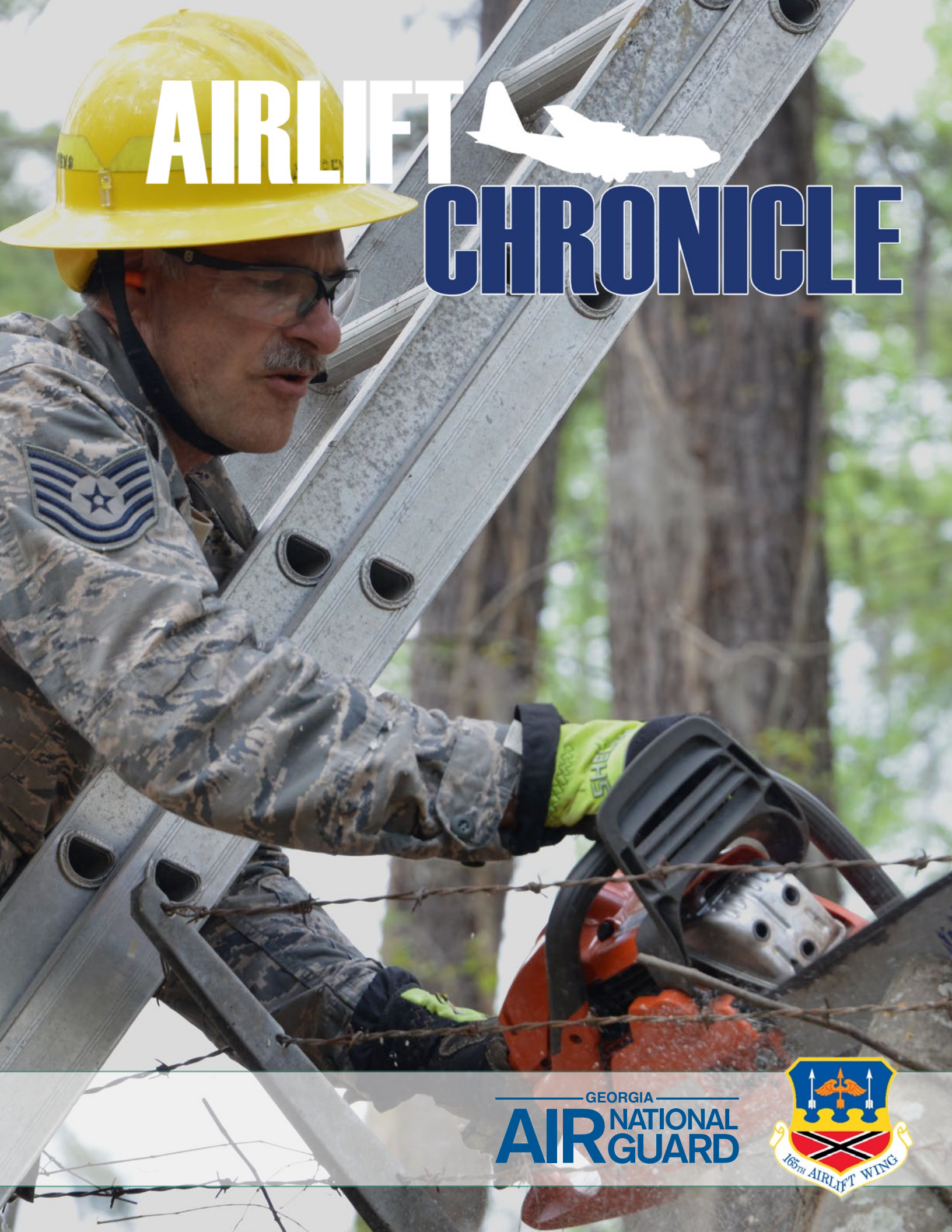


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U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Michelle Johnson chainsaws a tree as part of the disaster relief training around the perimeter of the 165th Airlift Wing, Savannah, Ga., Mar. 27, 2017 during Vigilant Guard 2017. The disaster relief training also coincided with regulations on visibility around the base for security measures.

PHOTOGRAPH BY STAFF SGT. NOEL VELEZ

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The Georgia National Guard works with local agencies in a homeland response exercise from USNORTHCOM.

AROUND THE WING

Check out the latest around the Wing!

ON THE COVER

Tech. Sgt. Paul Ahrens clears remaining tree branch from the base perimeter fence at the 165th Airlift Wing, Savannah, Ga., Mar. 27, 2017 during Vigilant Guard 2017. Vigilant Guard is an exercise that highlights our Defense Support of Civil Authorities mission to support law enforcement and local emergency services. (U.S. Air National Guard Photo by Staff Sgt. Noel Velez/Released)

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STORY BY: 1ST LT. JEFFREY BEZORE



A Florida National Guardsman with the 48th Civil Support Team conducts training with a simulated hazardous material incident at the port of Savannah during Vigilant Guard 17. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Sgt. Moses Howard II)

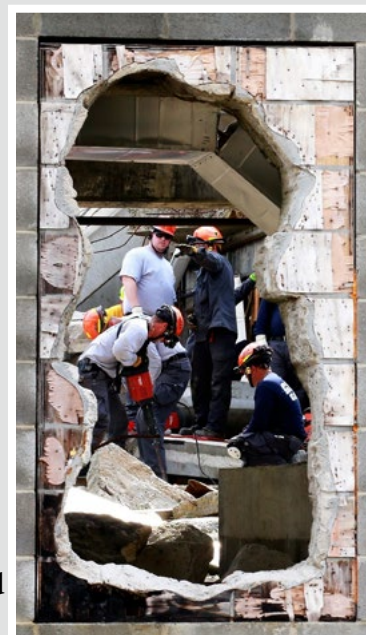
Marietta, Ga. - The Georgia Air National Guard participated in Vigilant Guard 17-2, an exercise sponsored by the U.S. Northern Command in association with the National Guard Bureau. Members from the 116th Air Control Wing, 165th Airlift Wing, the Air Dominance Center, and the State Headquarters staff contributed nearly 800 Airmen to the state-wide Defense Support to Civil Authorities exercise from March 14-31, 2017.

Vigilant Guard is designed to establish a learning environment where participants respond to major natural and manmade disasters while illustrating the relationships between federal, state, and local agencies.

The 116th Security Forces Squadron and the 165th Security Forces Squadron kicked off the exercise when they worked alongside the Macon-Bibb County Emergency Management Agency to practice crowd control techniques in Macon from March 14-15, 2017. The multiple agencies trained together in order to help integrate their techniques to ensure the safety of citizens during the hurricane scenario. "Training together is crucial in order to validate that all

the agencies tasked to respond to the event or emergency are using the same tactics, techniques, and procedures," said Chief Master Sgt. Daniel Florin, security forces manager, 165th SFS. "This not only builds confidence, but makes for a seamless integration of forces."

The two flying Wings continued to exercise their interoperability at the Guardian Centers located in Perry during a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives scenario from March 27-30, 2017. The 116th Medical Group Detachment 1 and the 165th Fatality Search and Recovery Team, with members of both the 116th and 165th Force Support Squadrons, added their unique mission capabilities to Georgia's Enhanced Response Force Package. The venue provided realistic training for the Airmen to refine their skills.



Georgia's Search and Rescue Task Force 2 element, from Valdosta, Georgia, drills through three foot cement block to rescue simulated casualties trapped underneath during Vigilant Guard 17. Vigilant Guard 17 gives the National Guard and local agencies the opportunity to prepare for any real world disaster. (U.S. Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Tom Thornton)

"There's debris all around here and hazards," said Senior Airman John Childree, a medic with the 116th MDG. "Not only physical hazards, such as the building

collapsing, but you have gas, fire, and other elements that we also have to consider.”

The 283rd Combat Communication Squadron provided the communication capabilities to the more than 1,000 federal, state, and local first responders operating at



U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Diane Martinez an emergency management specialist, removes debris from a building demolition during Vigilant Guard 17. (Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Noel Velez)

the Guardian Centers with their Joint Incident Site Communications Capability trailer. The 116th Chaplain Corps deployed their Tactical Field Religious Support Kit which is a portable building that serves as an area for chaplains to attend to the spiritual needs of personnel working in a disaster area.

The Wings also had the opportunity to work together at Warner Robins Air Force Base, during Joint Reception, Staging, Onward Movement, and Integration operations. JRSOI provides the dual status commander with the ability to accurately track all the different forces coming into the state through Emergency Management Assistance Compacts, while building administrative readiness. The units provided logistics support, communication support, and a rest area. Members of the 116th and 165th FSS as well as the 116th Logistics Readiness Squadron worked with the 78th Troop Command, Georgia Army National Guard from March 26-30, 2017.

The Savannah-Chatham County area provided another venue for the GA ANG to exercise its DSCA response. The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport served as a forward operating base during the hurricane scenario. Members of the Air Dominance Center and 165th AW exercised their reception and integration plan and trained to rapidly respond to receiving and

downloading increased airflow of cargo aircraft. The ADC also hosted the Georgia Department of Health’s mobile hospital, which highlighted the multi-agency exercise. The 165th AW Chaplain Corps also supported the DPH triage exercise.

“In public health we really cannot deal with emergencies on our own. It takes a collaboration of many partners in order to be effective in how we respond.” said Dr. Patrick O’Neal, director of health protection, Department of Health. “Bringing all these partners together in a single exercise, over many days, has been a real challenge but it has been also been a tremendous opportunity to improve our preparedness here in Georgia.”

The 165th Civil Engineering Squadron and 165th Fire Emergency Services Flight also conducted recovery and response training and route clearing at the airport during the exercise. The activities at the airport lasted from March 23-30, 2017.

The Headquarters staff provided command and control at the State’s Joint Force Headquarters’ Joint Operations Center as well as GEMA’s State Operations Center. Members from the 116th ACW, 165th AW, and 224th JCSS supported the state-wide exercise with subject matter experts in the field of ANG DSCA capabilities.

Other training scenarios across Georgia included Airmen from the 165th Air Support Operations Squadron, 224th Joint Communication Support Squadron, and 116th ACW providing liaison and air coordination support to the Chatham and GEMA Air Support Operations Center. The 202nd Engineering Installation Squadron exercised a communication restoration project at Fort Stewart and the 116th Civil Engineering Squadron participated in a route clearance exercise at Tift County Airport. The 158th Airlift Squadron and 128th Airborne Command and Control Squadron flew multiple sorties during Vigilant Guard.

“From riot control to route clearing, our own Georgia Air National Guard had their largest participation in this year’s Vigilant Guard 17 and they performed brilliantly,” said Maj. Gen. Jesse Simmons, the Georgia Assistant Adjutant General for Air. “I could not be prouder of our Airmen.”



165th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron **Change of Command**

Capt. James J. O’Shea IV assumed command of the 165th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron at the 165th Airlift Wing. He leads over 50 Airmen responsible for maintaining and generating eight C-130 Hercules aircraft.


O’Shea enlisted into the Air National Guard as a crew chief in 2002. In 2010 he earned his commission and previously served as the Battlefield Airman Program Manager at the National Guard Bureau, at Joint Base Andrews, in Maryland.


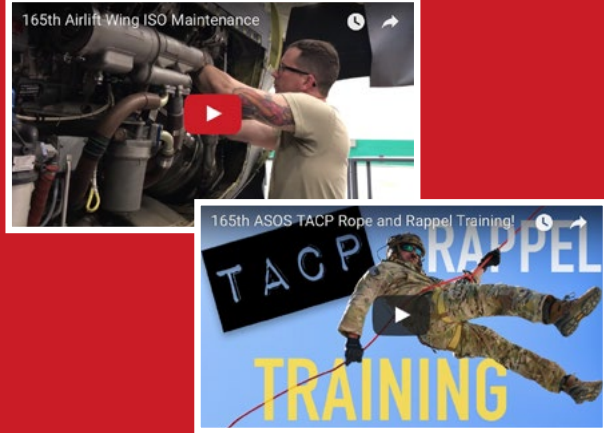
O’Shea and his wife, Maj. Ileana O’Shea reside in Skidaway island with their son.



LEADERSHIP SAVANNAH

The 165th Airlift Wing welcomed back Leadership Savannah for their annual “Impact of the Military in our Community” program. The Wing, along with the Air Dominance Center and the 165th Air Support Operations Squadron briefed the leaders on the dynamics of the Georgia Air National Guard in Savannah and then provided an orientation flight. The class of 50 community leaders are exposed to different programs that allow them to see the diverse nature of the greater Savannah area. Leadership Savannah, under the umbrella of the Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, is an annual program with new classes starting their familiarization training each Fall. Col. Pete Boone, currently the 165th Maintenance Group commander is a member of this year’s class.

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FORMER 165TH AW COMMANDER PROMOTED TO MAJ. GEN.

U.S. Army Maj. Gen. Joseph Jarrard, adjutant general of the Georgia Department of Defense, administers the oath of office to U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Jesse T. Simmons, Jr., assistant adjutant general-air, Georgia Air National Guard, during a promotion ceremony for Simmons to the rank of Major General at the Clay National Guard Center, Marietta, Ga., April 18, 2017. Simmons oversees the Georgia State Air Guard staff and commands 2,877 Georgia Air National Guard members serving in two flying wings, seven geographically separated units and the Air Dominance Center. Originally entering the Air Force in 1985, Simmons is a command pilot with more than 4,900 flying hours in the T-37, T-38, and C-130E/H/H2 aircraft, including 96 combat missions in Southwest Asia and 140 combat missions in South America and Southwest Asia. He has been a member of the Georgia Air National Guard since 1999. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Roger Parsons)



Savannah Association Of Flying Air National Guardsmen



April 13, 2017

Greetings Fellow SAFANG Members,

It's time for our annual Pig Pickin'! This year's event once again will be at the Medical/O&T building 301. Hopefully you can attend and enjoy the camaraderie that we have in our organization. Our schedule is listed below.

Please RSVP NLT 26 April 2017 to one of the following: Harry Glick – 754-3647, Kenny Jones – 355-5057 so that we can have a good head count. We don't want anyone to go away Hungry!

"Pig Pickin"

Date: 5 May 2017
Place: Building 301
Time: 1730 (Social)
Picture: 1800
Dinner: 1830

Lunch Socials

Our Quarterly Lunch Socials will continue to be held at Western Sizzlin' in Pooler at 11:30. This is a great time to catch up with friends as well as get up to date info from the 165 Wing Staff on all that's going on in the Guard, so I highly encourage any who can to attend. The remaining dates for this year are:

19 Apr 2017
19 Jul 2017
18 Oct 2017

Annual Fall Banquet

This year's fall banquet is scheduled for 21 Oct 2017 at Carey Hilliard's at 11111 Abercorn Street. This is the event that we welcome your spouses/guests to attend, so please put it on your calendar to join us.

Do we have your E-Mail Address? We are sending SAFANG information on line. E-Mail Nolan Salter at: NSalter4271@comcast.net. As always, I look forward to seeing all of my old and new friends at this year's pig-pickin. We also have a new Facebook Page, Savannah Association of Flying Air National Guardsmen, thanks to Chief Jim Fox. Check it out and let us know what you think.

Sincerely,

Dewey L. Morgan Jr.
President



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