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Tech. Sgt. Jose L. Anaya, avionics test station mechanic, 177th Fighter Wing, cleans an M16A2 rifle, which had been used for training Airmen for the upcoming Air Expeditionary Force deployment. on Sept. 25. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA)

Chaplain's Corner

A compass for life's journey

By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Dean Wentzien

Proverbs 3:1-6

"My son, do not forget my teaching, but let your heart keep my commandments. For length of days and years of life, and peace they will add to you. Do not let kindness and truth leave you; bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good repute in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight."

If you have ever been lost in the woods, you know the concerns, confusion, and panic this situation causes. Now think what a difference it would have made to know that a compass was in your pocket.

Spiritually speaking, we have such a compass - God's Word. But it does no good unless we let it guide us. Yet at times, we may fail to follow its direction because of the following four things...

Neglect: Sometimes we are so busy walking through life that we forget to look at God's compass to make sure we are headed in the right direction.

Pride: Oftentimes we want to determine the destiny ourselves. Relying on our own strength, understanding, and abilities, we plan our own route.

Distractions: God's path of obedience is not always easy. In fact, sometimes it can be extremely challenging. Satan offers other trails that promise pleasure and ease if we will just ignore the compass and follow him. Although these trails seem pleasant at first, they lead to heartbreak and discouragement.

Difficulties: Whenever obstacles appear on the trail, our natural tendency is to try and find a way around them. But by ignoring God's compass and stepping off the path, we will miss the blessings He wants to give us through the rough patches - strong faith and godly character.

Got your flu shot?

Staff Sgt. Daniel K. Opperman, right, 177th Medical Group medical services specialist, gives Airman 1st Class Joseph B. Lagreca, munitions maintenance storage mechanic, a flu shot on Sept. 25. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA)

Annual dental exam

The annual dental exam will be completed by your civilian dentist.

Exceptions include pilots, base newcomers, class three individuals or those who have never been seen by a wing dentist.

Start with DD Form 2813 from the clinic or it is available on the local area network (K:\FORMS\DD\ 2800 \dd2813.pdf); have your dentist complete the form and return it to the clinic. Questions call x6240.

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A Message from the Vice Wing Commander

Fellow Warriors

As most of you know, Col. Bolton deployed to Jordan as the COMAFFOR (Commander of Air Force Forces) for the United States contingent participating in the international "Falcon Air Meet," so I have the privilege of standing in for the boss and contributing to this month's Contrail. He was Air Combat Command's "by-name" choice to fill this high-visibility role for the second year in a row, and by all reports he's doing an exceptional job representing the United States Air Force and the New Jersey Air National Guard while taking care of the 300 Airmen under his command. He'll return to the 177th in November, energized and ready to lead us through our next set of challenges.

I am deeply saddened to report that a fellow New Jersey Guardsman, Staff Sgt. Jorge Miguel Oliveira, of the New Jersey Army National Guard and a highly respected member of the law enforcement community from Essex County was killed in action in Afghanistan on Oct. 20. He was serving on his third tour in the area of responsibility. Please keep this American hero's family in your thoughts and prayers. These tragic circumstances serve as a poignant reminder of the seriousness of our business and our wing's ongoing commitment to the war effort. More than 100 members of the 177th have served overseas, many in harm's way, in the last year alone, and we're sending an aviation package to the AOR again in very short order. No matter what role you play in support of the mission, at home or overseas, please stay focused and keep bringing your A-game to the fight.

On a personal note, I have made the leap to Drill Status as of Oct. 1, and I'm very excited to gain the "part-time" perspective. If you're a Traditional and have an issue you can't seem to resolve during our super-busy UTAs, please feel free to drop me an e-mail. I am very fortunate for having been exposed to quite a bit at the wing during the last three years as a full-time senior leader, and I look forward to being a key advocate for the Traditional Guardsman. While I may have to withdraw the "e-mail me" offer in the future depending on the response I get, until my BlackBerry melts in my hand and I cry "uncle," please share your thoughts on how to improve the quality of the ANG experience here at the 177th.

Finally, I want to remind you all that fall is full of driving hazards to due to increasing hours of darkness and roads made slippery by wet leaves, etc. It amazes me how many drivers "spare their headlights" in the early morning (low sun angles) or approaching dusk. It's not so much for you to see as much as it is to be seen--turn your lights on! Also, I'm a huge fan of the fitness culture, but it really is incredibly dangerous to jog, walk, or bike in darkness without a significant reflective signature—don't take yourself out of the gene pool for want of a reflective belt.

That's it, folks. Have a safe and productive drill, and thanks for the privilege of serving with you as your vice commander.

MARCUS QUINT
Colonel, NJANG
Vice Commander

Governor Chris Christie, left, Commander-in-Chief, and Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General, watch as 177th Fighter Wing F-16s perform a flyover at the 30th Anniversary of the Governor's Military Review on Oct. 2. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA)

WING BEGINS AEF DEPLOYMENT

Photos by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, New Jersey Air National Guard commander, shakes the hand of Tech. Sgt. Christopher Bosch, Munitions Systems Craftsman with the 177th Fighter Wing, as he prepares to deploy to Afghanistan on Oct. 7. More than 30 Airmen were in this deployment.

Below: Senior Airman Albert R. Andrews, 177th Fighter Wing Maintenance Squadron, receives a hug from his son as he prepares to deploy to Afghanistan.

Deploying Airman 1st Class Alfred T. Poling, left, Maintenance member speaks to New Jersey Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo, left, (R-2nd Dist.).

Master Sgt. Dwight Thompson, 177th Maintenance Squadron, shares a private moment with one of his sons.

177TH HOSTS TOURNAMENT

Photos by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

The 177th Fighter Wing hosted the 2011 Northeast Regional Air National Guard Bowling Tournament at King Pin Lanes in Egg Harbor Township on Oct. 8-9. In its 42nd year, nine teams from 14 states competed in the annual event. This year the 157th Air Refueling Wing from New Hampshire won the team title with the 177th's Master Sgt. Randall Freeman, bottom left, from the 177th Communications Flight winning the individual singles title.

SUPPORTING THE DEPLOYERS

Photos by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

On Sept. 25, Airmen from the 177th Fighter Wing Avionics Shop volunteered to assist 177th Security Forces in cleaning M16A2 rifles, which had been used for training deployers for the upcoming Air Expeditionary Force deployment. Photos clockwise beginning right: Staff Sgt. Luis A. Rodriguez, right, security response team member, demonstrates the proper cleaning techniques for the bolt carrier on an M16A2 rifle. Senior Airman Tina N. Marchesano, avionics test station mechanic, cleans the M16A2's trigger mechanism. Tech. Sgt William E. Dingman, avionics test station mechanic, reassembles the M16A2's bolt carrier.

Jersey Devils in the News

Career advising

Members of the 177th Fighter Wing and the 108th Air Wing listen as Master Sgt. Francisco Beltran-Bell, standing right, 108th Air Wing Retention Office Manager answers a question during the Annual Unit Career Advisor Training at The Lodge, on the campus of Richard Stockton State College, in Galloway Township on Sept. 9. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177FW/PA)

Commander visits wing

Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, Commander, Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region - 1st Air Force, shakes hands with Master Sergeant Thomas R. Capito, Production Superintendant, during a visit to the 177th Fighter Wing's Aerospace Control Alert site on Oct. 11. U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177FW/PA)

Mentoring

Staff Sgt. Christopher Galluccio, left, aircraft egress mechanic, mentors Airman 1st Class Gabrielle A. Gagliardi in prepping the ejection seat on an F-16C Fighting Falcon for removal on Sept. 25. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA)

Jersey Devils in the News

Retiring the colors

Members of the Flag detail, clockwise starting left, Staff Sgt. Michelle L. Herman, Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Ramirez, Master Sgt. Robert W. Lerner, Airman 1st Class Christopher G. Fox and Senior Airman Nicholas J. Ligameri retire the colors on Sept. 25. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA)

Stirring the pot

Staff Sgt. Ryan A. Osmola, cook, stirs tomato soup at the 177th Fighter Wing dining facility on Sept. 25, 2011. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen, 177FW/PA)

Lending a hand

New Jersey Rep. Frank A. LoBiondo, left, (R-2nd Dist.) shakes hands with Sandra D. Caprara, M.A., 177th Fighter Wing Key Volunteer Program Chairman, after presenting deploying Tech. Sgt. William Mosher, a USO Care Package on Oct. 7. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Master Sgt. Andrew J. Moseley, 177FW/PA)

PROMOTIONS & AWARDS

To Major:
Capt. Richard Defeo
Capt. Jason Halvorsen
Capt. David Perrone
Capt. Jeffrey Rouse
To Chief Master Sergeant:
Senior Master Sgt. Randall Mason
***To Master Sergeant**:*
Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Johnson
Tech. Sgt. Wayne Lewis
To Technical Sergeant:
Staff Sgt. Jaye Bell
Staff Sgt. Nelson Brown
Staff Sgt. Robert Calabrese
Staff Sgt. James Eckert
Staff Sgt. Michele Graiff
Staff Sgt. Bryan Hicken
Staff Sgt. Manuel Montiel
Staff Sgt. Johannes Porto
Staff Sgt. Jose Rodriguez
Staff Sgt. Timothy Smith
Staff Sgt. Robert Valiante
To Staff Sergeant:
Senior Airman Achal Amin
Senior Airman Edwin Cintron
Senior Airman Sebastian Zelanzy
To Senior Airman:
Airman 1st Class Rita Abatemarco
Airman 1st Class Beniah Adams
Airman 1st Class Tatiana Cabarcas
Airman 1st Class Ashley Daraklis
Airman 1st Class Jordan Deangelis
Airman 1st Class Scott Decker
Airman 1st Class Caitlin Green
Airman 1st Class Gabriel Gutierrez
Airman 1st Class Andrew Lee
Airman 1st Class Kellen Mazure
Airman 1st Class Moriah Merrit
Airman 1st Class Jeffrey Montemurro
Airman 1st Class Britney Nicholson
Airman 1st Class Cody Passaro
Airman 1st Class Felix Perez
Airman 1st Class Joshua Powell
Airman 1st Class Joseph Rice
Airman 1st Class Thomas Sapio
Airman 1st Class Matthew Sherer
Airman 1st Class Frank Vera
Airman 1st Class Casey Weber
Airman 1st Class Lewis Weber
Airman 1st Class Francis Wulf
Meritorious Service Medal
Lt. Col. Michael Love
Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Maurer
Non Article 5 Air Medal for Service with NATO in relation to the ISAF Operation
Capt. David Still
Staff Sgt. Jonathan Sheets
Air Medal
Capt. Michael Nicoson

Zingrone receives Bodine Award at conference

Master Sgt John F. Bodine, third from left, presents Staff Sgt. Charles Zingrone, the Master Sgt John F. Bodine Outstanding Airman Award during the Joint Enlisted Professional Development Day at the Seaview, DOLCE Hotel & Resort in Galloway, on Oct. 8. Also pictured are, left to right, Command Sgt Maj. James Marshall, Maj. Gen. Glenn K. Rieth, The Adjutant General; Deana Harold, Command Chief Master Sgt. Michael Francis, Maj. Gen. Maria Falca-Dodson, commander, New Jersey Air National Guard and State Command Sgt. Maj. Jerome Jenkins. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Mark C. Olsen)

Safety Notes: enhanced car mirror settings

By Senior Master Sgt. Michael Wachter, 177FW/Ground Safety Office

Many crashes involve merging and changing lanes. Proper side mirror positioning can give the driver the side and rear vision they need to drive safely.

Most people have always adjusted side mirrors so they can see the side of the car on the inside edge of the mirror. This limits what we can see along side of us creating blind spots. These new enhanced settings provides an extra margin of safety. As a vehicle leaves the field of view of your inside rear view mirror, it will seamlessly enter the side view mirrors.

To adjust the outside mirrors this way, follow these two steps:

1) For the driver side mirror, roll up the window and press your head against the glass. Adjust the mirror so that you can just see the edge of the car.

2) For the passenger side mirror, place your head in the center of the car (directly behind the inside mirror mount) and adjust the outside mirror so that you can just see the edge of the car.

It takes a little time to get used to this new setting, but give it a try. It truly works to reduce those blind spots.

SFRC Increases grants

The New Jersey National Guard State Family Readiness Council has increased the amounts of family and business grants up to $5,000 and $10,000.

Applications are available at all New Jersey Army and Air National Guard Family Assistance Centers. Contact Jean Perry if you are interested in applying at (609) 761-6248.

Contrail Photos

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Vacancies at the 177th

The 177th Fighter Wing has four first sergeant vacancies—227th Air Support Operations Squadron, 177th Headquarters Element, 177th Medical Group and 177th Maintenance Group. Contact Command Chief Master Sgt. Raynaldo Morales at 761-6218 for more details.

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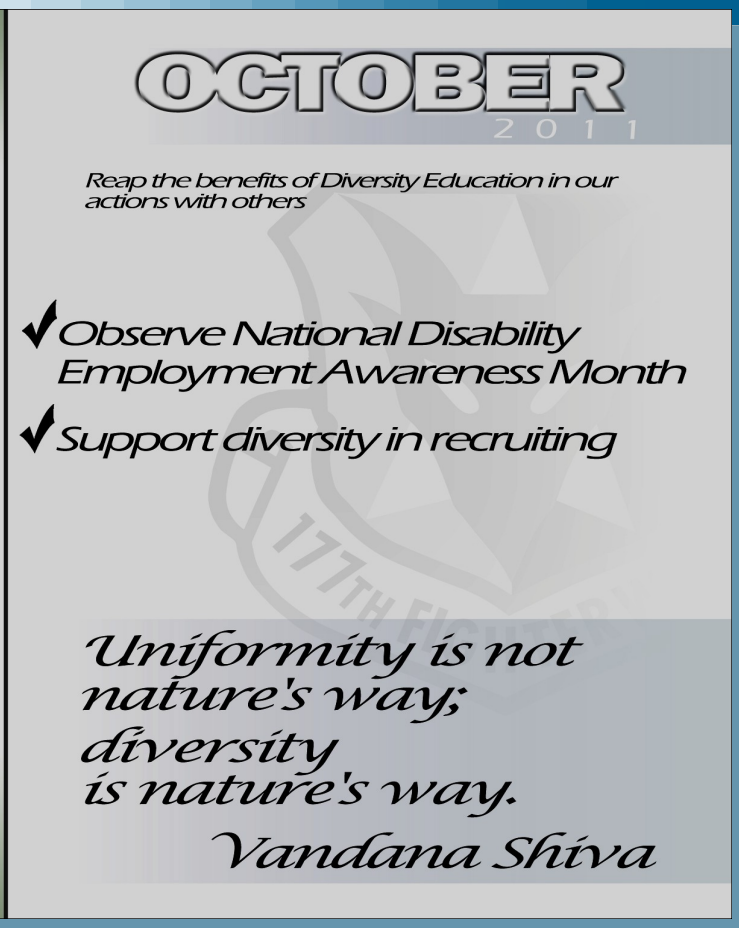

The Air National Guard: Best Value for America

"Given the…looming fiscal challenges the nation confronts, the projected demands for forces, the unique capabilities resident in the reserve components, and their cost effectiveness, the Commission sees no reasonable alternative to an increased use of and reliance on the reserve components"

- Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, 2008

Our People: 106,700 Americans on call in 50 states, three territories, and the District of Columbia

Air National Guard members provide *full-time* readiness at a *part-time* cost; minimal burden on taxpayer unless called for duty

Cost-effective

- 35% of USAF capabilities for 6% of budget
- Reserve component retirement costs 10% of active duty
- Reserve component pay averages 25% of an active duty member

Available

- In the past year, 18,366 Air Guardsmen have deployed to 62 countries and every continent, including Antarctica
- An average of over 30% of all deployed Air Force aircraft needs filled by ANG units

Dedicated

- Over 70% of all deployments filled with volunteers
- With over 146,000 deployments since 9/11, the ANG maintains the highest retention of any service (active or reserve)

Our Infrastructure: Cost effective capabilities across the nation and in your community

Locally-based facilities across America means reduced cost to the taxpayer and increased regional support

Community Contributor

- 75% of facilities "dual use" with civilian airfields
- Strengthens communities by providing capabilities like air traffic control, and communications.

Efficient

- Community basing allows use of existing civilian infrastructure
- $4 million in taxpayer money gains $12 billion in airfield facilities

Homeland Defenders

- The Air National Guard operates 90% of the US air defense alert sites
- Dispersed smaller bases aid in domestic response

The Air National Guard: Best Value for America

"In fiscal year 2006, it cost the federal government more than $126,000, on average, to provide annual compensation to active duty service members…Most reservists are part-time, and their per capita compensation was $19,100 in FY 2006."

- Government Accountability Office, "Military Personnel"

"…we find that the total amount budgeted is approximately $51,000 for each reserve component service member and $223,000 for each active component service member."

-Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Comptroller)

"When…personnel appropriations are compared, it is striking to note that Air Reserve Component members use about 14 percent of appropriated personnel funds, but perform over half of all Air Force missions." - The Heritage Foundation

"Our analysis found that reservists are the best buy for the taxpayer…by any metric they are a cost-effective source of trained manpower, particularly as the cost of active-duty manpower has grown exponentially in recent years. We consulted CBO, GAO, the DOD comptroller, and outside think tanks. There are many studies and lots of data, but they all come to the same conclusion..."

- Commission on the National Guard and Reserves, 2008

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