military-friendly company is looking for military service members interested in technology, consulting and other professional careers to add to their workforce.

Accenture, a global management consulting, technology services and outsourcing company, with more than 223,000 worldwide employees serving clients in more than 120 countries, is eager to hire transitioning service members and veterans.

To learn more and apply for open positions visit their website at www.accenture.com/military. In addition, please click on this link to view a poster highlighting the benefits of a career with Accenture: <http://docs.recruitmilitary.com/pdf/Accenture%20Careers%20Poster.pdf>.

Important new CSA card policies

Effective immediately the Controlled Spend Account card can no longer be used for personal use and compliance is mandatory.

This new policy applies to all military and non-bargaining civilians.

Based on feedback from Air Force leadership, general counsel, Defense Travel Management Office and the General Services Administration, the CSA can only be used for official government travel.

Please review the Department of the Air Force policy letter for the CSA card: http://www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/CSA_Policy_Memo-8-26-2011.pdf.

Nominees needed for safety award

The 108th Wing Safety Office is still accepting nominations for the fiscal year 2011 4th Quarter Safety Award.

If you have someone you would like to recognize, please send their name and a brief description of their safety accomplishment by Oct. 7 to Master Sgt. Porfirio Diaz at porfirio.diaz@ang.af.mil.

Testa wins sharp shooter classification at state championship

The 108th Marksmanship Team competed at the 2011 New Jersey High Power Championship on Sept. 25.

Staff Sgt. James Testa had an outstanding match and earned first place in the Sharp Shooter Classification with a 757-15X, which is a Master score and two classes higher than his current classification.

Testa has been on a winning streak lately, winning an M-1 Garand Match and an Excellence in Competition Match earlier this month.

Anyone interested in joining the team should contact Senior Master Sgt. Joseph Burkel at 609-754-1392 or via e-mail at joseph.burkel@ang.af.mil.

Volunteers needed for committee

The Diversity/Special Emphasis Committee is currently looking for new volunteers. They need your involvement and fresh ideas!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Diversity/Special Emphasis committee, they will be meeting on Saturday, Nov. 5 at the SJA conference room at 1:30 p.m.

Please email Senior Master Sgt. Marie Reavis at marie.reavis@ang.af.mil or Master Sgt. Lisel White at lisel.white@ang.af.mil to confirm your attendance.



From left to right, Senior Airman James Holdstein, 108th Civil Engineer Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. James Maribo, 108th Operations Support Flight, re-enlisted with the 108th Wing on Sept. 10. (Photo by Airman Kelly-ann Novak, 108th WG/PA)

9/11 Remembrance Walk around the globe



The 447th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron, which consists of several Airmen from the 108th Wing and the 168th Air Refueling Wing, Alaska Air National Guard, held a two-mile sunrise ruck march in Iraq on Sept. 11, 2011 to honor those killed on the attacks of 9/11. Standing from left to right, 1st Sgt. Jeffrey Ling, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Gable, Master Sgt. George Sikaffy, Tech. Sgt. Scott Cupples, Staff Sgt. Jeffery Stich and Tech. Sgt. Dennis Callan. Kneeling from left to right, Airman 1st Class Jessica Rayl and Senior Airman Heather Perez. Ling and Rayl are with the 168th ARW and the other Airmen are with the 108th Wing. (Courtesy photo)

Combine Federal Campaign: Reps and contacts information

By Staff Sgt. Heather Zweiback, 108th Contingency Response Group

I am the 108th Wing POC for the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC). For those of you who aren't familiar with the CFC, it is the world largest and most successful annual workplace charity campaign, with more than 300 CFC campaigns throughout the country and internationally. The CFC helps to raise millions of dollars each year.

Pledges made by federal, civilians, postal and military donors during the campaign season (Sept. 1 to Dec. 15) support eligible non-profit organizations that provide health and human service benefits throughout the world.

Last year, the generous federal employees in South Jersey made pledges totaling more than \$889,000 to participating charities and the 108th gave more than \$7,500 of that amount.

This year, as always, the goal is 100 percent contact with everyone on Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst. No one can, or should, tell you how much to give. This is a personal decision only you can make. However, one of the biggest reasons people don't give is because they don't know about the opportunities available.

So my goal as the CFC contact for the Wing is to ensure that everyone within the 108th Wing has all the information available.

There will be a kickoff event hosted by the JBMDL commander on Monday Oct. 3 at 9 a.m. in the Community Center on McGuire. I encourage those of you that can to attend this event and get a better idea of the charities available to donate towards.

The campaign officially begins Oct. 1. Please see the list of POCs below and they can answer any questions and assist you with donations, whether they are cash, check, or payroll deduction.

I look forward to working together to make this campaign a success!

108MXG - 2nd Lt. Cynthia Cano-Hewitt, 609-754-2020 or cynthia.cano-hewitt@ang.af.mil; 108MDG - Tech. Sgt. Knalidi Hinkson, 609-754-4466 or knalidi.hinkson@ang.af.mil; 108OG - 1st Lt. Michael Jewell, 609-754-6141 or michael.jewell2@ang.af.mil; 108MSG - Capt. Jaime Gallagher, 609-754-2895 or jaime.gallagher@ang.af.mil; 108WG HQ - Capt. Kristopher D'Erasmio, 609-754-3683 or kristopher.derasmo@ang.af.mil and 108CRG - Staff Sgt. Heather Zweiback, 609-754-0345 or heather.zweiback@ang.af.mil.

National Records Personnel Center has new address

Military personnel records can be used for proving military service, or as a valuable tool in genealogical research. Most veterans and their next-of-kin can obtain free copies of their DD 214 (Report of Separation) and other military and medical records from the National Personnel Records Center (NPRC), either by mail or via the Internet.

Currently NPRC is in the process of moving their location to a new facility. The new address for the National Personnel Records Center is 1 Archives Drive, St Louis, MO 63138-1002. Their website has remained the same and can be found at www.archives.gov/.

The majority of personnel have moved to the new location and the military personnel records are in the process of moving. The entire move should be completed by the end of the summer of 2012.

As a reminder, all retirees and honorably discharged veterans should ensure that their family knows the location of their military separation document (DD Form 214 from 1950 to present and WD (War Department) Form 53-55 and other variations prior to 1950). Registering a copy of this document at your county court house may make that document a public record. Furthermore, separation documents issued after 1969 may contain a social security number which could be used for identity theft. Storing the separation document in a safe deposit box may make it difficult to retrieve immediately upon the death of the retiree or honorably discharged veteran. Some better storage locations are a fire-proof safe in a secure location of the house (not in the bedroom, as this is where most thieves search first), or in a watertight food container (Glad, Tupperware, etc.) in the refrigerator. Most refrigerators are fire resistant. Additionally, a refrigerator is heavy enough to fall through the floor of a building into the cooler part of the fire in the basement and better survive. Finally, a refrigerator is large enough to be easily located in the ash

and rubble of a fire or other serious incident. As a bonus, everyone has a refrigerator, not everyone has a fire resistant storage box. Be sure your spouse or NOK knows the location and has key/combination to the safe, and inform your spouse and relatives where to locate your separation document - and any other important papers.

Please note the preferred method of submitting a request to the NPRC is via the Internet. Please note that in some cases using a browser other than Internet Explorer may create problems with data entry. As you know, the NPRC provides copies of documents from military personnel records to authorized requesters. Their web-based application will provide better service on these requests by eliminating mailroom processing time. Also, since the requester will be prompted to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that occur when more information is required, will be minimized. You may access this application at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/.

This improved on-line request process should be used instead of the use of the Standard Form 180 for requests from the veteran or the veteran's next of kin, if possible. Your assistance with this initiative will allow NPRC, and you, to better serve the needs of veterans. If you do not wish to use the Internet, you should use SF 180. You should print this form as you need it, not in advance, as the form is periodically revised and updated. Updated SF 180 is available at www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/standard-form-180.html.

Since the SF 180 is updated periodically, it is not recommended that large quantities be printed/photocopied and stocked.

The form will be updated with the new address within six months. The Postal Service will forward mail if requests are mailed to the old location until February 2012.

RSLSP deadline approaches

The Oct. 21, 2011, deadline for eligible service members, veterans and their beneficiaries to apply for Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay (RSLSP) is one month away. The deadline was previously extended to allow eligible service members more time to apply for the benefits they have earned under the program guidelines.

"The nation has rallied behind this effort -- the military services have been joined by the White House, Congress, the VA, veteran and military service organizations, and friends and family members around the world," said Lernes Hebert, director of Officer and Enlisted Personnel Management. "Despite these remarkable outreach efforts, some people may still not yet have applied. If you think you are eligible, and have not yet applied, now is the time to do so."

Retroactive Stop Loss Special Pay was established to compensate for the hardships military members encountered when

their service was involuntarily extended under Stop Loss authority between Sept. 11, 2001, and Sept. 30, 2009. Eligible members or their beneficiaries may submit a claim to their respective military service in order to receive the benefit of \$500 for each full or partial month served in a Stop Loss status.

When RSLSP began on Oct. 21, 2009, the services estimated 145,000 service members, veterans and beneficiaries were eligible for this benefit. Because the majority of those eligible had separated from the military, the services have engaged in extensive and persistent outreach efforts, to include multiple direct mailings, public service announcements, and continuous engagements with military and veteran service organizations, social networks and media outlets.

To apply, or for more information on RSLSP, including submission requirements and service-specific links go to www.defense.gov/stoploss.