

## **2016 SMOKY MOUNTAIN AIR SHOW** WILL FEATURE THE BLUE ANGELS



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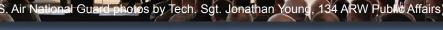
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## Press Conference Held to Announce 2016 Smoky Mtn Air Show

A press conference was held at McGhee Tyson ANG Base on Tues. Jan. 6 where Col. Thomas Cauthen, 134 ARW Commander announced the dates for the 2016 Smoky Mountain Air Show. The dates for the show are April 16-17 and the U.S. Navy Blue Angels Demonstration Team will be headlining the event. On hand for the press conference were Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Knoxville Mayor Madeline Rogero, Blount County Mayor Ed Mitchell and Knoxville Metropolitan Airport Authority President Bill Marrison. Col. Cauthen stated that it had been fifteen years since the last air show at the base.







### New Hampshire National Guard Officer Convicted of HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Submitted by Lt. Col. James Blanton, 134 ARW Inspector General

# CONVICTED

On November 21, 2014, a federal jury in San Antonio, TX convicted New Hampshire National Guard Officer Lt. Col. Raymond Valas of participating in the sex trafficking of minors. Valas, was charged with having sex with a then-15-year-old while in San Antonio for a military conference in August 2013. The girl testified in the trial that Valas paid her for sex twice. Valas said he was interviewing her for research on a paper on sex trafficking while an Army War College fellow at Syracuse University.

According to the San Antonio Express-News, four New Hampshire National Guard officers testified on Valas' behalf and said they did not have problems with his interactions with prostitutes or that they needed to know more about the context.

The U.S. Attorney's office in San Antonio said the jury found Valas knowingly had sex with the minor twice while on temporary duty. Valas also was convicted of using the Internet to solicit the minor for paid sex. (Stars and Stripes 2014) Photo by: Mark Wyatt, USAF



Lt Col Valas, due to his criminal actions, has lost his freedom and thrown away a successful military career in the National Guard because of his involvement in human trafficking. But the greatest travesty in this case is that he chose to victimize a child rather than help her escape a dreadful situation and find help. Even as alarming as Lt Col Valas' actions are the allegations that four more National Guard officers testified on his behalf and said they "did not have problems with his interactions with prostitutes or that they needed to know more about the context."

Lt Col Valas' legacy will not be of a decorated combat Infantryman, Army Officer, veteran, or hero but as a felon and a sexual predator of children. The DoD, HAF, and the 134 ARW/CC have established a strict "zero tolerance" policy regarding military personnel's involvement in all forms of human trafficking and there are no gray areas. You must choose your role as a protector of those being victimized or a predator. If you suspect human trafficking in your area please contact your local law enforcement agency or the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation at 1800-TBI-FIND. If you have further questions about human trafficking or this article please contact Lt Col. James Blanton, 134 ARW/IGQ,CTIP Coordinator at 336-4444. Just as a reminder, for those scheduled for OCONUS TDY/deployment, you must a TIP Training with the past 365 days (AFI 36-2931).





## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TIPS**

By Master Sgt. Steven J. Breeden, 134 ARW Emergency Management

Oh, the weather outside is frightful, but the fire is so delightful, and since we've no place to go, Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow! This could be a common theme this winter. So, with that I have some ideas to keep you safe. It is a good idea to keep a winter emergency kit in your vehicles. This can include a blanket, flashlight, bottled water, and a bottle of de-icer. At your home you should also have suitable canned

food, bottled water, and an alternate heating source. Remember to keep supplies that do not require electricity. Everyone knows being "snowed in" is a great avenue for enjoying family time with board games and snowman building. But remember, we can only start to enjoy it if we are all prepared!

There will be a Base Orientation Flight on Thurs. Feb 5. Any Airman who may be interested in observing an aerial refueling should contact their group commander for more information.





Submitted by the 134 ARW Recruiting Office

#### Student Flight – Listen Up!

\*\*\***Pre-BMT class** – You will report to the FSS breakroom in the Headquarters building for roll call on **SATURDAY** of each drill at **1300**. This is a **mandatory** class **(as directed by Col. Cauthen)** until you ship out to BMT. You must report to roll call in order to get paid. Any absence must be cleared prior to roll-call through the recruiting office supervisor, Master Sgt. Curtis LaRue.

\*\*\***In-processing checklist - Saturday** at **1230** of your first drill weekend you are required to report to the Public Affairs/Multimedia Photo Studio (in the headquarters building) to have your **portrait** taken. This photo is **mandatory** in order to complete your in-processing checklist.

\*\*\*Security Clearance Process - All new enlistees please ensure you have logged onto <u>www.opm.gov/e-</u> <u>quip</u>, to initiate your clearance. Once you have logged on, you have 60 DAYS to complete this. This is a mandatory item. Failure to complete on time will result in a counseling session with the Force Support Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Dean Thiele. Note: answer 'unknown' the first time and only the first time you answer the question 'place of birth.'

To Contact the Recruiters: Call DSN 266 or (865) 336-3242, 3257, 3258, or 3262; or go to: http://www.134arw. ang.af.mil/careers/index.asp



SATURDAY UTA 0815-1130 HOURS PHAS 0815-0845 HOURS FLU SHOTS 0830-0850 HOURS FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATIONS 0830-0930 HOURS NEW ACCESSION ORIENTATION (MDG TRAINING ROOM) 0830-1130 HOURS IMMUNIZATIONS 0830-1130 HOURS QNFT TESTING 0900-1100 HOURS ALL DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING/ANAM TESTING (TBD) 1000-1100 HOURS FITNESS TESTING EVALS (COLLINS) 1130-1230 HOURS LUNCH 1230-1400 HOURS WAIVER/MEDCON/LOD APPS W /DOCS & PAS 1300-1430 HOURS IMMUNIZATIONS 1300-1400 HOURS DEPLOYMENT HEALTH ASSESSMENTS (WILLIAMS)

#### SUNDAY UTA

CLOSED FOR TRAINING WITH EXCEPTION OF FOLLOWING TIMES: 0830-0850 HOURS FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATIONS 1230-1330 HOURS IMMUNIZATIONS



#### PLEASE REMEMBER TO REPORT ALL MEDICATIONS THAT YOU ARE TAKING TO THE MED GROUP IMMEDIATELY!!!

**NOTE 1:** INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING LIPID TESTS MUST FAST FOR 14 HOURS PRIOR TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

**NOTE 2:** INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT TO CONSUME ANY ALCOHOL FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

**NOTE 3:** IF YOU WEAR GLASSES YOU MUST BRING THEM WITH YOU FOR PHYSICAL. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES FOR EXAM.

**NOTE 4:** IF YOU ARE DEPLOYING, PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CLINIC WELL IN ADVANCE OF DEPARTURE DATE FOR IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENTS.

**NOTE 5:** DNA TESTING IS CONDUCTED FROM 0830 - 1100 HOURS OF SATURDAY UTA. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PERSONNEL REPORT AT SCHEDULED TIME.



By Capt. Jennifer King, 134th Medical Group

Happy New Year! Once again, it's time to look back at the past year in review while looking forward in anticipation of all the blessings we hope the New Year holds. Resolutions are being made and many have already been broken. For the past few years, I have been choosing a word to guide my efforts through each year rather than a specific detailed resolution. Words such as "live" helped me to focus on and enjoy the process. This allowed me to take pride in the small daily victories and keep the momentum going rather than getting bogged down in the fact that the goal wasn't yet met. Another year, I chose the word "breath" as the previous year had been a very taxing one and I recognized that I needed to allow myself to let down a bit if I was going to keep balanced and not burn out.

This year, my inspiration has come from a post shared by one of my military mentors. The post cited a list of 10 things Pope Francis asked Vatican employees to do and they sounded very much like possible new years resolutions. In addition to the general applicability of the list to this article, there were several that seemed to apply specifically to our duties as Air National Guard members as well as our roles in this family.



"Take care of your relationships with others...

"Be careful how you speak ...

"Look after your work, doing it with enthusiasm, humility, competence, passion...

"Watch out for anger that can lead to vengeance...

"Take care of brothers and sisters who are weaker...

The above directives, as well as the others on the list, really impacted me in that while my word for this year was going to be "hope", I've now changed it to "give". I propose to give of myself this year by intentionally acting in ways that take care of the relationships in my life.

How much good would an extra smile for the coworker who is having a really bad week do for them? What about a gentle and loving response to my four-year olds inane question rather than a harsh one? Would there be a visible difference in the quality of and time frame needed to complete my various home, work and guard tasks if I truly gave them my full enthusiasm and passion? Could my world be improved upon by rooting out a bit of anger allowed to linger too long over an old offense?

This year, I chose to make it my mission to take care of not only myself, but also those around me. To give to the best of my ability when I see a need. I encourage you to really think about what area of your life most needs shifting and to then choose a word that will provide the biggest impact on that shift. Write it down and stick it somewhere you will see it daily. Then, go do it and when you fail to do it, change your mind and go do it again. That's how we make each year better than the last.

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# It is **COMING**...

## The Chip and PIN Government Travel Charge Card

On October 17, 2014, President Obama issued an Executive Order requiring federal agencies to upgrade their current payment cards and systems to employ enhanced security features, to include Chip and PIN technology. All DoD GTCC cardholders will begin migrating to Chip and PIN cards beginning in January 2015.

Chip and PIN technology is the next generation of payment card technology being introduced as another tool to help DoD cardholders combat potential fraud. The new cards contain an encrypted microprocessor that requires cardholder authentication via a 4-digit PIN input at the point of sale. The chip also encrypts transaction data to protect the cardholder's personally identifiable information and the Government's sensitive financial information. If the card is lost or stolen, the embedded microchip makes it extremely difficult to counterfeit. Additionally, Chip and PIN cards can be used in regions, like Europe, where Chip technology is already the prevalent point of sale technology.

The cards will continue to include a magnetic stripe for use at non-chip enabled terminals until US merchants transition fully to the new technology.

#### Timeline

Citi will replace all magnetic stripe cards with Chip and PIN cards beginning in January. Between January and June, new cards will be issued to cardholders whose cards are scheduled to expire (after January 2014) or require a replacement card. Starting in July and continuing through October, cards will be reissued to all remaining active DoD accounts. Cardholders with no activity within the last 18 months will receive cards as they expire.

#### **Preparing for Your New Card**

In preparation, cardholders should log into CitiManager to review their mailing address, email address and other contact information.

New Chip and PIN cards will have the same account number (unless it is a replacement card) but the expiration date and threedigit security code on the back will change. It is important that after you activate your new card, that you <u>update your DTS profile</u> with this new information. This will ensure that your Commercial Travel Office does not cancel your travel reservations.

#### **More Information**

Additional communications will be issued in the next few weeks. If you have any questions, please contact For a vour Agency Program Coordinator. listof frequently asked questions. go to: www.defensetravel.dod.mil/Docs/fags\_chip.pdf. Additional information available is also at www.defensetravel.dod.mil. 10

What to Do

1. Review your contact information. Log in to CitiManager,

www.citimanager.com/login and navigate to My Card/Card Maintenance to ensure your mailing, email and other contact information is correct.

- 2. **Call to Activate.** When you receive your card, call to activate it by using the number on the front of the card. It is at this time that you will select your 4-digit pin.
- 3. Update your DTS profile. Update your account information to ensure that your travel reservations are not cancelled.



#### JEAA



The Junior Enlisted Advisory Association welcomes all junior enlisted members to join the group.

All E-1s through E-6s are encouraged to attend. The JEAA meeting will be in the FSS breakroom room on Saturday at 1400. Bring the most new members and win a prize! Hope to see you all there!

## **KNOW WHO TO CALL!**

#### **OPSEC**

Capt. Shawn Poche (865) 336-4151

#### Combatting Trafficking in Persons & Wing Inspector General

Lt. Col. James Blanton (865) 336-4444

#### Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Capt. Stephanie McKeen (865) 336-3277

#### Alt. SARC/TN Join Force Headquarters

MAJ. Scott Villeneueve (615) 347-9372 DoD Safe Hotline: 1-877-995-5247

#### **Director of Psychological Health**

Elizabeth Arnold (865) 201-8129



Saturday:

## Sunday:

Chicken and Dumplings Paprika Beef Rice Cottage Fried Potatoes Carrots Fried Okra Vegetable Beef Soup

Smoked Sausage Mustard-Dill Fish Baked Sweet Potato Halves Brown Rice Black Eyed Peas Collard Greens Pot Liquor Soup

Airman

# **AIRMAN'S CREED**



I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN I AM A WARRIOR I HAVE ANSWERED MY NATION'S CALL

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN MY MISSION IS TO FLY, FIGHT AND WIN I AM FAITHFUL TO A PROUD HERITAGE A TRADITION OF HONOR AND A LEGACY OF VALOR

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN GUARDIAN OF FREEDOM AND JUSTICE MY NATION'S SWORD AND SHIELD ITS SENTRY AND AVENGER I DEFEND MY COUNTRY WITH MY LIFE.

I AM AN AMERICAN AIRMAN WINGMAN, LEADER, WARRIOR I WILL NEVER LEAVE AN AIRMAN BEHIND I WILL NEVER FALTER

AND I WILL NOT FAIL