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# ROAD HAWG CLASSIC 2013

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Battle Creek Air National Guard  
**4th Annual Road Hawg  
 5K & 10K**  
 12 November 2005



**Road Hawg Run  
 E-REGISTERED**



# COMMANDERS COMMENTS

Members of the 110th Airlift Wing, welcome to August Drill.

Six weeks! That is how far we are from the end of the fiscal year and the beginning of our “official” dive into the deep waters of RPAs; a new mission based on state-of-the-art technology beyond anything we’ve done to this point. As we leave behind an incredible history of operating some of the best aircraft in the world to controlling advanced weaponry once only considered the backdrop of sci-fi lore, I want to take a minute to reinforce a fact that must remain first and foremost in everyone’s mind. The bottom line on the RPA mission is this: If we do it right, the 110th will establish itself as long-standing symbol of America’s defensive shield. It will mean more jobs, more opportunities, and more security for those folks looking to have a long and rewarding career in Battle Creek. But if we fail to stand up this mission correctly—taking shortcuts, losing focus, or arbitrarily filling vacancies for the sake of personal feelings—900 people will be out of work and everything we’ve done to this point will be a memory. Even though the Senate and House have signed off on the first three RPA units, including Battle Creek, it does not mean that anything is guaranteed. As we move closer to the wire, our priority has got to be on raising buildings and making sure that we have the right people in the right jobs. Over the next several months you are going to see leadership take a very aggressive approach to make sure this happens. If you’ve ever started a big project, you know that the further you get into it the harder it is to abandon the endeavor. Standing up a mission is no different. We will be hammering away at infrastructure and training to make it tough for the decision-makers in DC to justify backing away from the table. This



**“If you don’t like change, you’re going to like irrelevance even less”**

—General Eric Shinseki

means we need all hands on deck. Having trained airmen on station will keep us moving up the line in front of those Wings not trained. So as training spots open we need to be able to send new people off on short notice to ensure there is no lag. If you are changing jobs and have to go to school, make sure to keep your families and employers in the loop. Gather information from supervisors and colleagues about what to expect. Doing your homework will cut down on potential hardships down the road while giving you the best shot at securing your position within the unit.

The unfortunate reality with our shift forward is that we have lost some people along the way, with more to come; no matter how inventive we tried to be with the numbers we were given to make this mission happen. And let me tell you, the fight has been relentless. For me personally, not a single day has gone by since March that I have not been on the phone with HRO, making sure we retain as many of our members as we possibly can. If you recall earlier this year when we received the manning document for the RPA mission, the numbers were stacked against us. We knew that some members would transfer to other Wings, while others would chose to leave the Guard all together. And the most heart-wrenching part was the fact that there were some folks we knew would eventually have to be let go despite our personal desires to keep everyone

on the books. The bottom line was beyond our control. To mitigate the loss, we dumped a ton of energy into making sure everyone had as fair a shot as could be adjusted for at securing a position. We’ve had job fairs, provided ASVAB testing opportunities, brought in subject-matter experts, and established an RPA conversion team whose sole purpose was to ensure every angle was covered. For those who chose to stay, we wanted to make sure you had all the tools you would need to take charge of your careers and make yourselves the best candidates for any job that became available. I am thrilled by the fact that we went well beyond our original projections of the number of untrained airmen from Battle Creek we were able to hire to fill the new RPA positions. Although we could not provide an opportunity for everyone, I can categorically state that we went above and beyond to make sure those who wanted one were given a shot. And I was duly impressed, though not surprised, by the number of members Col Knapp and his team were able to draw from within our own ranks. A safe average to stand up this kind of mission would have been 50/50—fifty percent of position filled by our own, untrained personnel and fifty percent RPA experienced members from the outside. We ended up closer to 80% of our own! This is a testament to your talent and your ability to rise to the occasion. Now... let the fun begin.

Be safe and have a great drill.

## MAKING STRIDES AGAINST BREAST CANCER AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

[MakingStridesWalk.org](http://MakingStridesWalk.org)

*Making Strides Against Breast Cancer*— Calhoun County is an inspiring, noncompetitive, family friendly 5K walk that honors breast cancer survivors, raises awareness about the disease, and helps to save lives. The American Cancer Society uses the dollars raised through MSABC to fund cutting-edge research leading to the discovery of lifesaving treatments; advocate for all women to have access to mammograms and treatments regardless of income; and to provide free programs and services that improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families.

Funds raised at MSABC enable the American Cancer Society to impact the lives of those touched by cancer within the community through programs like Road to Recovery, which provides free transportation to and from treatment for cancer patients; Reach to Recovery, a program that pairs breast cancer patients with trained survivors to offer support and advice; clinical trials matching service; and access to life-saving information at any hour day or night.

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer- Calhoun County will be taking place at C.O. Brown Stadium at Bailey Park in Battle Creek, Michigan on October 26th at 10 am.

To sign up for Calhoun County’s event, or to find an event in your area, please visit our website [MakingStridesWalk.Org](http://MakingStridesWalk.Org); search by zip code, Calhoun County will be found by searching 49015. Or to find out more regarding Calhoun County’s event, please call 269.349.8719 and ask to speak with our Community Representative Katie Nelson.

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### ROAD HAWG DUSK RUN 5K RUN/WALK

21 SEPTEMBER 2013 @ 2000

COME RUN OR WALK FOR FUN

Help raise money for the 110th Family Support program and have some fun with fellow members and their families of the 110th Airlift Wing.

Entry Fee: \$20 (*credit/debit cards, cash or check*) You will receive a T-Shirt, Hotdog, Chips and a Soda. Sign up on the 110 AW SharePoint site or call Mike Wilson @ ext 3441

There are no prizes, no placement, just bragging rights and lots of fun

Race will start in front of the All Ranks Club at 2000 hours.

Signup deadline is 1300 the day of the race and entry must be paid in full by race time. Check-in and shirt pickup will be between 1800-1930. Late registration will be offered but there is not guarantee on shirt availability, so please pre-register.

Proceeds from the Road Hawg races support the 110th Family Support program. In the past, we have been able to donate \$1000 annually but we want to provide more this year and with your help, we can reach our goal.

## MOTORCYCLE SAFETY COURSES

The 110th Safety Office will be hosting three additional Motorcycle Safety Courses for the remainder of the season. These classes are offered at no cost to the member. Individuals interested in attending one of the classes below will need to register with the Safety office at DSN 580-3294. Individuals may not be in a Technician Status while attending any of the classes.

**14 AUGUST 2013 / 0730 THRU 1700** - Returning Rider Basic Rider Course (RRBRC). This class is designed for individuals returning to riding after a break of three to five years. (*Due to late notice; participants should report to bldg. 6911 (SFS), CATM classroom by 0730*)

**4 & 5 SEPTEMBER 2013 / 0730 THRU 1700 EACH DAY**-Basic Riders Course (BRC). This class is designed for the novice rider.

**21 SEPTEMBER 2013** - Military Sport Bike Rider Course (MSRC). This class is designed for individuals who have been riding for a period of time and own a sport bike. Participants will need to bring all required riding gear to each class: DOT or Snell approved helmet, full finger gloves, long pants and long sleeved shirt. Over the ankle boots (*Duty uniform will meet the standards for clothes and boots*).

Motorcycles are provided for the RRBRC and BRC courses only. MSRC participants will need to bring their motorcycles.

Please contact myself or the Safety Staff if you have any further questions.





# FINANCE

110TH AIRLIFT WING COMPTROLLER FLIGHT

## SUBMISSION OF TRAVEL CLAIMS

Effective 1 July, 2013 all travel claims must be submitted within 5 days of return along with travel orders and any applicable receipts (lodging, airfare, rental car, and any expense over \$75). Any claim 45 days or more overdue will result in the delay or cancellation of future military pay orders, and DTS authorizations.

## DTS TRAVEL ENTRIES

When going TDY to a military installation, the installation itself must be on the AROWS Orders and in DTS. The nearby or surrounding city is not acceptable as a destination on the orders when going to a military installation.

### FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE PHONE BOOK:

- Main Line 580-3316
- Option 1 Military Pay
- Option 2 Travel/Civilian Pay
- Option 3 Pay NCOIC
- Option 4 Accounting Liaison Office
- Option 5 Budget Analyst
- Option 6 Budget Officer
- Option 7 Superintendent
- Option 8 Comptroller
- Option 9 Quality Assurance Manager
- Option 10 All other inquiries

# LUNCH FRIDAYS

## SPONSORED BY THE AROM (CLUB)

**COST:** \$4 Club Members get \$1 off with Club Card

**UPCOMING LUNCH SCHEDULE**  
(Beverage of Choice Included)

12 AUG: Spaghetti      23 AUG: Chicken & Rice w/  
Gravy & Veggies

## UTA MENU

**COST:** Enlisted Traditional Guard in UTA status-FREE  
Officers & AGR's \$4.55

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Saturday & Sunday 1100-1230

SATURDAY			
Baked Chicken	Mashed Potatoes	Brown Gravy	
Lasagna	Corn on the Cobb	Carrots	
SUNDAY			
Beef & Broccoli	Fried Catfish	Chicken/Turkey	
Gravy	Mashed Potatoes	Rice	Carrots
Asparagus			

## UTA CHILDCARE

Attention 110 AW military members: *Need childcare during UTA?*

- 6 Slots available on Saturday & Sunday of UTA 0600-1800.
- Must be attending UTA; Officer or Enlisted children can participate.
- Children's age must be between 6 weeks-12 years.
- Child must be immunized according to American Academy of Pediatrics.
- Currently, completely free.

Call MSgt Tammy Zerafa with questions. 269-969-3565

# 110TH SFS 3RD ANNUAL DEFENDER CRUISE



CEREAL CITY SECURITY FORCES  
BATTLE CREEK AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, MICHIGAN  
SEPTEMBER 21, 2013@1700  
ROUTE: Approximately 47 Miles (80 Minutes) (Detailed Map online [www.110aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.110aw.ang.af.mil))

## PROMOTIONS / RETIREMENTS

### AUGUST PROMOTIONS

- Senior Master Sgt. Timothy L. Aplin (AOG)
- Tech. Sgt. Timothy B. Carley (SFS)
- Tech. Sgt. Jacob P. Kovacic (CF)
- Tech. Sgt. James Kropaczewski (SFS)
- Tech. Sgt. Robert E. McDaniels (SFS)
- Tech. Sgt. Michael A. Wilson (AOG)
- Senior Airman Andrea B. Barber (AW)
- Senior Airman Danny Lewis (LRS)
- Airman Aldo Romero II (LRS)

*Good luck in your future endeavors!*

- Capt. Michelle Helton, (AOG)
- Chief Master Sgt. Sidney Moony, (OG)
- Senior Master Sgt. Eric McKay, (AOG)
- Senior Master Sgt. Mary Wagster, (AOG)
- Master Sgt. Brett Neal, (CES)
- Master Sgt. Christopher Keller, (CRTC)
- Tech. Sgt. Larry Mullens, (AOG)
- Tech. Sgt. Lilian Bogosian, (FSS)
- Tech. Sgt. Timothy Oliveira, (MXS)

## GOVERNORS 20

### THE ADJUTANT GENERAL'S COMBAT RIFLE AND PISTOL COMPETITION 2013

The Adjutant General's SSG Duane Dreasky Combat Rifle Competition and SGT Craig Frank Pistol Competition is designed to increase Army and Air National Guard combat marksmanship trainers. Competitive combat matches enable competitors to concentrate solely on combative marksmanship application under match conditions.

**DATES:** Rifle Competition-07 September 2013,  
Pistol Competition-08 September 2013

**LOCATION:** Rifle-Range 11, Range 10, Range 9A, CGJMTC, Pistol-Range 2, Range 9A, CGJMTC

This match is open to all Michigan Army and Air National Guard members in good Standing.

Entries will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. If range capacity or support logistics are exceeded, earliest entries will receive priority. Participants will be limited to the first 100 entries. See entry form, enclosure 6 (online), must be completed and returned by 1 September 2013. Walk-on registration is acceptable but not encouraged. Unit teams must be declared prior to competition commencement and will consist of four (4) shooters. Team declaration forms will be available at the match.

More Information is posted online [WWW.110AW.ANG.AF.MIL](http://WWW.110AW.ANG.AF.MIL) under UTA updates.

## COMMISSIONING OPPORTUNITIES

### INTELLIGENCE OFFICER 110TH AIRLIFT WING OPERATIONS FLIGHT RPA Conversion Team

The 110th Operations Support Flight is looking for interested candidates to fill new drill status Intelligence Officer positions.

To apply please supply:

1. Resume
2. PT printout
3. VMPF RIP
4. Cover letter

If interested email your application to [Kelly.kirk.1@ang.af.mil](mailto:Kelly.kirk.1@ang.af.mil) or [erik.may@ang.af.mil](mailto:erik.may@ang.af.mil) by close of business 15 September 2013.

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## CHAPLAINS CORNER

110TH AIRLIFT WING CHAPLAIN  
By Lt Col Greg Van Heukelom



Some years ago I had the rare opportunity to be the only baseball coach my oldest son had for 7 years. For good or bad, most of his baseball fundamentals he learned from me. But more important to winning or losing, I thought was trying to teach the kids character development. My son had a great team, each year their wins far outnumbered their losses, except to one team. The town of Hayti always took us to the cleaners. But not this year. It was my son's last year to play and we were ahead. The home town crowd was filled with excitement (this was in rural South Dakota where everyone comes out for ball games.) I was not myself. For years I had played ALL the kids, even those who



played in the outfield dirt. But not today, we were out to win and my attitude showed.

It took a 13-year old to teach me a lesson I had tried to teach them for 7 years... "Pastor Greg, I thought you have taught us all these years to have fun in sports, you're not having fun and neither are we."

## TIPS FOR STAYING MENTALLY FIT

110TH AIRLIFT WING DIRECTOR OF PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH  
By David Marshall MS, LPC, CAADC

We live in a world where human replacement organs are being grown inside pigs, little blue pills have turned nursing homes into Medicare-funded swinger clubs, and nanobots are painting Mona Lisa replicas onto canvases one-third the width of a human hair. So wouldn't it be nice if we could somehow create a device that would—with the press of a button maybe—eliminate stress, worries, or just generally make those parts of your life that suck simply disappear? The reality is that this technology has actually existed for a very long time. The problem has been more an issue of the time and work it takes to make it happen.

Navigating the murky waters of life with a purpose is how we build the kind of resilience that will open the gates to crystal clear oceans of fulfillment. And there is no pill more effective at strengthening your emotional core than a good dose of stepping away from hardship knowing you did the best you could with what you had; and maybe even picked up a trick or two that could be used to manage stress in the future. It is through this journey that we learn how to cope, find better ways to resolve situations, and become more well-rounded individuals. Those who are able to embrace adversity with an attitude of learning will grow. Those who run from their problems, make excuses, or blame everyone else will be stuck. But no matter where you fall on the continuum, there is always room for improvement. So here are a few simple things you can do to help stay mentally fit and improve your resiliency.

**KNOW YOUR STRESS:** Stress is a part of life that affects each of us differently. For example, being cut off in traffic might send you into a full-blown, fist pounding hissy-fit, but have absolutely no effect on me. Much of the stress we experience is only a problem because we make it a problem. You can avoid many of the emotional pitfalls that accompany your daily hassles by really paying attention to what stresses you out, noting how you react, and taking a moment to consider whether the subsequent tension is really worth it. Paying attention to your stress while sprinkling in a dash of perspective and a pinch of rational behavior into the mix will go a long way to creating a more balanced emotional you.

**REST AND REFRESH:** Sleep is arguably one of the most important tools we have for maintaining a healthy body and mind, but for many is the first thing to skimp on in order to make time for everything else. Contrary to popular belief, sleep is not just a few hours of down time for the brain and body to chill out. In fact, your brain and body are actually very active while you sleep; taking care of a number of vital tasks necessary for you stay healthy and fit. And it's not just about the number of hours (7-8 for adults), but quality of sleep is equally important. Good sleep hygiene should be a priority. This means cutting back on sleep disrupters (caffeine, nicotine and alcohol), sticking to a sleep schedule, avoid exercising too late in the day, creating a good sleeping environment, and taking 30-60 minutes before bedtime to wind down before hitting the pillow. With consistency and dedication, you can realize the value good sleep can have in reducing stress.

**BREATHE:** Take a moment each day to notice the world around you. It's easy to get caught up thinking about the past or worrying

I learned an important lesson that day. Kids are forever balancing what we say with how we act. My words need to reflect my actions. But a second idea is this...sports do not always teach character, they often simply reflect a person's true character. My strong competitive nature was overshadowing the love of the sport. I learned a valuable lesson that day. I need to always match my words of God's love and grace with my actions...how about you? ■

about the future instead of experiencing the present. We all do it. Being in the moment means paying attention to your breathing, feeling the warm sun on your face, or actively listening to the sounds around you. It means taking the time to literally stop to smell the roses, one petal at a time. By focusing your attention on the moment you are in, making a conscious effort to be aware of your inner and outer world, you might find the things that bother you most may not be that important at all. Best of all, you could gain a renewed appreciation for the small thing that may have been forgotten in your race toward something else.

**REINFORCE THOSE PILLARS:** Physical, spiritual, social and mental health are the four pillars of total fitness, but many of us avoid attending to them until one or more areas start to break down. To meet the ever-changing demands of daily life, you must stay active and eat well to maintain a healthy body, connect with friends and family to nurture a supportive social network (I'm not sure if Facebook friends count), develop a sense of spiritual purpose, and stay mentally fit by setting goals, improving coping skills, and generally not taking life too seriously. It's much easier to deal with the shifting weight of life stress when all four pillars are strong. When one or more begin to crack, the entire self begins to crumble. Finding a balance in all areas of life is critical to remaining effective and strong; and in the end will serve you well during those tough times that come and go in the few short years we are given on this planet. ■



## MICHIGAN NATIONAL GUARD TRAINING CENTERS TO ENGAGE IN NORTHERN STRIKE TRAINING EXERCISE

Northern Strike 2013 is a National Guard Bureau sponsored Combined Arms Live Fire Exercise (CALFEX) emphasizing Close Air Support (CAS) and Indirect Fire Support, both Current Operations/Counterinsurgency and Major Combat Operations scenarios, as well as Countersea/Maritime Interdiction operations. The focus of the event is to provide requirements-based training emphasizing elements of the Theater Air Ground System (TAGS). Specifically, this exercise emphasizes doctrinal elements of the Theater Air Control System (TACS) and Army Air to Ground System (AAGS) with additional emphasis on the integration of Joint Fire Support, Air Operations Center and Maritime Control operations.

Northern Strike 2013 will provide tailored, cost effective, and realistic combat training for our National Guard in a Joint and Multinational environment. Twenty-four units from 12 States and two Coalition partners will participate in the two-week event. Operation Northern Strike will occur from Aug. 4 – 17, 2013, at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center and Camp Grayling Joint Maneuver Training Center. Over 500 Total Force fighter, bomber, mobility, special operation forces, and rotary sorties are planned in order to meet stated objectives for participating units.

## AOG TAKES PART IN NORTHERN STRIKE 2013



While Northern Strike 2013 (NS13) largely takes place at Alpena CRTC, and Camp Grayling, the 217th's Air Operations Group integrates their role from here supporting innumerable components of the Air Operations Center.

217th Communications and Operations units have been taking part in the execution of the exercise since its start August 3, 2013. Planning for NS-13 has been ongoing since November 2012. The Air Component Operations Squadron Communications Directorate (A6), the Joint Force Headquarters G6, the Air Communications Squadron (ACOMS), and the Air Operations Squadron Joint Integration Control (JIC) cell have enabled the execution via the development, coordination, and implementation of a multi-dimensional communications plan. The communications plan incorporates wide area network links covering the entire State of Michigan to include the Battle Creek ANGB, Grayling Army-Airfield and Alpena CRTC. Several radio and data nets currently support fixed, rotary and UAV aircraft. A live surrogate predator UAV feed, streams in support of real-time Combat Search and Rescue scenarios. The JIC has been connected and receiving Air and Army aircraft tracks from Alpena, troubleshooting on both systems as well as outside anomalies. The Air Communications Units' ability to support the planning and execution of exercise NS-13 gave planners, systems, network, and knowledge operations personnel the chance to exercise their skills while participating in simulations of "real-world" operations. ■





## SHHH!...LISTEN

**T**he older we become, the poorer listeners we become. How many times have you been in conversation with a “seasoned” person who elected to slice thru your sentences with a statement, which was obviously much more important than anything you had to share? Armed with this awareness, it is possible to overcome this natural tendency to inject what you perceive as sharing wisdom and take more time to REALLY listen and assign meaning to the spoken word of others.

As leaders in today’s military, it is more important than ever to have a clear understanding of what is being conveyed. With the finite time we have together as Guardsmen, we all need to distill our conversations and take away what is truly important. The emphasis is usually centered on conflict, frustration or just not having a clear understanding of why things are happening or not happening. There are very painful challenges in our everyday lives that many are in a position to influence. It may be a family problem, the uncertainty of finding a new job or even advancement concerns. “Well, ya know, in my day we used to...” is not always a favorable approach when the conversation needs to be focused on problem solving.

There are many ways to “listen”. Reading between the lines in an E-mail, voice intonation on a phone call and paying close attention to non-verbal signals can be opportunities to use the gift of intuition we all have. One of the best methods of demonstrating you are assigning meaning to ideas that are shared with you is to recall a conversation from last drill, then approach that person and ask, “So, how did ...?”. Another take away from honing our listening skills can improve our relationships at home and our interaction during civilian work time. Can you imagine your supervisor or significant other saying, “Finally, you did what I asked you to do—NOT what you thought I asked you to do.”

Take the time to allow information to sink in. You will be an improved follower and a much better leader. ■

### 110TH AIRLIFT WING CHIEFS COUNCIL By Chief Master Sgt. Jim Trainer

## TODAY’S MILITARY

### 110TH AIRLIFT RECRUITING & RETENTION OFFICE By Tech. Sgt. Patricia Rose

**D**id you know that 75% of the Americans population between the ages of 17 and 24 are disqualified from serving in today’s military ? Think about this for a second; the majority of applicants that set foot in our office are within the ages of 17 and 24. Let me point out a few disqualifiers that:

- 1) Inadequate Education- One in 4 young Americans lack a high school diploma or for those holding a GED, the minimum aptitude required to meet standards.
- 2) Criminal Background- One in 10 young adults has a history of at least one conviction of a felony or serious misdemeanor.
- 3) Physical Fitness- Simply put- just over a quarter of this age group is overweight.
- 4) Excessive Tattoos- Anything covering more than 25% of an exposed body part is disqualifying.

Imagine how much fun it is weeding

through this applicant pool for those who meet enlistment qualification standards.

With all that said, let me get to my point.. First and foremost, make the most of the opportunities available to you as you wear the Air Force Uniform. Don’t sit on your education benefits any longer—take a college course or attend a vocational school. Take advantage of the professional development courses as you progress throughout your career. Network with other unit members and find a mentor. Utilize your medical and dental benefits. Travel the world and serve your country when the opportunity arises. With the hard work and time put in to your commitment with the Air National Guard, you owe it to yourself to take advantage of these benefits.

Moving on to my next point—represent and spread the word about the Air National Guard. Help us find future generation Airmen by telling your Air Guard story. Open the doors

of opportunity for others to experience. What an amazing feeling it is to know how your story can impact the lives of others. Each member currently serving at this wing has a diverse set of qualities and talents that are essential to successfully carry out our mission while maintaining our high standards and legacy.

As a recruiter at the 110th Airlift Wing, I have made it my goal to ensure I find the best men and women who will someday fill our shoes and carry on our legacy. In the coming months we will begin a new mission with a handful of jobs our base has never had before. Innovative career fields with higher qualification standards will bring new challenges. Looking for interested, qualified applicants will be tough, but not impossible—they are out there, and we WILL find them! Your recruiters are eager to take on these new challenges and your help spreading the word would be invaluable. ■



110TH AIRLIFT WING COMMAND CHIEF  
By Chief Master Sgt. Trever Slater

**S**ince being appointed as your Command Chief Master Sergeant in February of this year, there have been significant changes to our wing to say the least. We finally received a mission directive that will make us relevant for many years to come. Even though our ramp maybe empty at this point we are going to be leading the way in the RPA mission. If we would have been unwilling to accept change over the past 6 years, we would more than likely be

looking at how we need to close our base instead of preparing for the future.

I’m proud to be part of such an outstanding group of Airmen. Without the dedication and perseverance of our enlisted force, we would not be where we are going today. We have struggled over the past several years, but what we can’t do is rest on our accomplishments. We, the members of the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, need to pursue every available opportunity to develop professionally and personally. In case you haven’t heard, every enlisted member will need to complete a Community College of the Air Force Associates Degree to be promoted to Senior Master Sergeant. I urge every one of you to complete this as early on in your career as possible. The Air National Guard is being given more opportunities to compete against our active duty counterparts for high level and joint positions. If we don’t hold ourselves to the same standards that they have set for themselves than we are bound to lose out on the opportunities that will help shape the ANG and the Air Force.

I would like to publicly thank the 217th AOG for the outstanding job they are doing in developing our future leaders. They provide a quarterly professional development session that is being offered to the whole base. If you haven’t had the opportunity to attend one of their sessions, please make it a priority to attend. The announcements are sent out prior to UTA weekend through base email.

One last thing, please tell your story. Every member of our base has the opportunity to tell their sections story by submitting a short article to the Jet Stream Journal or to the website [www.110aw.ang.af.mil](http://www.110aw.ang.af.mil). Master Sgt. Pawloski and her team work hard in public affairs to put together a base paper, but they don’t get the good stuff if we don’t tell them. I challenge every squadron on base to submit a monthly article for publishing. What may seem trivial to your squadron could be picked up by public affairs for national level publishing. If you have questions regarding articles please contact Public Affairs ([110aw.jjournal@ang.af.mil](mailto:110aw.jjournal@ang.af.mil)). ■

## 1ST SERGEANT POSITION AVAILABLE

**T**he 110 Airlift Wing is looking to fill a First Sergeant (AFSC 8F000) position on base. The First Sergeant is the principal advisor to the commander on all issues related to the enlisted force. Basic requirements include: must be a Master Sergeant (E-7) or immediately promotable to Master Sergeant, be able to communicate effectively - both oral and written, be people oriented, and possess the skills necessary to provide counseling and direction necessary to resolve personnel problems. Other required knowledge and skills are: Air Force organization, drill and ceremonies, customs and courtesies and military justice. The successful candidate will be required to attend the First Sergeant Academy at the earliest available date within one year of the appointment to the position.

Applicants must have a passing PT assessment for two years prior to attending the First Sergeant Academy with no failures along with a passing PT assessment completed



within 60 days prior to attending the USAF First Sergeant Academy and must achieve a score of 75 and pass all components. In addition to meeting all fitness standards, individuals must present a professional military image while in uniform. Please refer to the Air Force Enlisted Classification for a complete description of duties and responsibilities as well as special duty qualifications. There is a 3 year commitment for this position.

Applicant packages will include a resume (military or civilian format), current RIP and current passing fitness test. The deadline for applications is 20 Oct 2013. Interviews will be conducted over November UTA.

Questions regarding this position can be directed to Chief Master Sgt. Trever Slater at 269.969.3496 or 269.251.1309. Packages may also be mailed to Attn: Chief Master Sgt. Trever Slater, 3545 Mustang Ave, Battle Creek, MI 49037-5567. ■



# “DIRT BOYS” MOVE EARTH, INCREASE MORALE

386TH AIR EXPEDITIONARY WING PA  
By Master Sgt. Christopher A. Campbell

The 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment operators or “Dirt Boys,” conduct operations in support of the current infrastructure of the base and its flying mission. They complete work orders as small as filling a pot hole, to large ones like resurfacing a road at another base, or moving buildings from one base to another, all the while keeping within the regulations of the Air Force Instruction. The biggest work order is the removal of sand from roadways, critical movement areas and the airfield. It is a constant battle when the wind blows everyday all day. Most of the shop is comprised of Air National Guard members, bringing to the table a wide variety of experience from their civilian jobs as equipment operators. ■

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Capt. Nathen Finfrock

There are currently 47 deployed Civil Engineers from the 110th Civil Engineer Squadron in support of the 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron. The role of the 386th ECES at our deployed location is the maintenance and repair of the base infrastructure. This includes over 530 facilities, 3,700 acres of grounds, 2 runways, 6 aircraft parking ramps, over 1,500 airfield lights, 11 miles of roads, supplying 170,000 gallons of water a day to the base, maintaining a 4.5 Megawatt electrical power plant, a commercial power system to include 5 substations, maintaining and repairing 106 different generators varying in size from 60 KW up to 1 Megawatt, and maintaining well over 2,000 pieces of HVAC equipment. The CE Operations flight handles most of this responsibility by performing the daily maintenance and repair required via a work order system. Requirements for repair are generated via the work order management system and distributed to the different elements of the flight. The elements include: operations, electrical, power production, HVAC, heavy equipment, structures, utilities, and entomology. This

82 person flight is made up from airmen from 12 different CE squadrons.

Other aspects of the squadron include an engineering flight which designs and executes large scale construction and repair projects. These projects are usually beyond the capabilities of the operations flight and require more time than a typical work order would require to be completed. The engineering flight will work with the base contracting office to solicit construction projects to local contractors for completion. Another aspect of an ECES squadron is the base fire department. They put out fires, respond to emergency injuries, and HAZMAT spills. A flight we don't have at the 110th is the EOD flight, which is responsible for responding to UXOs and clearing firing ranges at this location. Further into the AOR they respond to and clear IEDs. The Force Protection flight is responsible for escorting of the various local contractors that operate on base. The last flight within the 386 ECES is the Emergency Management flight. They are responsible for training the base on the Ability to Survive and Operate skills for after base attacks and can respond to HAZMAT. They help insure that base exercises occur while in the AOR.

These are the basic flights of a Civil Engineer Squadron and their responsibilities while at a deployed location. At this location, there are 300 Engineers supporting the base and Operation Enduring Freedom.

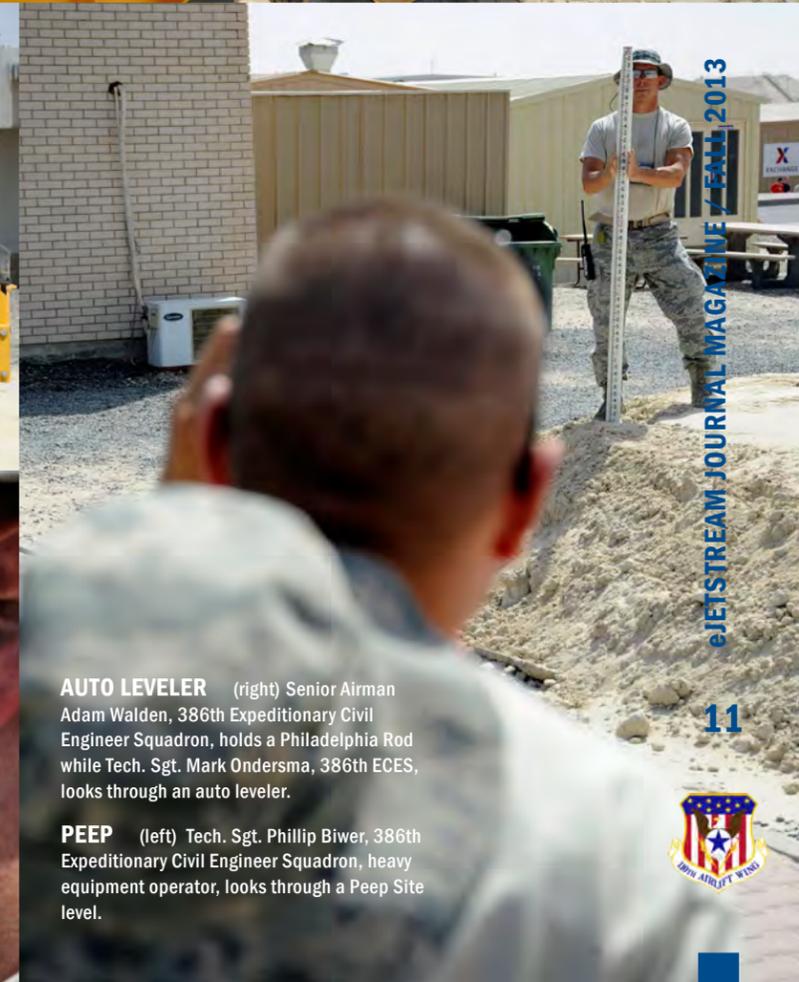
JULY 24-29, 2013 (U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Christopher A. Campbell)

**BOBCAT SKID STEER** Tech. Sgt. Mark Ondersma, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, heavy equipment operator, uses a Bobcat skid steer to move gatch. Ondersma is moving and leveling the gatch in preparation for a building.

**WATER TRUCK** Tech. Sgt. Justin Kearns, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, uses a water truck to douse the gatch while Senior Airman Nicholas Moxley, 386th ECES, loads it into a 30-ton dump truck with a Volvo loader. Kearns and Moxley are both heavy equipment operators.



**VOLVO VIBRATORY ROLLER** Tech. Sgt. Mark Ondersma, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, heavy equipment operator, operates a Volvo vibratory roller.



**AUTO LEVELER** (right) Senior Airman Adam Walden, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, holds a Philadelphia Rod while Tech. Sgt. Mark Ondersma, 386th ECES, looks through an auto leveler.

**PEEP** (left) Tech. Sgt. Phillip Biwer, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron, heavy equipment operator, looks through a Peep Site level.



# CAMP GRAYLING

## *Celebrates 100 Years*

### 110TH AIRLIFT WING PUBLIC AFFAIRS

By Amn Justin Andras

Camp Grayling, the nation's largest National Guard joint training center, was founded in 1913 when Grayling lumber baron Rasmus Hanson donated 13,000 acres of land for the purpose of military training. Today Camp Grayling spans 147,000 acres in three different counties and hosts year round training for not only active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, and Coast Guard, but also more than 100 law enforcement agencies and units from Canada, Latvia, the United Kingdom, Hungary, and Serbia.

July 20, 2013, marked the 100-year celebration for Camp Grayling. More than 4,000 active Michigan service men and women, along with top military dignitaries, and Michigan elected officials gathered to celebrate this historic day.

"Today, we need to remember those we've lost," said Michigan Governor Rick Snyder. "I'd also like to say thank you to the men and women of the National Guard for the wonderful things you do. We are here to support you."

The event was organized largely from the efforts of the Camp Grayling Historical Society and from generous donations from Michigan businesses supporting the troops. The event not only allowed an opportunity to celebrate the anniversary, but also a chance to showcase the latest defense technology and some historical Michigan military assets.

U.S. Army from the 1st Battery-119th Field Artillery Regiment fire a 21- gun salute in honor of Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder's arrival at Camp Grayling, Camp Grayling, Mich., July 19, 2013. The salute was the commencement for the pass in review ceremony for Camp Grayling's 100 year anniversary. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/released)



"This is a great training facility for our soldiers due to the maneuverability it has," said Michigan Command Sgt. Maj. Daniel Lincoln. "We wanted today to be a day that our soldiers remembered. We wanted them to look back and say 'I was at the Grayling 100-year celebration'."

The celebration brings attention to the capabilities of Camp Grayling as a training ground for multiple services, law enforcement, and foreign armies. Since 1913, every major conflict the U.S. has fought in has featured troops trained on these hallowed grounds. Every soldier in Michigan has trained at Camp Grayling.

"This is a very special place," said Maj. Gen. Gregory J. Vadnais, the Adjutant General and the Director of Military and Veterans Affairs for Michigan. "There are very few installations that have the capabilities we do. We can conduct full spectrum operations and we have the advantage of being able to train in diverse conditions due to the four seasons we get."

In the last few years Camp Grayling has expanded its facilities, capabilities, and communications to meet the growing needs of their soldiers and the warriors that train there.

"There's been a lot of money put into Camp Grayling recently to improve the training areas we have," said Lincoln, a 41-year military veteran who has spent a large part of his career at Camp Grayling.

Camp Grayling will continue to lead the way in advancements toward energy independence and alternative energy sources while maintaining its status as the best possible place to train our troops with the most modern, realistic training capabilities. ■

(Left to Right) Michigan Gov. Rick Snyder and Maj. Gen. Gregory Vadnais, Director of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Adjutant General of the Michigan National Guard are in attendance for the celebration of Camp Grayling's 100 year anniversary, Camp Grayling, Mich., on July 19, 2013. Camp Grayling, located in central northern Michigan, is the largest National Guard joint training center in the United States. Year around training is conducted on its 147,000 acres by the National Guard, as well as active and reserve components of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/released)

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Justin Andras, 110th Airlift Wing Public Affairs interviews Mich. Gov. Rick Snyder about the importance of Camp Grayling and its 100 year anniversary, Camp Grayling, Mich., July 19, 2013. Snyder was attendance for pass in review and to address Air and Army National Guardsmen who currently serve in the Michigan National Guard. (Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. David Eichaker/released)

U.S. Air Force Maj. Matthew Trumble, Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC) Alpena, Mich. and Camp Grayling Range Control Officer, with his father, Dr. Miles Trumble, and Michigan Air National Guard Commander Brig. Gen. Leonard Isabelle, receive the Maj. Gen. John Johnston Award for Excellence, Camp Grayling, Mich., July 19, 2013. Trumble received this award for outstanding job Performances during Operation Northern Strike 12, SPP activities in Latvia and Mich., and various Camp Grayling Air Gunnery Range events.



# AROUND THE WING...



**2013 BURN CAMP PARADE** 110th Airlift Wing, Battle Creek, Mich., Air National Guard Fire Department participates in the 2013 Burn Camp Parade on Saturday, August 10, 2013. Battle Creek's Fire Department were amongst nearly 300 motorcycles and 45 other fire trucks from around Southwest Michigan. Crash 3 carried a 12 year old burn victim who had come all the way from California to attend the camp as well as a Camp Counselor who herself is a burn victim. (U.S. Air National Guard Photos courtesy of 110th Airlift Wing Fire Department/Released)

**SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE TRAINING** 110th Airlift Wing, Battle Creek, Mich., Air National Guard receive weapons and I-ED training. Also training alongside the Battle Creeks Defenders are Security Forces from the 127th Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan and the 184th Intelligence Wing, Kansas. (U.S. Air National Guard Photos by 1st Lt. Matthew Lucht/Released)



**DEPLOYED 110TH CE MEMBERS RUN 5K**



**BLACK HAWK EGRESS TRAINING** Michigan Army National Guard from Grand Ledge flew down a Black Hawk helicopter for egress training with the Battle Creek Air National Guard Base, Mich., Fire Department on Monday, June 10, 2013. Subjects covered were removing the aircrew from the helicopter, fire suppression, shutting down the engines, and other components of the aircraft. These helicopters utilize Ft. Custer and fly in, sometimes even late into the evening, if they were to have an emergency, it is important to know how to react to save the crew. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Sonia Pawloski/Released)

## MEDICAL GROUP

**LIFE SAVING AWARD** Capt. Sue Diaz, a nurse with the 110th Airlift Wing Medical Group, was recently presented a Lifesaving Award from the City of Lansing for her actions during a City employee's retirement dinner. Capt. Diaz noticed a young child who was choking and stepped in to perform the Heimlich maneuver.

**EXERCISE. EXERCISE.** The Medical Group will be holding a two day training/exercise event on Monday, September 23-24 following September's UTA. They will focus on RSV/Sustainment training on Monday and participate in a mass casualty exercise on Tuesday which will include participants from all across the base, to include standing up the EOC. *\*\*Customer service hours on the 24th will be somewhat limited..*





"I was the 1st runner in the 4-man relay race, on that day my head was moving faster than my feet and I went face first. As the story goes when I jumped up to continue running I was still in the lead, says my teammates. Oh and my dad happened to be in the stands waiting for his girlfriend, 'was that you that fell?' ha ha ha, I was wondering who that was' he continued laughing."

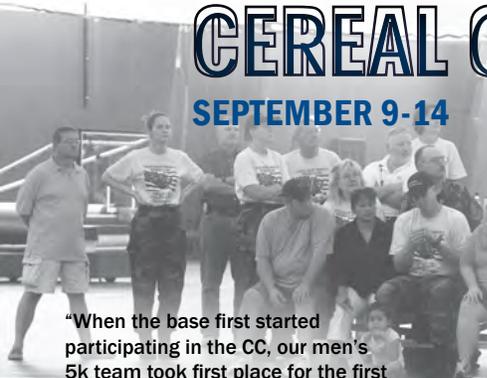


# 110 ANG TECHNOVATORS

*Come Join in a Time Honored Tradition*

## CEREAL CITY CORPORATE CUP 2013

SEPTEMBER 9-14



"When the base first started participating in the CC, our men's 5k team took first place for the first 3 years. We didn't have the fastest runner....just the fastest team. It was always a good feeling to know that we beat the team with the college cross country runner." -Chief Master Sgt. Shankleton

"A few of my team members were lined up for the 5K. We noticed there were some serious runners alongside us. I looked to my right and saw Senior Master Sgt. Scott Liebhauser standing in his Vibrams. We all started to egg each other on. So, I offered to buy Lunch for anyone who could reach a sign 200 yds. in front of us first. Sgt Liebhauser starts working himself up and said he was going for it! We all chuckled and thought even if he wanted to, these serious runners would prevail.

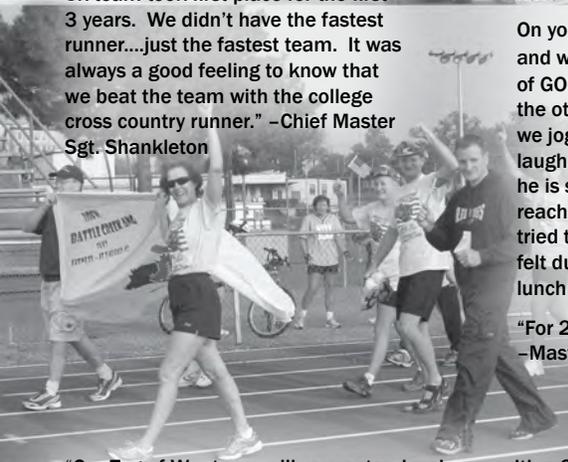
As it turns out, these other runners were just as serious to have the hole shot going into the first corner.

On your mark....get set...Sgt. Liebhauser times it just perfect and with blazing speed, burns off the line at the first sound of GO! I thought for sure he would fade. Instead, he provoked the other two or three "real" runners to sprint with him. As we jogged off the starting line, it was hard to keep from laughing out loud. About half way there I thought to myself, he is serious and then I thought he might just pull this off. He reached the corner first and peeled off into the grass as he tried to catch his breath....I am sure the other "real" runners felt duped but it was well worth the laughs and the money for lunch was well spent.

"For 200 yards, anyone can bring it....even in Vibrams"  
-Master Sgt. Landis



"Each event was so much fun! Senior Master Sgt. LaBruzzy and I came in last in the banner contest, but we didn't care....we had so much fun with it! The tug of war was full of laughter from all teams. We represented ourselves well. I met a few new people and what a great way to integrate ourselves into the community we serve."  
-Master Sgt. Ladd



"Our Tug of War team will never stand a chance with a 39 inch waste maximum."

