



Pittsburgh hosts PNGAS Conference

by Staff Sgt. Ivyann Castillo, 171st Public Affairs

Approximately 560 Pennsylvania Army and Air National Guard members attended the annual Pennsylvania National Guard Association, (PNGAS) 2010 Combined Leadership Development Workshop April 22-25 at the Sheraton Station Square Hotel.

PNGAS kicked off with an 18-hole, four-man scramble golf tournament April 22 at the Highland Country Club, which was followed by several training workshops at the Sheraton.

Attendees took part in several workshops depicting this year's theme on resiliency, courage and diversity. PNGAS started with a combined ANG and ARNG honor guard, with Capt. Sarah Micklo, pilot, 171st Operations Group, singing the national anthem.

There were several distinguished guest speakers including Congressman Tim Murphy, Pittsburgh Mayor Luke Ravensthal, as well as a teleconference from the Pa. National Guard's commander-in-chief, Gov. Edward G. Rendell.

Rendell spoke to the audience about their service regarding state and federal missions.

"You are always answering the call; you are always ready and always there," said Rendell.

Ravensthal added, "I want to thank everyone who provided

residents with much needed assistance during the snowstorm, as well as keeping the city safe during the G-20 summit."

"Your presence was appreciated, and it was the safest anyone felt in the city of Pittsburgh. I am always amazed with the work you do, especially in keeping us safe."

Speaking on this year's theme of resiliency, Congressman Murphy wanted to encourage the Pennsylvania Guardsmen to focus on each other especially after a deployment when the soldier or airman is trying to reintegrate into his or her civilian life. He stated missions or weapons can be changed but, "the mind of the soldier or airman can never be changed, and it is necessary to check up on each other all the time. I would like all services to bring resilience."

Maj. Gen. Jessica Wright, the adjutant general for Pa. National Guard, Joint Forces Headquarters, also spoke at the conference. She voiced her concerns regarding training and medical requirements, and noted the positive accomplishments PNGAS has made for the Pennsylvania Army and Air National Guard.

The workshops provided training or current information to the audience. Social media, a new means of military communication to the public, was the topic of one workshop.

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A golf outing held in conjunction with the PNGAS Conference April 22-25 provides an opportunity for Pa. National Guard members past and present to network and establish a clear vision for the future. Capt. Walt Ransom, pilot with 171st Air Refueling Wing, winds up before making contact with the ball. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Ann Young)



Capt. Sarah Micklo, 171st Operations Group, sings the national anthem during the opening ceremony at the annual PNGAS conference in the Sheraton Station Square, April 22. (U.S. Air Force photo by Tech. Sgt. Stacy Gault)

Circle the Wagons

by Brig. Gen. Roy Uptegraff, 171st Air Refueling Wing Commander

Several weeks ago, I traveled to Washington to chair the Air Directorate Field Advisory Council, (ADFAC). I did not sleep well the night before our opening session because I had troubling information to express to the field leadership. I took a copy of the Secretary of Defense's speech at the Eisenhower Library which was just days before our meeting. I had a copy of a recent interview with the Air Force Chief of Staff, Gen. Norton Schwartz. I had a copy of recent comments by our National Guard Director, Gen. Craig McKinley; and lastly, I had the transcript of our Air National Guard Director's testimony before the Senate Armed Services subcommittee for readiness. All of this information was to back up my message to the field – 'Circle the Wagons.'

Indeed, we are in for a turbulent ride with a shrinking military budget. The Sec Def is frustrated with a Department of Defense Operations and Maintenance budget that has doubled in the last 10 years. He is distraught over unprecedented health care costs that now equal the entire foreign affairs and assistance budget of the State Department. Gen. Schwartz fielded a question by the reporter concerning the need for an independent Air Force. Gen. McKinley expressed his concern about the uncertainty we have for future missions and where they will land.

Contrasting all this is Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt's testimony to the Senate. Lt. Gen. Wyatt is a calm leader with a great deal of character. I have been in his company many times and he is exactly the right leader at the right time. Perhaps it's his background as a federal judge combined with his admirable record of a fighter pilot. Whatever the ingredients are, Lt. Gen. Wyatt faced the subcommittee on April 27 and told the story of today's Air Guard. His issues many times mirrored the issues ADFAC has brought to his attention. We must be in sync. He brought to our Senate's attention the enormous dollar savings the Air Guard brings to the fight every day. We are 7% of the Air Force budget, but performing 34% of the Air Force's mission. Our airmen are 1/5 the cost of an active duty airmen and the list goes on. He told Congress a few stories of heroism and capability that overshadow any thoughts of pay status. After reading his testimony, I took a second look at our Sec Def's gloomy report about the DOD budget, then it hit me. No where did Secretary Gates mention the reserve components. I like to think that is because of what Lt. Gen. Wyatt is telling the Senate and what the Sec Def knows – the Guard is the bang for the buck, and looking back, the nation has always known that.

A prime example is what has happened to the KC-135 fleet in the Guard over the last 30 years. When I started my career in 1979, about 16% of the KC-135s were in the Guard. Today, we are at 44% with more airframes operational than the active duty. By all accounts, the Air Force 'circled its wagons' to save its force from tough times and that is why we are where we are, today. These are tough times and getting tougher, but the Guard will be there to get the Air Force through the storm. 'Circle the Wagons' is what Lt. Gen. Wyatt told us at our KC-135 council meeting in early April. Coming from a man from Oklahoma, and where his saddle is, that is exactly what I told ADFAC, 'Circle the Wagons.'

As the 101 Days of Summer approach us, be safe and careful this season. Vehicle safety has lots of attention due to a string of tragedies that did not have to happen in the Air Guard. Consider our deployers who are down range and doing a terrific job providing combat support. Take care of your families.

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"It's a great recruiting tool; cost effective, connects with the media, and draws attention to photos and video with increased availability access," said Staff Sgt. Ted Nichols, social media lead, Pa. ANG JFHQ.

"Social media such as Twitter, Facebook, YouTube, etc., is not a fad, it is hitting our younger generation," said Nichols.

The conference was enjoyable to the audience.

"One of the best things about this conference is the networking that goes on here, you get to place names with faces and know who you talk to when you pick up that phone or send an e-mail," said U.S. Army Maj. Steve Widnick, detachment commander, Pa. ANG JFHQ. Some of the younger troops were able to get a taste of

the PNGAS conference. They were able to see what the association is about, given the opportunity to meet military leaders as well as receive training.

"I was amazed at this conference and all the workshops that were presented," said Senior Airman Monica Erlick, air traffic controller, 258th Air Traffic Control Squadron. "I learned a lot about PNGAS and all the great things the association has done for our Guard."

Erlick was awarded Pennsylvania's Airman of the Year.

"It was a successful event and we all enjoyed Pittsburgh's hospitality," said Tech. Sgt. Joel Mutchler. Mutchler was elected vice chairman of PNGAS and president of the PA National Guard Enlisted Association during the workshop.

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Winds of change

by Chief Master Sgt. Vic Guerra, 171st Air Refueling Wing Command Chief

I read an article the other day on a speech given recently by Secretary of Defense Robert Gates calling for changes in defense spending. Secretary Gates is looking to find ways to save some serious money.

While I'm not going to argue the need for changes in defense spending, I want you to be aware that some changes could effect each of you directly. They could effect you whether your career is just beginning, you have been around awhile, or are retired.

I'm sure any change in defense spending will look at various military projects and programs along with the cost of military personnel, including pay allowances, health care and retirement.

While there is not much you can do as an individual to look out for your interests in this process, there are various professional military organizations that you can join that will represent your interests, ideals and goals. These professional military organizations also frequently provide lobbyists for military legislation.

Some of the Air National Guard/Air Force related organizations are the Pennsylvania National Guard Association (PNGAS), its national parent organizations, the National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS) and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States (EANGUS), the Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA) and the Air Force Association (AFA).

There are other organizations geared to all branches of the military such as American Veterans (AMVETS) and the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW). There are numerous other military associations.

The overall goals of many of these professional military organizations are:

- Maintaining a strong national defense by recruiting and retaining skilled and highly capable personnel.
- Sustaining compensation and benefits at sufficient levels to attract and retain military personnel.
- Represent the interests of military personnel and their families.
- Responding to disputes regarding a military member's earned compensation and benefits.
- Educating the public on the extraordinary demands and sacrifices associated with an individual's career in uniformed service.
- Continually find ways to attract and retain high-quality personnel both today and in the future.

The more specific goals of the various professional military organizations differ depending on the membership the organization represents.

In addition to the goals mentioned, PNGAS has the interests and goals of the Pa. Army and Air National Guard at heart, as do NGAUS and EANGUS on a national level.

Whatever your personal interests, I encourage you to join one or more of these military associations that echoes or embodies your personal interests, ideals and goals.

When it comes to representing your best interests, there is strength in numbers!



Briefs FYI

NEW PT TEST STANDARDS JULY 1ST!

We have been talking about it for months, but this will be the final reminder. The new PT Test standards kick in on July 1. Whether you plan on taking the test before or after the July date, you should always be physically ready. If you have any questions or need to schedule a PT test, please contact your PT monitor for your section.

PITTSBURGH'S PENNSYLVANIA MOTOR SPEEDWAY

FREE Grandstand Admission to U.S. Air Force personnel June 5. Just present your military ID at the gate for the free admission. The event will feature six divisions of race car action. Gates will open at 5 p.m. The event is located at 170 Kelso Road, Imperial, PA. Accompanying adults pay \$10. Rain date is scheduled for June 12.

POL GOLF OUTING

The POL Golf outing is an all day scramble and is scheduled for Aug. 21 at the Yankee Run Golf Course. For more information contact Tech. Sgt. Jeffrey Favorite at 412-776-7385.

Estimated pay date for the June UTA:

June 15

Estimated pay date for the June SUTA:

June 23

171st CES conducts exercise with county fire department

by Tech. Sgt. Todd McFeeley, 171st Public Affairs

The base fire department and the Allegheny County Fire Department, along with several other sections participated in a joint mutual aid exercise here April 18.

The training exercise took place at the munitions storage area (MSA), a fenced-off area where explosives and small arms are stored.

At approximately 8:30 a.m. the firehouse received a phone call from Tech. Sgt. Gary Shannon, 171st Civil Engineering Squadron, claiming to be “Joe Snuffy,” reporting a building on fire, and possibly an injured man lying near the building. That call signified the beginning of the exercise.

Among those notified were the fire department, 171st Security Forces Squadron, and the county fire department, who respond to most on-base emergencies.

First on scene was Tech. Sgt. Brian Crawl, assistant chief of operations, 171st CES who set up command outside of the fenced-off area. Soon after members from the 171st SFS arrived on scene and established a safe area.

The base fire department crash vehicle arrived and simulated having to cut the lock off the gate so they could gain entry. Upon entry they parked close to the designated MSA building and immediately began extinguishment operations utilizing the “turret.”

The turret is a hard-piped extinguishing tool built into the top of the crash vehicle. The nozzle of the turret is controlled by one of the four firefighters in the vehicle. It pumps water from the vehicle’s internal 1,000 gallon water tank.

As the crash vehicle was setting up early fire attack operations, the base fire department’s rescue vehicle began rescue operations of the injured individual lying on the ground outside the MSA. The role of the injured person was simulated by using a dummy.

The rescue team, dressed in full gear, loaded the dummy on a litter and carried it to a safe area.



Staff Sgt. Dan Yakich and Senior Airman Paul Overly prepare to transport a victim during a mutual aid exercise on April 18 with the local county fire departments, 171st CES, 171st SFS and other base resources. (US Air Force photo taken by Master Sgt. Stacey Barkey)

Once in a safe area, they set up triage and tended to the patient.

When the county fire department arrived on scene, they began fire attack operations utilizing the vehicle’s 2,000 gallon water tank. At this time, the base’s crash vehicle exited the MSA and established a rapid intervention team (RIT). A RIT’s primary role is firefighter rescue.

County firefighters proceeded to attack the simulated fire with its turret and an attack hose line. Soon after, the incident was deemed, “under control,” ending the exercise.

Along with Shannon, Tech. Sgt. Pete Soergel, 171st CES, monitored the exercise.

“We showed a sense of urgency. We did very well,” said Soergel. “We were able to get together with the county and see how their stuff works and see how our stuff works with them.”

The objective of the exercise was to provide firefighters with the basic knowledge, techniques and principles as they pertain to coordinated attack and firefighting tactics in regards to the MSA. Another purpose was to provide joint mutual aid training to ensure effective, compatible, uniform operations between ACFD and 171st Air Refueling Wing.

“Coordination from outside resources was great. With the Unit Compliance Inspection coming, we need to be ready,” said Lt. Col. Mike Schmidt, anti-terrorism officer, 171st ARW.

“The most important thing with these exercises, isn’t what we do well, it’s what we don’t do well,” said Lt. Col. Chuck Perrott, deputy support group commander, 171st Mission Support Group and Exercise Evaluation Team chief. “Once we start doing this regularly, we will continue to improve. This was a great start. I really appreciated it.”



171st Civil Engineering Squadron conducted a joint mutual aid exercise on April 18. Members of the 171st Fire Department joined with the local county fire department, security forces, and other base resources to execute several processes involved in a successful response. (US Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Stacey Barkey)

7th Annual JROTC competition

by Staff Sgt. Ivyann Castillo, 171st Public Affairs

Approximately 350 Junior ROTC students from nine different high schools near Pittsburgh and surrounding areas including West Virginia participated in the annual all day event here, April 29.

Each JROTC detachment had to compete against each other in several events such as the large group formation, honor guard event and the Recruiter's Challenge.

The Recruiter's Challenge consisted of a Self Aid-Buddy Care (SABC) Relay Race, Chemical Defense ensemble donning challenge and finally the male and female push-up challenge.

Cadet Alan Erb from West Mifflin High School JROTC sang the national anthem before the competition began.

In conjunction with the ground activities, each school selected two seniors to fly on the KC-135 Stratotanker. In all, 19 seniors were permitted to fly on the KC-135 and watch the F-22 Raptor refueling in mid-air.

All students on the ground put on their game faces and competed to the best of their abilities. However, there is only one winner in this challenge.

Ambridge High School won the large group formation and Lewis County High School took the lead in the honor guard competition.

For the Recruiter's Challenge, West Mifflin High School won for SABC relay race, and Penn Hills High School scored highest in the Chemical Defense ensemble challenge. For the push-up event, Cadet Cameron Pawlowski, from Penn Hills High School won for the most male push-ups and Cadet Allison Hamilton from Valley High School won for the most female push-ups.

The overall winning school was West Mifflin High School.

"I was overly impressed with the honor guard competition, and only wish that there were awards to be presented to all those who competed," stated Senior Master Sgt. Eggert, superintendent,



Local JROTC groups attend the annual JROTC Day at the 171st Air Refueling Wing, Pittsburgh, Pa. where they competed against each other April 29. Local high school students represent their school during the drill competition for JROTC Day. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sara Kaufman)

171st Security Forces Squadron. "I think it's wonderful and a true blessing that these young men and women are as dedicated as they are."

After the seniors returned from their flight, they joined their fellow cadets on the ground for a static display tour as well as a recruiting information session, explaining different careers in the Air and Army National Guard. In addition, the ARNG provided some challenge games and displays for the students.

"This was a great opportunity for the different junior ROTC students to display what they learned to our unit as well as their fellow competing schools," said Maj. Janet Van Dyke, pilot, 171st Operations Group.

"The event also promotes the Air National Guard with a fun day of activities not just with competing, but to include an orientation flight for members of each school," said Master Sgt. Suzanne Smith, senior recruiter, 171st Misson Support Group.

Faster processing line for deployers

by Tech. Sgt. Stacy Gault,
171st Public Affairs

For all those deploying in the following months, there have been changes to processing line procedures. Numerous processing lines were condensed into one, occurring a few days before leaving.

"What took two hours to complete, now only takes one," said Chief Master Sgt. Brian Olander, director, 171st Military Personnel Flight.

As a result, deployers are now expected to complete their checklists before processing to allow the line to serve as a final check and to take care of any last minute issues.

"We've taken more than 100 issues and cut it back to approximately 20," said Olander. "Also, the condensed schedule allows traditional guardmembers working the line to help the largest number of people in the shortest amount of time."

These changes will continue with future processing lines to save time and make the procedure easier on deployers and briefers.



1st Lt. Darren Rogers, medical administrative officer, 171st Medical Group assists in making the processing line for deployers to move quicker by reviewing their records. (U.S. Air force photo by Staff Sgt. Sara Kaufman)



From the Chaplain's office

by Maj. Jonathan Bell, 171st Chaplain's Office

Many of you know that the Chaplain's office is here to help you with spiritual guidance, provide religious services, or just lend an ear to hear your concerns, worries, and issues. But, we also like to lighten things up a bit with our quirky sense of humor.

Of all of our characteristics, our sense of humor is the one most of us fall back on when things get rough.

While we are able, in different ways to cope with the stress of our daily lives, the stress of a deployment, or the stress of the unknown, our sense of humor helps us to stay sane.

With that, the Chaplain's Office presents our top eleven church bulletin bloopers. These are actual entries as they appeared in local church bulletins.

11. *The sermon this morning... "Jesus walks on water." The sermon for tonight... "Searching for Jesus."*
10. *Ladies... don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.*
9. *Don't let worry kill you off - let the church help.*
8. *Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.*
7. *A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.*
6. *At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What is Hell?" Come early and listen to the choir practice.*
5. *Potluck supper Sunday at 5p.m. Prayer and medication to follow.*
4. *This evening at 7p.m. there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin...*
3. *Low self esteem support group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.*
2. *Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.*

And the number one church bulletin blooper...

1. *The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours."*

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Please do not send any e-mails to Ray Long. Due to recent personal events, he has not been at the office for the last two months. If you have any requests or any questions, please contact Jim Fuchs at the above number. Sorry for the inconvenience.

We broke the record for our April brunch with 73 attendees which is an increase from the normal 50 retirees. Because we weren't used to such a large group, we did not have enough handouts to pass out during the brunch. We do have more at the office, so please contact us if you were interested in any of the information provided. Thanks to everyone who attended. We hope to continue seeing such a large group in the future. The next brunch will be July 19, 11 a.m. Hoss' Steak House, Beaver Grade Rd., Coraopolis.

Military Discounts: Lowes and Home Depot are offering a 10% discount to all active, reserve, guard and retired military members when you show your ID card. The discount is not valid with clearance or sale items.

Recent Retirees: Senior Master Sgt. Scott Schluter and Master Sgt. Donald Ramsey retired in April and we thank them both for their service.

Lastly, we extend our sympathies to the families and friends of the late Master Sgt. Walter R. Kuczma, Master Sgt. Charles N. Brown Jr., Chief Master Sgt. Anton Leban and Lt. Col. Frank A. Johnson. They all served in the Guard faithfully during their service.

As always, if there is anything our office can do to assist your needs, or if you have any suggestions, please let us know.

Construction for new commissary expected next spring

The new military commissary is in the works to begin its groundbreaking construction during Spring of 2011 at the 316th Army Reserve Base near Business Route 60 and University Boulevard.

There are also plans to have an additional facility for a post exchange, but additional funds for the site are still being addressed.

Building designs for the 43,000 square-foot building will be announced this summer, and will replace a commissary and post exchange at the Charles Kelly Support facility in Oakdale.

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New electronic health assessment now in use

by Maj. Katherine Boyle, 171st Medical Group

The annual Preventative Health Assessment (PHA) is a DOD requirement for all Air National Guard members in order to remain world-wide qualified. The format for this has recently changed to an all-electronic version. This must be completed prior to your yearly appointment in the 171st Medical Group.

At least 30 days before your birthday visit the website for the Air Force web-based Health Assessment <https://afwebha.brooks.af.mil>. This link is CAC-enabled and is only accessible from a base computer, through a home CAC reader or through the Air Force Portal under featured links for fitness and health. It is self-explanatory and can be accomplished in less than 30 minutes.

Once you have finished answering the questions, print out the summary at the end of the program and bring it with you to your appointment.

All responses are confidential and should be answered honestly. A medical provider will review your answers and go over any areas of concern with you. Several questions allow you the option of discussing information with your civilian primary care provider.

The concluding health summary will identify areas where you may need additional health counseling or duty modifications. All information is secured in your medical file and is protected under federal privacy laws. You should also personally ensure your printed file is not misplaced or viewed by others to maintain your medical privacy.

The link for the PHA website is available on the Steel Web for easy access. Please have this form completed in full before reporting for your PHA as computer access in the Medical Group is limited. For further information please call 1st Lt. Darren Rogers at 412-776-7670.

All members are reminded that medical records are not to be taken outside the 171st MDG under any circumstances.

New local tax laws for 171st military members

by Capt. Shawn Boyle, 171st Judge Advocate

Changes are coming to local taxes for active duty service. Pennsylvania Senator Pippy's office provided the legal office with some intriguing information relating to local taxes that will affect us all within the next couple of years.

As many of you are aware the current Pennsylvania statute excludes active duty military pay from the collection of local Earned Income Tax (EIT).

Active duty is not defined by the statute ~ given the plain meaning of the words, there is no distinguishing between active duty for training or active duty in support of ongoing operations (title 10 or title 32).

In 2008 with an effective date in 2012, the Pennsylvania Legislature enacted Act 32 to provide for the collection of EIT on a county-wide basis and defined earned income with no specific exclusion for active duty service.

As a result of the new law, effective in the year 2012 active duty performed in the commonwealth will be subject to tax at the local level. So make sure you take advantage of the savings now. Many of you have asked the legal office if it was possible to amend local tax returns for prior years. The answer is yes for a period of 3 years. In this economy every dollar is needed.

Congratulations on your promotion!



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Welcome to the 171st

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Need your donations

The 171st will be deploying to Guam in July and August. In addition to flying operations in Guam, members also volunteer in support of the local area.

Working alongside the Andersen Air Force Base Chaplain, Pittsburgh will be helping out the Machinnano Village. This are a small poverty stricken village comprised of families from neighboring islands who have traveled to Guam for work. The hardest hit demographic is kindergarten through fifth grade, due to a 2002 tsunami. They could use clothing (children and adults), books, school supplies and requirements for basic hygiene.

If you would like to help the wing "leave Guam a better place than we found it," please contact Master Sgt. John Buckwalter at 412-916-3678 or Master Sgt. Andrea Henry at 412-215-4363. Any help would be sincerely appreciated.

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Children enjoy sleepover at the Carnegie Science Center

by Master Sgt. Stacy Barkey, 171st Public Affairs



Nathan Barkey learned and interacted with several displays during the sleepover at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh April 24. (U.S. Air Force photo by Master Sgt. Stacey Barkey)

Pennsylvania's youngest heroes were honored when they attended a sleepover at the Carnegie Science Center in Pittsburgh, April 25. Children of military members were invited to learn about robots and even make their own Bot-Building challenge.

When asked what her favorite part was about the Robo Challenge Sleepover, six year old Kailey Barkey exclaimed, "I loved everything!"

The event was organized by Susan Smith, coordinator, Pa. Operation Military Kids, (OMK) as well as 171st Air Refueling Wing's Family Readiness Program Manager, Deborah Krall.

The focus of the event was to allow military families to interact with each other while they worked together to discover new things. OMK also provides opportunities such as this one, to help families grow in their understanding and supporting roles.

About 122 participants attended this year with over a third of attendees from the 171st ARW.

The children were given a stuffed animal and a certificate in celebration of April's Month of the Military Child, as well special recognition for being one of 30,000 military children in Pennsylvania.

At the science center, they were given the opportunity to view "Shackleton's Antarctic Adventure" in the Omnimax theatre, a Buhl Digital Dome Show, and a puppet show.

"I would highly recommend this event to other families," said Lt. Col. Thomas Jess, judge advocate, 171st ARW. "If there is another opportunity, we'll definitely go."

Jess attended the event with his wife Patricia, and their children, Carlos, 12, and Sammy, 7.

"I was at the OMK 2011 budget meeting and funds have already been requested for the April 2011 sleepover," said Krall. "The program will be revamped to allow teens to have their own evening event at the center."

Orientation Flight schedule for 2010 planned

July 15	Educator Flight
August 5 (evening)	Educator Flight
August 19 (evening)	Employer Flight
September 23	Spouse Flight
October 14	Clergy Flight
November 12	Veterans Flight

To submit an individual for one of the flights above, please email the following information to Public Affairs, 171.arw.pa@ang.af.mil :

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