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# Get Ready for a Busy New Year and Take Care of PII

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and their time off, because the next month or so promises to be as busy as ever.

In January we will begin another installation and operational testing phase of the Battle Control System – Fixed. This will be followed quickly by two major security events, the President's State of Union address and the Super Bowl.

This year's Super Bowl is being held outdoors in the New York City metropolitan area. Combine the security concerns created by holding one of the nation's most visible events in the world's most prominent city with unpredictable early February weather and it gets complicated fast. I have no doubt that we're up to the task, but this one is different from past events and I want everyone to be prepared and vigilant.

## 2013 is Over

At the end of each year, it's common practice to spend a little time reflecting on the past year. For EADS, 2013 was a challenging one. Travel and operating funds were limited, our civilian workforce was furloughed for six days, and we endured a government shutdown.

The good news is that 2014 should be smoother. Not necessarily better, but smoother. The two-year budget deal Congress agreed to in early December provides greater certainty and will limit some of the effects of

sequestration.

This does not mean, however, that we're back to the "old way" of doing business. In fact, the "old way" doesn't exist anymore. Money is still limited and we will continue to scrutinize every



**Col. Dawne Deskins**  
EADS Commander

expenditure. If a project or activity is not mission critical, then we probably aren't going to do it.

## Safeguarding PII is Vital

Interconnected computer networks have made sharing data and records simple and fast. But it's also made it far easier to lose or compromise personally identifiable information (PII). Because of this, the Air Force has instituted new

measures to ensure that this information is protected.

These new actions are in addition to the normal Privacy Act protections and Air Force Instructions currently governing PII. The biggest change is that individuals who inappropriately store and transmit PII over the Air Force Network will now have their accounts locked in response to the violation.

While the new emphasis is driven by technology, it also applies to paper documents and is going to force all of us to change our behavior. The way we handle recall rosters and resumes, for instance, is going to have to change.

Master Sgt. Brenda Baxter, our knowledge management NCOIC, has an article on page 5 detailing the steps that need to be taken to meet the new rules. Everyone needs to read this article and contact Master Sgt. Baxter if questions remain.

## Congratulations to Lt. Ortiz

2nd Lt. Jose Ortiz finished the Air Battle Management Course at Tyndall AFB earlier this month and received the Yukla 27 award during graduation. The award recognizes the student who exemplifies the Air Force's core values of service before self, integrity and excellence and is voted on by the instructors and students. Winning the award is a great accomplishment. Please take the time to personally congratulate Lt. Ortiz when you see him.

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## 2013: Extra Effort Was Noticed and Appreciated

Happy Holidays Everyone!

It has been an amazing year. We've overcome every obstacle you can throw our way with pride and a great amount of professionalism. We've had to face high operations tempo, new systems, new buildings, new cables, sequestration, and a government shutdown. Our recruiting efforts have paid off significantly; we continue to recruit the sharpest of young airmen and through them we will continue to grow some of the finest in the NY ANG. It is your efforts that have made all of this happen. No one section or person does this on their own, professionally and personally we take care of the mission and each other.

I am fortunate to sit in a position that enables me to watch the unique group of folks we have and the talents they bring with them. Your hard work in every aspect of your careers is evident in our successes. We continue to receive awards and be recognized and applauded by many of our leaders.

Your willingness to volunteer and help others in our communities is overwhelming. We continue to be proud of the selfless hours and days you donate to those in need. I have never seen more caring and concerned folks than I have seen this year.

At EVERY charity, event and fundraiser we saw more participation this year than we have in year's past. Our Washington, D.C. folks continue to support many organizations and locally we've supported and organized the Make it-Bake it-Fake it, gave 406 Thanksgiving Baskets to the less fortunate, put on successful children's and staff Christmas Party, rang the bell for the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Drive, volunteered in the Salvation Army Distribution Day, caroled for the elderly and laid wreaths in local cemeteries as part of the Wreaths Across America project. And this is just what we did in the last two months. On top of all that you continue to perform our around the clock, no fail mission. You are nothing less than amazing!

Continue to look out for those you work with and continue to take care of each other. Speaking on behalf of the chiefs, we are very proud to work with all of you in the defense of our country and we look forward to what the New Year has in store for us! Be Safe and THANK YOU!



**Chief Master Sgt.  
Maureen Dooley**



**On the cover:** Maj. Aaron Mahoney and Tech. Sgt. Nino Camuglia fold the flag during the annual Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day ceremony at Rome's Memorial Park. Photo courtesy of Maj. Aaron Mahoney.

## Budget Woes Causing Air Force to Refine Funding Priorities

By Jim Garamone, American Forces Press Service



Gen. Mark A. Welsh

WASHINGTON (AFNS) -- Budget battles are causing tectonic shifts in the Air Force, the service's leaders said recently during a Pentagon news conference.

Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, the Air Force chief of staff, said in a Dec. 13 Pentagon news conference held with outgoing Acting Air Force Secretary Eric Fanning, that even with some relief from sequestration, the service will pay the bills via force structure, modernization and readiness.

How this occurs will affect what the service will look like in 2023, when sequestration ends, they said.

The proposed budget deal making its way through Congress would mitigate some near-term readiness problems, Welsh said, and Air Force leaders will put any money Congress approves beyond sequestration into training and maintenance accounts.

Still, he said, this doesn't change the long-term picture, noting that sequestration poses a "Sophie's Choice" dilemma for the Air Force. Does the service choose to keep near-term readiness high at the expense of force modernization, or vice versa? "That's the balance we're trying to walk," Welsh said.

One example of this conundrum is the close-air support mission. The Air Force is studying proposals on how best to carry out this core mission, the general said. One proposal would eliminate the A-10 Thunderbolt II close-air support aircraft -- the aircraft Welsh flew as a young pilot.

If money were no object, the A-10 would be a great platform to retain, the general said. But money is tight, he noted, and will be tighter.

"To pay our \$12 billion-a-year bill toward sequestration, we have got to find savings in big chunks," Welsh said. "That's the problem. And that's what all these discussions are based on. It's not about a specific platform. It's about balancing the mission sets."

The Air Force ultimately will replace the A-10 with the F-35 Lightning II joint strike fighter, Welsh said. "That plan hasn't changed."

The general said other aircraft, F-16s, B-1s and B-52s, provide roughly 75 percent of the close-air support in Afghanistan today. "We have a lot of airplanes that can perform that mission and perform it well," he said. "Those other aircraft do other things for us."

Saving money also is important, he said.

"To do that, you have to start talking about fleet divestitures, because you have to get rid of the infrastructure behind the aircraft -- the logistics tail, the supply systems, the facilities that do all the logistical support and depot maintenance, et cetera," he said. "That's where you create big savings."

Changing force structure also will change the service, and this is inevitable, Welsh said.

"We will have to draw down people -- both the tooth and the tail that comes with that force structure," he added.

Personnel policies will be used to shape the force, and the service is getting these policies out to Airmen now so they can make informed decisions, Welsh said.

"We'd love to get all this done with voluntary force-shaping measures over a period of time," he said. "If we ... have to take involuntary measures, I would like everyone to have at least six months of time to talk to their family (and) to think about the impact this could have on them."

# How to Protect Personal Information in Your Work Center

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

You work hard, you follow the rules, you pay your bills and you are in control of your life, right? Are you sure?

Every day there are reports of identity theft affecting innocent people. In 2012 there was one incident of identity fraud every three seconds. Take a step back for a moment and think about how you manage Personally Identifiable Information (PII). Do you share a workspace? Are there piles of paperwork sitting around? Are there Privacy Act cover sheets protecting PII paperwork? Is the paperwork ever left unattended? When you take work home, does it include PII and do you protect it? Do you limit e-mailing PII and if you have to do you mark and encrypt every time? These are just a couple of questions you should be asking yourself every day when you handle someone's personal information.



The unit can give you all the information in the world on how to safeguard PII information but if each person doesn't protect the information it doesn't matter. YOU are the first step in safeguarding information. So how do you do this?

Ensure that every recipient of PII has a need-to-know. Before sending an e-mail, verify that the distribution list is only for those individuals with a need-to-know. Other safeguards include:

- Ensure that telephone conversations are private. Be aware of your surroundings. Land lines are preferred over cell phones
- Beware of the surrounding environment when engaging in personal conversations involving PII. Can you be overheard and does that person have a need to know? If not, ensure these conversations are kept private
- Check that information containing PII is necessary for the task. As Privacy Act policy, consider whether a task can be completed without including PII
- Consult your Component Privacy Officer (Tech. Sgt. Ashforth) before collecting PII
- Properly mark all copies of documents containing PII as "Privacy Act Sensitive"
- If a need-to-know has been established for PII, verify that data retrieved is accurate, complete, relevant and timely
- Encrypt all e-mails that include PII
- Use only DoD-approved software on your computer
- Confirm fax numbers, use cover sheets, and obtain transmission confirmation when faxing
- Never use personal equipment to store PII
- Ensure that information is from the authorized official source instead of from someone's personal spreadsheet

Knowledge Operations (SCXK) is your first source to check with when you aren't sure how to safeguard information in your work center. We are located in Building 703, second floor, across from the JAG's office. We also have a wealth of information on SharePoint under the SCXK page, as well as on the K drive in the SCXK folder. Just click on the "Privacy Act" folder.

As a parting thought, protect PII information as you want others to protect yours. We all want to get to our golden years with what we have worked for. Don't give it to the thieves.



## Central New York Congressional Delegation Tours JADOC

Three New York congressmen toured the Joint Air Defense Operations Center in Washington, D.C. on Dec. 2. Arranged by the New York National Guard, the tour gave Rep. Richard Hanna (NY-22), Rep. Dan Maffei (NY-24) and Rep. Bill Owens (NY-23) a first-hand look at what takes place at the JADOC every day. Pictured above are Hanna, Maffei and Owens with soldiers from Task Force Artemis of the 164th Air Defense Artillery Brigade, Florida National Guard. *Photo courtesy of Sean Snyder, Rep. Richard Hanna's office.*

## EADS in 2013: By the Numbers

- Detected, tracked, reported and assessed 73,244 unknowns, an average of 201 per day
- Worked 563 tracks of interest
- Responded to 2,737 no radio (NORDO) calls from FAA
- Enforced 59 temporary flight restricted airspaces (TFRs) for Presidential flights and other significant events
- Directed and controlled 8 fighter intercepts of TFR violators
- Conducted air defense operations for Presidential visits at Camp David, Md. for 7 days and at Martha's Vineyard, Mass. for 10 days
- Conducted air defense operations for United Nations General Assembly for 10 days
- Directed and controlled 328 practice scrambles
- Conducted 121 Fertile Keynote exercises (practice scrambles with Civil Air Patrol aircraft as TOIs)
- Conducted more than 300 crew exercises
- Facilitated/conducted/participated in more an 150 EADS and HHQ CVX exercises
- Integrated 72 E-3 AWACS missions into EADS air picture
- Vigorously tested/validated Battle Control System – Fixed (BCS-F) design, conducting more than 1,600 hours of system administrator tests
- EADS Detachment 2 conducted 16 unit outreach visits to reduce NCR military violators
- Processed 77,414 airspace scheduling requests
- Completed new \$13.1 million, 22,000 square-foot JADOC at Joint Base Anacostia-Bolling, Washington, D.C. Occupancy is scheduled to begin in Feb. 2014 with the facility becoming fully mission capable in mid-June
- Completed \$1.4 million, 3,000 square-foot server room addition to SOCC in May 2013
- Started new \$1.6 million Entry Control Point project in October
- Provided final honors at 37 veterans funerals in Central New York

## Lt. Jose Ortiz Receives Yukla 27 Award at ABM School

by Tim Jones, EADS Public Affairs

2nd Lt. Jose Ortiz received the prestigious Yukla 27 award at the Undergraduate Air Battle Manager Training Course graduation on Dec. 4 at Tyndall AFB, Fla.

The nine-month ABM course trains Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard officers in the command and control of aircraft and weapon systems. The Yukla 27 award is presented to the student who exemplifies the Air Force's core values of integrity, service and excellence and is chosen by course instructors and fellow students. The award takes its name from the call sign of an E-3 airborne warning and control aircraft (AWACS) that crashed in 1995 at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska.

"Being publicly recognized by your peers for selflessness, integrity and dedication is an extraordinary honor and one few officers ever receive," said Col. Dawne L. Deskins, EADS Commander. "I'm extremely proud of Lt. Ortiz and congratulate him on the behalf of the entire unit on this remarkable accomplishment."

Lt. Ortiz is the second EADS officer in three years to win the Yukla 27 award. Lt. Jason Cole was the 2011 recipient. *Photo courtesy of 2nd Lt. Jose Ortiz.*



2nd Lt. Jose Ortiz

## Rome Ceremony Marks Veterans Day and Remembrance Day



LCol Kyle Paul, CO of the Canadian Force, Rome Detachment, was the special guest speaker on Nov. 11 at the City of Rome's combined Veteran's Day/Remembrance Day ceremony. Held at the city's Memorial Park, the ceremony attracted nearly 400 spectators and participants. At right, Col. Wendel Smith, Deputy Commander for Operations, and Master Sgt. John Mills, EADS 1st Sgt., lay a memorial wreath as part of the ceremony. *Photos by Tim Jones*

# Be Prepared for Winter Hazards

By Capt. Claude Hibbert, EADS Safety Officer

Winter is a wonderful time of year. Spending time with your family, the many holidays, the New Year, snow and the warmth from a fireplace all remind us of the upcoming season. But, as with any time of the year, there are specific things we need to be aware of to keep our family safe and injury-free.

- Home fires are more prevalent in the winter months than any other season. Cooking is the leading cause of all winter residential building fires. Other winter fire hazards include space heaters, fireplaces and candles.
- The cold weather increases your chances of getting frostbite or hypothermia. Between the years of 1999-2004, an average of 647 people died each year from hypothermia.
- In 2009, over 16,000 Americans were treated for head injuries in emergency rooms because of playing winter sports (skiing, sledding, snowboarding, snowmobiling).
- Fatal crashes were 14 percent more likely to happen on the first snowy day of the season than on days following. It takes drivers a few days to regain their sense of driving in this weather.
- According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), most carbon monoxide poisonings happen in January; the second most in December. Carbon monoxide detectors save lives, but less than one-third of American homes have one installed.

Information for this article was provided by the National Safety Council ([www.nsc.org](http://www.nsc.org)).

## *EADS 5th Annual Awards Banquet*

Friday January 17th 2014 The Radisson Hotel Utica, NY

Social Hour: 1800 Dinner: 1900

Dress: Military: Officers - Formal  
Enlisted: Formal or Semi-Formal  
Civilian & Guests: Semi-Formal

Prices:	E-6/GS6 & Below	\$25
	E-7/GS7—E-9/GS-11	\$35
	Officers/GS-12 & Above	\$45

Musical Entertainment to follow formal presentations

Tickets On Sale Now Through 15 January at:

- Comm Focal Point/ Chief Dooley — Bldg. 700
- CC Support Staff - Bldg. 703
- A Flight: SMSgt Rojo
- B Flight: SMSgt David
- C Flight: SMSgt Cavalier



# Time to Work on Family Care Plans

by Master Sgt. John Mills, EADS 1st Sgt.

While it may seem like an obvious thing to most of us, having a plan to deal with an emergency is something we often don't think about until we really need it. Checklists exist specifically to ensure all necessary actions are taken during a time when people really need to make good decisions quickly. The Family Care Plan is one such checklist, as is the Emergency Locator Card. Both are good tools that enable us to get important information out in a timely manner. Like any tool, using the one that best fits the job will facilitate getting the project done quickly and efficiently.

As your First Sergeant, I play an important role in getting the right tool into action whenever one of us needs it, but I can't use what I don't have. In the upcoming weeks, I will begin creating a database to complement our Emergency Locator and Family Care Plans. This will be used in case one of our members is unable to make contact with designated individuals. This could be to let the school know your kids need to get on a different bus and go to a friend's house, or perhaps to call a spouse/partner at a number not listed in our recall or alpha roster (like work or mobile numbers). I would like to reinforce that this list is not intended for any other purpose than to make contact with someone you've designated in the event that you can't do it for yourself. This is a simple and inexpensive insurance policy to bring you peace of mind during a stressful event. One thing to remember is that insurance is only valid BEFORE the crash. We can't call someone if we don't have the means to do it and I am encouraging everyone to consider this carefully.



Master Sgt. John Mills



## Volunteers Build and Deliver More Than 400 Thanksgiving Baskets

Nearly 70 EADS volunteers helped the Rome Rescue Mission build and deliver 406 Thanksgiving Day baskets for local families. The process consisted of filling boxes, laid out on the floor of a local warehouse, with items from a shopping list. Turkeys were added when the boxes were distributed to the families.

In the top photo, volunteers set out canned goods and boxed foods. In the bottom photos, Master Sergeants Michael Philpott, Geoff Christian and Mark Armitage load boxes with food items.

*Photos by Tim Jones*





## EADS Supports Wreaths Across America

Nearly a dozen EADS volunteers braved the 10-degree weather on Dec. 14 to lay memorial wreaths on veterans' graves in Rome as part of the Wreaths across America project. Left picture, Sr. Master Sgt. Terry Hughes participates in the opening ceremony. Right photo: Maj. Rex Vernales lays a wreath on a veteran's grave. *Photos by Master Sgt. John Mills.*



## Movember Contest Raises \$200 for Men's Health

The Junior Enlisted Council's Movember mustache campaign raised \$200 for the charity, which focuses on raising awareness of men's health issues. Participants pictured are Lt. Col. Emil Filkorn, Master Sgt. Geoffrey Christian, Tech. Sgt. Bryan Severs, Capt. Peter Ryan, CF; Capt. Todd Walter, CF; Lt. Col. Paul Bishop, Staff Sgt. Eric Lewis and Tech. Sgt. Kim Jones. Winners were announced in three categories: best, worst and creepiest. The best mustache went to Capt. Walter. Tech. Sgt. Dereck Blackburn had the creepiest and Lt. Col. Bishop had the worst. *Information provided by Tech. Sgt. Matt Pelland. Photo by Tim Jones.*

## Congratulations Corner



*Photo submitted by Lani Hale*

Aaron Tarbania, son of DS secretary Lani Hale, recently won second place in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2246 Patriot Pen contest for his essay “What Patriotism Means to Me.” Aaron received a \$50 gift certificate during the awards ceremony on Dec. 15. Pictured with him is Danielle Brain, essay contest coordinator, and Willie Fletcher, Commander, VFW Post 2246.

## Hail and Farewell

EADS welcomes Sr. Airman Nancy Peterson, Tech. Sgt. Clifford Fallico, Airman 1st Class Daniel Long, Sr. Airman Andrew McNamara and Sr. Airman Philip Chan...and bids a fond farewell to Sr. Airman Tim Allen, Tech. Sgt. Brian Ray and Staff Sgt. Randy Rose.

## And a special EADS welcome to...

**Paige Ramie**, daughter of Master Sgt. Brad Ramie and his wife, Dee Dee, born on Dec. 5.

**Amelia Ann Stanbro**, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Stanbro and his wife Cheryl, born on Dec. 6.

**Jordan James Blackburn**, daughter of Staff Sgt. Dereck Blackburn and Staff Sgt. Rachel Blackburn, born on Dec. 17.

### New Huntress Club Officers

Master Sgt. Mark Armitage has been elected Huntress Club Vice President and Tech. Sgt. Nicholas Johns is the new Treasurer. Tech. Sgt. Jason Rutherford continues as President.

### EADS Toys for Tots Drive a Success

EADS Airmen and civilians donated 200 toys and \$300 to the Toys for Tots program this year. A Marine Corps-affiliated program operated locally by the Marine Corps League, this annual project provides toys for underprivileged children at Christmas.

### Former EADS Chaplain Hunsinger Wins Witherspoon Award

Capt. Mark Hunsinger, formerly the chaplain at EADS, won the National Bible Association's Witherspoon Award on Nov. 21. The award recognizes the outstanding chaplain in each military service. Hunsinger is currently the chaplain at the 1st Special Operations Wing.

*-Item provided by former EADS Chaplain, Lt. Col. Todd Luce, Division Chief, Plans and Programs, ANG Chaplain Corps*

## Children's Christmas Party



*Photos by Tech. Sgt. Kim D'agata*

More than 100 children and parents attended EADS annual Children's Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 7, at the Family Readiness Group. Master Sgt. John Mills, EADS First Sgt., coordinated the event and thanks everyone who helped. This includes Santa (Staff Sgt. Kevin Ammer), Mrs. Claus (Tech. Sgt. Leah Richmond); organizers Master Sgt. Amy Taylor and Tech. Sgt. Amy Ough,; the wrapping and set-up crew: Tech. Sgt. Cathy Barney, Tech. Sgt. Jason Barton, Staff Sgt. Trisha Nelson, Airman 1st Class Tracy Clarke, and Airman 1st Class Allyssa Wright; and Tech. Sgt. Kim D'agata, who took photos at the event.

Pictured above is one guy who was not impressed with Santa, 14-month-old Callum Walter, son of Canadian Capt. Todd Walter. In the bottom photo is Ahria LeAnn Merry, daughter of Staff Sgt. Casey Merry, who thoroughly enjoyed her time with Santa.