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BASE SERVICES UPDATE

SANGB adjusts services due to COVID-19

By Phillip Ulmer
Chief of Public Affairs

As of March 20, 2020, in an effort to maintain mission readiness and protect the health of everyone on base, measures are being implemented to minimize the spread of the novel Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). Please look ahead to review temporary services and access adjustments.

CUSTOMER SERVICE PROTOCOL

In order to initiate social distancing and minimize areas where people may group together in lobbies or waiting rooms, all customer support functions within the 127th Wing will be by appointment only effective March 19, 2020.

GATE ACCESS

The main gate adjacent to the Visitors Center, on Jefferson Ave, remains open to all traffic. Effective March 21, 2020, the South Gate will close to all traffic until further notice.

COMMISSARY AND BASE EXCHANGE

The Commissary and Base Exchange will remain open. The Commissary specifically, remains open Tuesdays through Friday between 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday and Sunday between 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., with the first hour dedicated to high-risk or vulnerable Veterans and their family members aged 60 and older. This allows CDC-determined high-risk individuals to shop in a less-crowded environment, ensuring effective

social distancing. As always, the Commissary is closed on Monday.

DEERS OFFICE & ID CARDS

Appointments with the DEERS office and ID Cards are available from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday through Friday by calling, (586) 239-4044, or via the online appointment scheduler at <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/>.

BASE PASSES

Only issued for official business until further notice. To make an appointment for a base pass, call the Visitor Center Monday through Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at (586) 239-4159.

PSYCHOLOGICAL HEALTH

To schedule an appointment with the 127th Medical Group Psychological Health office call, (586) 239-2510 or (586) 764-7233.

FITNESS CENTER

The 127th Wing Fitness Center, typically open only to Wing members, is closed until further notice.

MEDICAL CLINIC CUSTOMER SERVICE

The 127th Medical Group will continue providing customer care and support. "Walk-in-Wednesday" is now by appointment only. In the absence of a previously scheduled appointment, Wing members must call before coming to see a

provider. To speak with a technical or to make an appointment, please call the customer service number at (586) 239-4972. When reporting to the clinic for your appointment, utilize the phone provided at the customer service desk. As a reminder, if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, please contact your Primary Care Manager.

FINANCE

The 127th Comptroller Flight will provide customer service by appointment only. Customer Service hours will remain, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call (586) 239-5561 to schedule an appointment.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

The 127th Wing Public Affairs office continues to provide customer service by appointment, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Please call 586-239-5576 x 7 for an appointment.

We will continue to share updates as additional information becomes available via our website 127wg.ang.af.mil, and on the 127th Wing Facebook page.

As COVID-19 evolves, continue to take healthy measures to prevent transmission of this virus. If you are feeling ill, stay home and contact your medical provider and supervisor as soon as possible. Continue to wash your hands, adhere to social-distancing practices, and cover sneezes and coughs. For more information on the virus, and what the U.S. government is doing in response, go to coronavirus.gov and usa.gov/coronavirus, respectively.

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On the cover: A-10 Thunderbolt II fighter aircraft flown by the 107th fighter Squadron perform an 'Elephant Walk' on the runway as they deploy for Snowbird Jan. 21, 2020. On May 2, the 107th Fighter Squadron will celebrate the 11th anniversary of the A-10 Thunderbolt II attack mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Terry L. Atwell)

SEEN AROUND SELFRIDGE



Airman 1st Class Charles Lang, 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron based here, refuels an A-10 Thunderbolt II on March 17, 2020 after a local training mission. The A-10s are flown by pilots of the 107th Fighter Squadron, also based here.

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AIRMAN PROFILE

Vincent Angel, 127th Wing Student Flight

When Vincent Angel joined the Air National Guard on July 30, 2019, he had higher education in mind. A full-time student in Oakland University's electrical engineering program, Angel says the Air National Guard provides him the ability to get the most out of both school and military benefits.

"I'm able to serve in the military and continue my education at the same time," said Angel.

A soon-to-be crew chief with the 127th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron here, Angel is currently serving his monthly drill weekends in the student flight, a program designed to acclimate new Airmen to the Air Force before they ship to Basic Military Training in San Antonio, Texas.

So far, everything Angel has learned in student flight has been in-line with

the information his recruiter provided him before enlistment.

"My recruiter, [Tech. Sgt. Ray Stier] did a great job providing me with information, answering any questions I had about joining the Guard," Angel said.

Aside from going to school full-time and serving one weekend a month with the 127th Wing, Angel admits his schedule is pretty full but he still finds time to play guitar and drums for his church's band.

While he doesn't know exactly what his life will look like a decade from now, Angel already knows that when he ships out to Lackland Air Force Base next month, he wants to serve a full 20-year career.

"I plan to do 20 years in the Air National Guard," Angel said. "I am open to options but I am more than alright staying in A-10 maintenance."



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A LOOK BACK



'TUSKEGEE AIRMEN' HAD PRESENCE AT SELFRIDGE

On March 28, 1943, the 332nd Fighter Group, the first "Tuskegee Airmen" members stationed here, flew into Selfridge Field for permanent assignment and training. The photo shows maintenance training here in 1943.

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COMMUNITY



U.S. AIR NATIONAL GUARD PHOTO BY SENIOR AIRMAN RYAN ZESKI

Staff Sgt. Joielle Cobb-Sanders, 127th Force Support Squadron personnel specialist and Senior Airman Verkeia Phillips, 127th FSS personnelist, pet therapy dog Maxine from the American Red Cross at the Airman and Family Readiness Center at Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

Animal visitation brightens drill weekends

By Tech Sgt. Chelsea E. FitzPatrick

In an effort to improve Airmen resiliency and readiness, the 127th Wing has engaged the help of special volunteers of the four-legged variety: dogs!

On drill Saturdays, members of the 127th Wing can spend time with trained therapy dogs at the Airman Wellness Center, as part of the American Red Cross' "Service to the Armed Forces" program.

"We are here to support the troops," said Lee Wainwright, a Red Cross volunteer and dog handler. "Hopefully he can provide ...comfort to those who have been deployed or even those who are returning."

The animal visitation program began visiting last October and provides Airmen a change in routine and relief from stress and anxiety and boost overall morale.

Currently there are six trained therapy dogs partic-

ipating in visitation weekends on Base, both Golden and Labrador Retrievers, two Rottweilers, a mini-Goldendoodle and a Bernese Mountain Dog. While they are accompanied by their certified handlers, the dogs are free to play and engage with participants as they choose.

Members of the 127th Wing can visit with therapy dogs at the Airman Wellness Center on drill Saturdays, between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Maintainers with the 191st Maintenance Squadron, based here, lower a KC-135 Stratotanker tail cone on March 17, 2020. The Airmen removed the cone as part of regular duty.

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ABOVE: President Donald Trump steps down from Air Force One at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, and was greeted by local and base officials Jan. 30, 2020. The president spoke briefly with Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen, commander of the 127th Wing and Airmen from the Wing before traveling to a nearby auto parts supplier in Warren.

BELOW RIGHT: 127th Wing Airman of the Year Airman 1st Class Jenna Gleason, left, Executive Officer Capt. Chris Manley, and Brig. Gen. Rolf E. Mammen, commander of the 127th Wing, welcome President Donald Trump to Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Jan 30, 2020.

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