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Congratulations and Be Safe

The first thing I want to do this month is congratulate Tech. Sgt. Amy Ough and Capt. Angela Hudson. As most of you know, Sgt. Ough has been named the Air National Guard's Honor Guard Member of the Year, and Capt. Hudson, a member of the Canadian Detachment, Rome, received NORAD's Company Grade Officer of the Year award.

Earning "best of" awards in organizations as large as ANG and NORAD are remarkable accomplishments that speak for themselves. All I can add is "well done" and say thank you to Capt. Hudson and Sgt. Ough for their hard work and dedication.

Capt. Hudson and Sgt. Ough aren't our only award winners. Capt. Jennifer King and Master Sgt. Scott Wehrung recently received the officer and enlisted Command and Control Warrior of the Year awards from CONR-1AF. This is the second consecutive year that EADS has swept the C2 Warrior of the Year category at CONR and the fourth year in a row that we've won the enlisted category.

Please take the time to congratulate all of our award winners when you see them in the area.

Be safe. Safety is one of those subjects every commander

emphasizes at every opportunity. The reason is simple. Commanders want their units to be happy, healthy



Col. Wade Dewey

and successful. Injured Airmen and missed workdays directly impair a unit's ability to successfully conduct its mission.

Summer happens to be the season with the highest accident rate, chiefly because we do things – boating, swimming, riding motorcycles, biking and hiking, for example -- that we just don't do the other nine months of the year.

To prepare Airmen for the season, the Air Force conducts its 101

Critical Days of Safety campaign. This year's theme "Double Checks, Not Second Thoughts" centers on the need to examine and assess risks before taking action. The Air Force and Air National Guard both maintain extensive web sites dedicated to summer safety and you can find links to those sites in the safety section on page 7. I urge everyone to make the time to read and review this important safety information.

EADS Inspector General. The Air Force has changed its inspection program, resulting in the creation of an IG section at wings or wing-equivalents like EADS. What this means is that every wing will now be responsible for establishing and conducting its own continuous inspection system.

This is a cultural change for the Air Force and we are just starting to institute this program. Rest assured that there will be much more information provided about this function as the requirements and tasks become clearer.

Assumption of Command on Friday, July 11. Col. Michael Norton will assume Title 10 command at EADS on Friday, July 11. The ceremony will be held at the Air Force Research Lab's auditorium in Building 106 at 1100.

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Tech. Sgt. Amy Ough is ANG's Honor Guard Member of the Year

by Tim Jones, EADS Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Amy Ough has been named Air National Guard Honor Guard Program Member of the Year.

“Winning a national award in an organization of 106,000 people is a remarkable accomplishment,” said Col. Wade Dewey, EADS Commander. “On behalf of the unit, I want to say congratulations to Tech. Sgt. Ough. All the men and women of the Eastern Air Defense Sector are so proud of her. She has spent countless hours of personal time performing honor guard duties and this award is well-deserved recognition of that selfless dedication.”

As ANG's Honor Guard Member of the Year, Ough will attend a protocol and public affairs course at Joint Base Andrews, Md. in mid-June. She and the other ANG award winners will then be special guests of the Command Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hoteling during the Outstanding Airmen of the Year week from Aug. 3-7 in Washington, D.C.

EADS honor guard supports numerous high-profile events such as Syracuse University basketball games, Memorial Day parades and Veterans Day events. The honor guard's primary task, however, is providing military honors for local veterans' funerals. EADS supported nearly 40 funerals last year and Ough participated in more than a quarter of them.

A West Winfield resident, Ough transitioned from the active-duty Air Force to the New York Air National Guard in 2002 and has served on the unit's honor guard for the last 10 years. Ough was also the winner of this year's New York State Honor Guard Program Member of the Year.



Tech. Sgt. Amy Ough



On the cover: Staff Sgt. David Gambier and Master Sgt. Jim Mauthe hit their stride during the fitness test's 1.5 mile run, held indoor at the Colosseum.

Capt. Angela Hudson wins NORAD CGO of the Year Award

By MSgt. Chuck Marsh, NORAD Public Affairs

Before a crowd of more than 120 of their peers, the U.S. Northern Command Deputy Commander, Air Force Lt. Gen. Michael Dubie, highlighted 14 members of the North American Aerospace Defense Command and USNORTHCOM as the best of the best for 2013 in a ceremony at the Peterson Air Force Base Club on April 30.

The awards program, established to recognize personnel for outstanding accomplishments during the calendar year, applies to all U.S. and Canadian forces personnel assigned to NORAD and USNORTHCOM, to include subordinate and components members. Categories include officer, enlisted and civilian awards.

Command Sgt. Maj. Robert A. Winzenried, Command Sr. Enlisted Leader, NORAD and USNORTHCOM, rounded out the official party which saw all winners earn an engraved trophy and medallion. The military winners received the joint service commendation medal and the civilian winners received the joint civilian service commendation award. Other awards for winners included a certificate of appreciation and gifts from event sponsors.

In humble fashion, each of the award winners attributed much of their success in earning the award to the men and women they work with, their mentors and supervisors and the family at home who support them and took the opportunity to thank them.

The Company Grade Officer of the Year was Capt. Angela M. Hudson, RCAF, from the Eastern Air Defense Sector, Continental U.S. NORAD Region. Capt. Hudson serves as the Instructor Senior Director and Assistant Officer-In-Charge, Bravo Crew Weapons

Major accomplishments according to the nomination package: She is the top flight senior director who was upgraded to instructor after six months exudes superior knowledge, skill and confidence. She took the lead as senior director for seven national capital region scrambles aiding uncompromised President of the United States and critical-asset protection. Her intense developmental drive & focus saw her as a national finalist for the prestigious Royal Canadian Air Force International Space Studies Program. She is a court-appointed special advocate for at-risk children removed from unfit homes, having protected six children to date. She has also completed a second year of arduous full-time graduate law degree courses, finishing three with honors distinction and is enrolled in and advancing through Level 3 of a 5-tiered RCAF Officer Developmental Program, well ahead of her peers.



Capt. Angela Hudson, RCAF



Capt. Hudson, pictured second from right, poses for a photo with other award winners during the NORAD ceremony on April 30. The awards program, established to recognize personnel for outstanding accomplishments during the calendar year, applies to all U.S. and Canadian forces personnel assigned to NORAD and USNORTHCOM, to include subordinate and components members. Categories included officer, enlisted and civilian awards. (Photo by Sr. A Kendra Alba, NORAD Public Affairs)

Capt. Jennifer King and Master Sgt. Randall Wehrung are CONR's C2 Warriors of the Year



Capt. Jennifer King



Master Sgt. Randall Wehrung

Two Eastern Air Defense Sector members were recognized as outstanding performers by the Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region-First Air Force (CONR-1AF).

Capt. Jennifer King won the CONR-1AF Command and Control (C2) Warrior of the Year in the officer category and Master Sgt. Randall Wehrung of Rome was the C2 Warrior of the Year winner in the enlisted category. The awards were announced in late March.

Capt. Angela Hudson, the NORAD CGO of the Year, also won the CONR award in her category.



Master Sgt. Bernie Jowers is Hometown Hero

Master Sgt. Bernie Jowers, Security Forces NCOIC of Training and Resources, received the Hometown Hero Award in the military category from the Mohawk Valley Chapter of the American Red Cross on Wednesday, June 4.

The award was presented at the chapter's annual Hometown Hero breakfast, which was held at the SUNY-Institute of Technology Fieldhouse in Marcy.

Jowers received the award for performing the Heimlich maneuver on a choking diner at the New Hartford Outback Steakhouse in March.

The ARC presents Hometown Hero awards in 12 different categories. The military award recognizes an active or retired military member whose life-saving actions exemplify the very highest standard of their calling.

EADS Completes First Junior Enlisted Professional Development Course

by Master Sgt. Brenda Baxter, Knowledge Manager NCOIC, SCXK

Sixteen EADS members graduated from the initial Junior Enlisted Professional Development Course on May 15. The course was organized by the Top 3 organization in response to a request to a Junior Enlisted request for a professional development.

Starting with a blank slate and 35 enthusiastic volunteers, the course was taught over three days and encompassed 14 different subjects. In order to accomplish a professional course at this level, volunteers were needed to plan, create, organize, and teach. The unit's Subject Matter Experts were asked to share their knowledge and expertise, and members stepped up to be instructors, facilitators and administrative help. Not wanting to duplicate the efforts of USAF Airman Leadership School and NCO Academy, classes were structured for the personnel assigned to EADS. Although the class titles sound familiar to a formal USAF professional course, many questions are answered which are EADS specific.

The Top 3 will offer the Junior Enlisted course twice a year and have plans to add additional classes. By October 2014, EADS will offer a Senior Enlisted Professional Development Course and another 3-day Junior Enlisted Course. The Senior Enlisted Professional Development Course will be over 2 days and consist of 12 subjects. Each of these courses is designed with the member in mind, limiting attendance to 16 students; allowing personalized attention such as bullet writing and performance feedback. Our goal is to reinvigorate and re-blue each member while preparing them for the next level of responsibility in their career.



photo by Tim Jones, EADS PA

The initial Junior Enlisted Professional Development Course was held from May 13-15. Pictured above are the first group of graduates. Front row, left to right, Staff Sgt. Heather Johnson, Staff Sgt. Thomas Morris, Staff Sgt. Kevin Ammer. Second row, right to left: Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Brooks, Staff Sgt. Trisha Nelson, Staff Sgt. Matthew Grinnell, Staff Sgt. Marie Coar, Tech. Sgt. Lei Ashforth. Back row: Staff Sgt. Peter Hiffa, Sr. Airman Joshua Blanchard, Sr. Airman Ian Stone, Tech. Sgt. Matt Pelland, Staff Sgt. Robert Commene, Staff Sgt. Richard Burns, Airman 1st Class Nicholas Kulesa and Tech. Sgt. Mark Jennings.

101 Critical Days of Summer are Underway

Motorcycle Safety Emphasized; Basic Rider Safety Course Available

The summer season can be a great time for outdoor fun, but with an increase in activities comes a greater chance for accidents to happen. This time period between Memorial Day and Labor Day is known to Air Force members as the 101 Critical Days of Summer.

One of the points of emphasis every year is motorcycle safety. Between 2009 and 2013, from June to September each year, there were 36 Air Force fatalities due to motorcycle accidents.

As summer weather continues, motorcyclists spend more and more time riding. Whether it's just for an hour or a long-distance trip, riders must be aware of becoming complacent about safety. The Air Force requires training for all motorcyclists, as stated in Air Force Instruction 91-207; risk management techniques provide a rider the means to ensure all safety precautions are taken to include proper personal protective equipment; and excellence is attained because of the continuous improvement in riding skill.

For information on the basic rider course, contact EADS Safety Officer Capt. Claude Hibbert at 334-6720.

Information for this article was also provided by Staff Sgt. Amber Corcoran, 2nd Bomb Wing Public Affairs



2014 CRITICAL DAYS OF SUMMER

For more information on summer safety, go to the AF Safety Center at <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-SE-AF-18/default.aspx>, the ANG site at <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/27298/GS/SC/Pages/2014%20CDoS.aspx> or the ACC site at <https://cs3.eis.af.mil/sites/OO-SE-AC-23/default.aspx>

June is National Safety Month: Distracted Driving is a Major Problem

by Capt. Claude Hibbert, EADS Safety Officer

June is National Safety Month and one of the National Safety Council's major areas of concern is distracted driving. While mobile devices are extremely popular, they have had some unintended and even dangerous consequences. We know that mobile communications are linked to a significant increase in distracted driving, resulting in injury and loss of life.

- The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported that in 2010 driver distraction was the cause of 18 percent of all fatal crashes – with 3,092 people killed – and crashes resulting in an injury – with 416,000 people wounded.
 - Forty percent of all American teens say they have been in a car when the driver used a cell phone in a way that put people in danger, according to a Pew survey.
 - The Virginia Tech Transportation Institute found that text messaging creates a crash risk 23 times worse than driving while not distracted.
 - Eleven percent of drivers aged 18 to 20 who were involved in an automobile accident and survived admitted they were sending or receiving texts when they crashed.
- New York State prohibits all drivers from using portable electronic devices. Illegal activity includes holding a portable electronic device and:
- Talking on a handheld mobile telephone
 - Composing, sending, reading, accessing, browsing, transmitting, saving, or retrieving electronic data such as e-mail, text messages, or webpages
 - Viewing, taking, or transmitting images
 - Playing games



photo courtesy of Sr. Master Sgt. Ed Rojo

EADS Honor Guard Supports Eight Local Memorial Day Events

EADS Honor Guard was extremely active this past Memorial Day weekend, marching in eight different events. Above, from left to right, Staff Sgt. Ryan LaClair, Master Sgt. Tom Whiteman, Master Sgt. Jeff Lamarche and Staff Sgt. Richard Burns march the colors during the Village of Clinton's Memorial Day parade. The Honor Guard also marched or posted colors in Oneida, at the Acatia Village retirement home in New Hartfrod, New Hartford village parade and at ceremonies in Parish, Whitesboro, Deansboro, Ogdensburg and Oriskany Falls. In addition to the Airmen in the photo, Sr. Master Sgt. Mike Cavalier, Master Sgt. Matthew VanDeusen, Master Sgt. Amy Taylor, Staff Sgt. Sean Redden, Sr. Airman Nicholas Kulesa, 1st Lt. Bonnie Graziano, Tech. Sgt. Lawrence Brooks, Tech. Sgt. Amy Ough and Staff Sgt. Marie Coar also participated in honor guard details over the weekend.

Congratulations Corner

The Eastern Air Defense Sector congratulates the following personnel.

Promotions

Susan Dunham
Joshua Jessup
Laura Scales
Erika Hauka
John Coar
Scott Wehrung
Kellen Sisson
Nancy Peterson

Major
Major
Sr. Master Sgt.
Master Sgt.
Master Sgt.
Master Sgt.
Tech. Sgt.
Staff Sgt.

Hail and Farewell

EADS welcomes **Maj. David Boyd, Airman 1st Class Brittany Capron, Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Jacques, Sr. Airman Jonathan Meyers and Sr. Airman Frank Alemar...** and bids a fond farewell to **Master Sgt. Michael Maitland, Master Sgt. John DeMarco and Lt. Col. Paul Rotter.**

And a special EADS welcome...

to **Madeline Rutherford**, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jason Rutherford and his wife Erica, born on May 22.

and a special congratulations to...Madison Danis, daughter of Lt. Col. Ed Danis, who graduated from Smith College in May.

EADS Joins City of Rome to Dedicate Canadian and Blue Star Memorial Plaques

EADS Deputy Commander, Support, Col. Emil Filkorn, and LCol Kyle Paul, Commanding Officer, Canadian Detachment, Rome, participated in a plaque dedication on May 19 at Rome City Hall.

Hosted by Rome Mayor Joe Fusco, the dedication involved the Rome Garden Club and the local American Legion.

Two plaques were unveiled during the event. One commemorated the long service of the Canadian Detachment in Rome and the other honored the Blue Star Memorial Program, which places markers and plants trees along the nation's highways in honor of all Americans who have served in uniform.

EADS bi-national Honor Guard posted the colors for both the Canadian and American National Anthems to open the service.

In the photo at right, LCol Paul, along with daughters Addison and Taylor, unveil the Canadian Detachment plaque as Warrant Officer James McCarron observes.





photo by Tim Jones, EADS PA

Annual PT Testing. EADS held its annual PT testing during the first week of June and thunderstorms forced some of the testing inside at the Colosseum. In the left photo, a line of Airmen pump out pushups during the strength testing portion of the test. Right, Capt. Charles Kemp and Master Sgt. Todd Sullivan attempt to pull away from the pack during the 1.5 mile run.

Shooting Team Wins Four Awards at TAG Match

by Lt. Col. Ken Field

The EADS shooting team participated in the 35th annual New York State Adjutant General's Match from May 30-June 1. Participants included Capt. Sam Abbe, Staff Sgt. Anibal Verdejo, Maj. Joakim Hansson, Staff Sgt. Jose Marrero, Lt. Col. Ken Field and Staff Sgt. Jesse Bucenec. The Hancock Field Team took 1st place in the National Guard Infantry Team Exercise and 2nd place overall honors even though they were only allowed to compete in 7 of the 8 events. Individual award winners included Maj. Hansson, who won first in the overall rifle novice division and 1st Place individual exercise novice division. Lt. Col. Field was third in the Combat Rifle Excellence in Competition (EIC Badge awarded for uniform wear) division and placed first in the individual exercise competition.



The match consists of eight timed events that include the use of those weapons during close-quarters combat, casualty, and nuclear biological chemical (NBC) drills. About 125 New York National Guard troops from across the state took part in the match held at Camp Smith.

Along with giving the troops more experience with their weapons, the match builds camaraderie, teamwork, mentorship and leadership. For more information about becoming a member of EADS marksmanship team contact Maj. Joakim Hansson.