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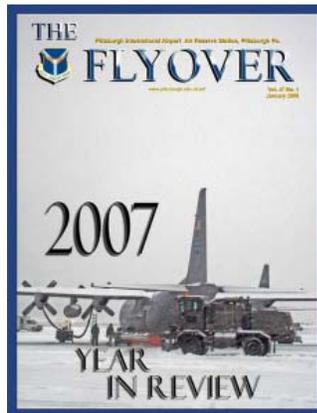
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## On the Cover... Winter Wonderland

Snow removal crews clear the ramp in front of a C-130 at the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station. During the winter months in Southwestern Pa. weather can be unpredictable with below zero temperatures to sunny skies with record breaking highs in the 70s. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier, 911th Public Affairs)



## Reflection of '07 successes with new challenges for '08



**A**s I reflect on 2007 I am proud to have served with each of you representing the United States Air Force and the 911th Airlift Wing.

In 2007 we can take credit for many wing accomplishments – launching all eight of our C-130s in mass airdrop exercise, Life Support and Aeromedical Evacuation *Squadron of the Year*, another *Hennessey Award* for Services, and Fuels winning the *Golden Derrick Award*....

As I see it, these successes were not the results of desiring accolades and specific pats on the back; these successes are the fruits of your dedication, work ethic, pride and professionalism exhibited in all your endeavors—large or small.

For those of you wearing the blue uniform, you represent only a very small percentage of Americans willing to serve in the United States military. You do this ‘willingly, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion.’ With respect to your service in the military, you are Airmen ‘first,’ and an aircrew member, mechanic, services worker, engineer, cop, transportation worker, medical professional, etc. ‘second.’

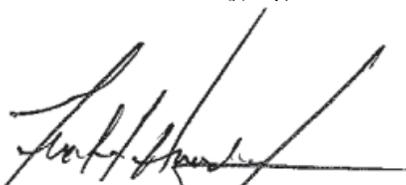
Today we remain a country at war. Our very way of life has been threatened. As our great country prosecutes this Global War on Terrorism, you are at the forefront of that fight. What we need to realize is the fight is not purely kinetic. We remain the greatest country in the world and comprise the greatest military in the world, not because of our weaponry and tactics, but because of the character of our service men and women. We are Airmen first—professionals with core values.

Your United States Air Force and the 911th Airlift Wing have exceptional men and women from all walks of life. We are a microcosm of the some of the very best the United States has to offer. As I look forward to 2008 I know we will continue to make great strides in protecting our country’s freedom and our revered way of life.

Each of you are United States ambassadors. When your neighbors, friends, relatives, strangers and even enemies see you in uniform, they know you are part of something very special. It is each of us, bringing our unique personalities, drive and abilities that make our Air Force as a whole greater than the sum of its parts.

As we embark on an uncertain future, I challenge each of you to continue to develop your talents; support each other; and remain steadfast with our core values. Along the roads we’ll travel together in 2008 we, as Air Force Airmen, will continue to answer our country’s call; we will continue to fly, fight and win; and we will continue to be the guardians of freedom and justice.

Thank you for your service in the profession of arms.



FRANK L. AMODEO, Lt Col, USAFR  
Commander, 911<sup>th</sup> Operations Group

# Canadian Snowbirds flock to Pittsburgh Mother's Day weekend for 2008 air show

by Lt. Shawn M. Walleck  
Public Affairs Office

We're all familiar with that age old adage, April showers bring...May Air Power!

Okay, maybe that's not how the saying goes exactly. But come May 10 and 11, the 911th will host the 2008 annual Wings Over Pittsburgh air show, in a year that promises to deliver the most unique show yet.

In Las Vegas, Nev. Dec. 11, 2007 during the International Council of Air Shows Convention, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds announced their 2008 show season schedule and their commitment to be the main act at this year's air show.

"We are looking forward to a fantastic 2008 Season and to flying Canada's colours across North America," said Major Robert Mitchell, Commanding Officer, Canadian Forces Snowbirds. "Both



A view from inside the cockpit of a Snowbirds CT-114 Tutor jet. The Snowbirds have flown the Tutor jet since 1971. (photo courtesy of the Canadian Snowbirds)

in the air and on the ground, we remain committed to strive and represent the best of the Canadian Forces and to preserve our tradition of excellence."

During the 2008 Season, the Snowbirds are scheduled to participate in 65 air shows in 43

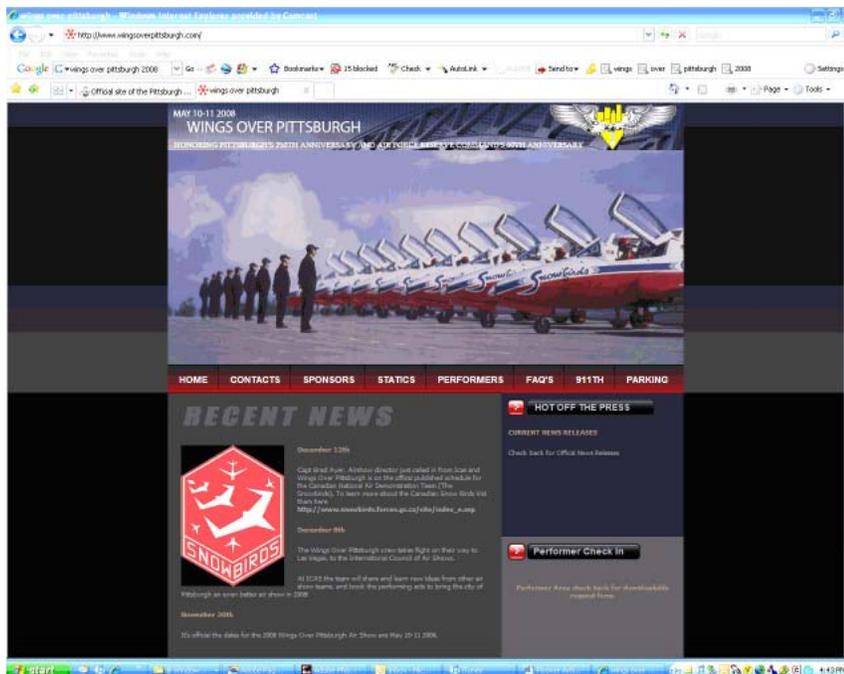
locations. In the team's 38-year history, the Snowbirds have performed in about 2,100 air shows, before more than 125 million spectators.

Adding to the uniqueness of having the Snowbirds for the first time, this year's event falls on Mother's Day weekend.

"Last year we held the show on Father's Day weekend and we are proud to give Mom's their opportunity for a fun-filled family weekend that honors moms for all they do," said Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr., 911th Wing Commander.

In addition to Mother's Day this year's air show celebrates the 60th Anniversary of the U.S. Air Force Reserve Command and has partnered with the City of Pittsburgh to be a part of commemorating its 250th Anniversary.

Preliminary planning is currently underway and for the most current and up-to-date information visit the air shows official website at [wingsoverpittsburgh.com](http://wingsoverpittsburgh.com) and look for more updates in *The Flyover*.



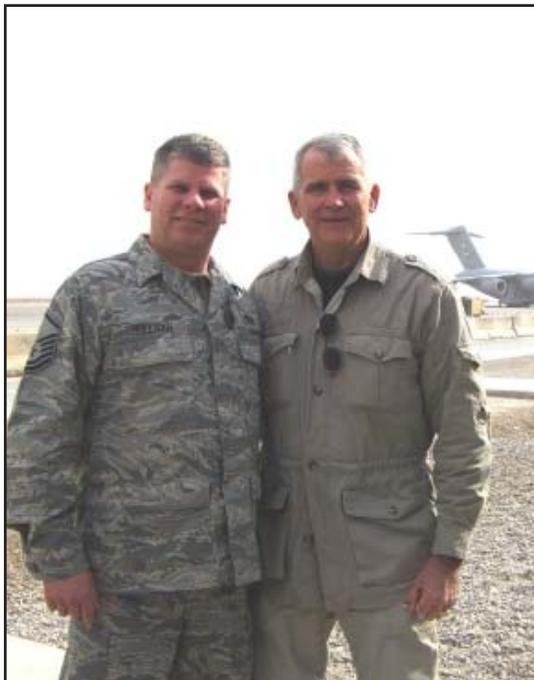
The 2008 [www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com](http://www.wingsoverpittsburgh.com) website.



(photo by Mr. Aaron Spangler)

## Game Day

Tech. Sgt. Michael VanHorn (left) and Tech. Sgt. Matt Reusser stand alongside other service members prior to the start of the NFL Wild Card playoff match-up between the Pittsburgh Steelers and the Jacksonville Jaguars at Heinz Field, Jan 5, 2008. Approximately 24 service men and women along with the Army National Guard Band were invited by the Steelers Organization to participate in the game's opening ceremonies.



## Ollie & Sully

Master Sgt. Brian L. Sullivan, 32nd Aerial Port Squadron met retired Lt. Col. Oliver L. North, December 2007 during his recent four-month deployment to Baghdad International Airport, Iraq. Mr. North's visit coincided with a FOX News taping of *Live from Baghdad*. Master Sgt. Sullivan moved 131,000 passengers, 33 tons of cargo over the course of 6,000 missions with a 99 percent on-time reliability rate. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Dan Reeve, Mass. Air National Guard)

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— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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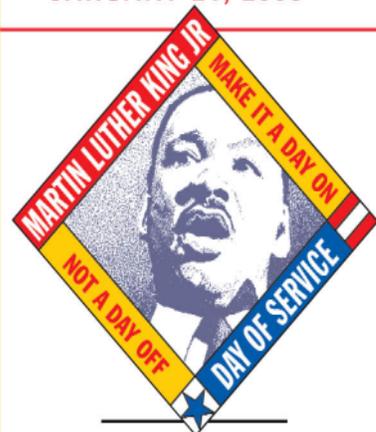
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# Looking back at 2007

by  
911th Public Affairs

**T**here are 52 weeks in a year, which is 365 days, 8,760 hours, 525,600 minutes or 31,536,000 seconds. A Traditional Reservist works for the military 39 of those 365 days. It doesn't seem like much time to accomplish a whole lot; however, that wasn't the case for the 911th Airlift Wing in 2007.

The year kicked off with a Commander's Call and visit from Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazik, 22nd Air Force Commander. From there it was nothing but awards: The Services Squadron received their eighth Hennessy trophy since 1992, scoring 985 out of a possible 1000 points; The Fuels Flight received the prestigious Golden Derrick Award for their outstanding performance at home and around the globe; Life Support and the Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron were recognized as Squadron of the Year.

In June, Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr. came on board as the new wing commander. Two weeks later the wing hosted its' seventh annual Wings Over Pittsburgh air show drawing a crowd of approximately 225,000 people during the two-day event.

Along the way, personnel were involved in a multitude of exercises and deployments from humanitarian missions to fighting the war on terrorism and the base also saw a brief visit from the Commander-In-Chief, President George W. Bush.

Operations said goodbye to the fleet of C-130s, but not before completing Exercise Bold Effort, an effort that put all eight aircraft in the air at one time. Then one-by-one a new fleet of C-130s arrived from the Oklahoma City Air National Guard to round out the year.



(photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky)

Cari Fessler, a member of the 2007 Honorary Commanders class gears up during a 911th base tour. The group attends 10 events throughout the year with the last being a two day trip to McGuire AFB and Ft. Dix NJ. The program grew this year with the addition of 171st Air Refueling Wing of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.



(photo by Senior Airman Lou Burton)

Approximately 225,000 people attended the two-day 2007 Wings Over Pittsburgh airshow over Father's Day weekend June 16 and 17.



(photo by Lt. Shawn M. Walleck)

President George W. Bush arrived at the 911th Airlift Wing May 11, 2007. The Commander in Chief's arrival and departure from the 911th coincided with his commencement speech to the 2007 graduating class at St. Vincent College in Latrobe, Pa.



(photo by Staff Sgt. Ian Carrier)

All eight of the 911th Airlift Wing's C-130s taxi down the runway during Exercise Bold Effort. The exercise began with a C-130 Hercules "elephant walk" at Pittsburgh Air Reserve Station, Pa. and included a flight to Columbus Ohio. The purpose of the eight-ship formation, something very rare in training exercises, was to hone skills vital to keeping military air operations performance at peak efficiency.



(photo by Master Sgt. Mark Winklosky)

Col. Gordon H. Elwell Jr. (right) stands next to Maj. Gen. Martin M. Mazick, 22nd Air Force Commander, after assuming command of the 911th Airlift Wing June 3, 2007.

# Eagle Eyes sets sights on war on terror

## by Office of Special Investigations

The Eagle Eyes program is an anti-terrorism initiative that enlists the eyes and ears of Air Force members and citizens in the war on terror.

It starts with teaching people about the typical activities terrorists engage in to plan their attacks:

**Surveillance-** Someone recording or monitoring activities.

**Elicitation-** People or organizations attempting to gain information about

military operations, capabilities, or people.

**Tests of security-** Any attempts to measure reaction times to security breaches or to penetrate physical security barriers or procedures in order to assess strengths and weaknesses.

**Acquiring supplies-** Purchasing or stealing explosives, weapons, ammunition, detonators, timers, etc.

**Suspicious persons out of place-** People who don't seem to belong in

the workplace, neighborhood, business establishment, or anywhere else.

**Dry run-** Putting people into position and moving them around according to their plan without actually committing the terrorist act.

**Deploying assets-** People and supplies getting into position to commit the act.

Armed with this information, anyone can recognize elements of potential terror planning when they see it.

You and your family are encouraged to learn these categories of suspicious behavior and stay attuned to your surroundings. If you observe something suspicious, affecting Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, report your observations using the 24-hour phone number: (412) 474-8566. Any other suspicious behavior should be reported to the FBI's 24-hour phone number: (412) 432-4000.

# PROMOTIONS

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	 Senior Master Sgt. Scott A Hartman
	 Chief Master Sgt. Joseph R. McArthur Chief Master Sgt. John F. St. John

## JANUARY

### Pay Dates

Primary: Jan. 23

Alternate: Feb. 6



# Career changes here or around the globe

## Reserve Command Recruiting Service seeks applicants

by Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service

**ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga.** — The Air Force Reserve Command Recruiting Service is now seeking applicants to fill recruiting positions in locations across the globe.

In addition to finding qualified applicants for careers in the Air Force Reserve, a recruiter interacts with the community and serves as a representative of the Reserve 24 hours a day

“We’re always looking for enthusiastic, qualified people. If you are motivated to excel, perform above the status quo, and are physically and morally fit this could be the career move you’ve been looking for,” said Chief Master Sgt. Dave Schoch, chief of the AFRC Recruiting Service training branch.

The application process begins with a face-to-face interview with the local senior recruiter. “If you meet the qualifications you will be asked to complete a packet, to include a current physical,” Chief Schoch said. “The packet will be sent to our headquarters at Robins Air Force Base, Ga., to the recruiter selection board for evaluation.”

If selected, applicants attend an evaluation and selection course at the recruiting service headquarters here. Applicants are evaluated on “potential to become a successful recruiter. The course is five-days long designed to introduce prospective candidates to reserve recruiting. During this course, candidates will undergo an open-ranks inspection, participate in physical training, give speeches, and complete memorization work. Challenges are progressive. The top candidates are

afforded the opportunity to attend the recruiter class.

The recruiting course at Lackland AFB, Texas, is six-weeks long.

“This is one of the most challenging technical schools in the Air Force. These six weeks will prepare you to be a mission-ready recruiter,” said Senior Master Sgt. Barry Kowald, an instructor at the school. “Standards here are high.”

Instruction includes Air Force Reserve benefits and entitlements, program selection criteria, advertising, and promotion, community relations, speech, and salesmanship. Course emphasis is on student performance and practical application.

Technical Sgt. James Dock, a reserve recruiter at Tampa, Fla., said he understands the importance of his job.

“As a recruiter you will help others make decisions that will affect them the rest of their lives,” Sergeant Dock said. “We’re the gateway to an amazing future as Citizen Airmen.”

He’s been a recruiter for two and half years, and formerly served as a medical administrator at MacDill AFB, Fla. He said there’s been no more fulfilling job than the one he’s had as a recruiter.

“As recruiter, it gives me an opportunity to provide people some guidance in their lives and help them reach a lifelong goal,” he added.

An initial recruiting tour of extended active duty can last up to four years. Tour extensions are reserved for those who “meet or exceed the highest standards of conduct, demeanor, appearance, integrity, production, and acceptance of responsibility,” according to Chief Schoch.

For more, contact the local Air Force Reserve recruiter or senior recruiter in your area, or call MSgt Briana Ontiveros, the training NCO at the headquarters, at DSN 497-0630 or commercial (478) 327-0630.

## CFC -- Final tally

Fifty one people give a total of \$11,470.40, which exceeded this year’s goal of \$10,000.



## Congratulations

Selected for promotion to Colonel



**Lt. Col. Frank Amodeo**  
**Lt. Col. Reuben Knox**  
**Lt. Col. Paulette Schank**  
**Lt. Col. Cynthia Wong**

# News Briefs

## Key Spouse Group Meeting

The Key Spouse Group will hold a meeting Jan. 12 from 7 - 9 p.m. at Club Cargo Bay. This is an opportunity to *meet and greet* the 911th Airlift Wing Commander, Col. Gordon H. Elwell, Jr. and his wife Jane Elwell, as well as provide other spouses an opportunity to network.

## Base Chapel: New Hours

• Protestant Services:  
Saturdays: 11:30 a.m. to noon  
Sundays: 1 to 1:30 p.m.

• Catholic Services: Saturdays ONLY  
Reconciliation: 2:45 to 3 p.m./Mass: 3 to 3:30 p.m.

## Legal Office: Business Hours Change

Business Hours:  
8 to 11 a.m. Saturdays & Sundays of the UTA.

## Note and reminder:

• *Last Will and Testaments* will not be processed on the same day of your request. Last Will and Testaments will be processed as they are received. This requires coordination of Attorneys, witnesses and the executor/executrix.

• *Power of Attorney* will be processed on the same day the client comes for legal assistance within the prescribed hours mentioned above.

## Free Child Care:

Child Care Inquiries for Unit Training Assemblies will now come to Airman and Family Readiness. The Pittsburgh area shares several child care providers between the Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard during Unit Training Assembly weekends. This care is targeted for single parents or two parent families where both parents are working the UTA and cannot provide care for their children. For guidelines, questions or additional information contact Family Readiness at 412-474-8544.

## Vehicle decals removal:

Effective immediately, per the 911th Airlift Wing Commander, all DD Form 2220 vehicle decals must be removed from privately owned vehicles IAW 31-204, AFRC SUP1, Para 3.4.1. The decal must be removed from the windshield and taken to the 911th Security Forces Pass & Registration, Building 208, for accountability purposes. Please note that vehicles must still be registered on base. For more information contact 412-474-7131.

# 911th SERVICES

Combat Support & Community Service

# January Events Calendar

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>Out to LUNCH!</b> What's Going On This Month Jan 7th Biggest Loser Weigh In Fitness Center! Jan 10th 1730-2000 Mongolian BBQ Reservation Requested Jan 17th Membership Breakfast Free 0630-0830 Jan 17 or 22th Biggest Loser Weigh In Fitness Center! Jan 24th 1130 3 point Jam Fitness Center Contact Us Club Cargo Bay 1275 Rocky Ln Coraopolis, Pa 15108 412-474-8227	January 7th First official weigh in, Biggest Loser Contest Starts Prizes for 1st 2nd and 3rd place teams. Grab you partner and hit the gym burn off that holiday stuffing and get ready for the summer! 6 Sign up for the Biggest Loser contest Fitness Center	7 Biggest Loser Weigh In! Fitness Center CLUB CLOSED	1 Happy New Year CLUB CLOSED	2 Aerobics Wednesday 1100 Lunch Buffet Mexican	3 Aerobics Thursday 1100 Lunch Buffet BBQ	4 Check out the loans offered at the Credit Union Pot Of Gold Drawing	5 Wings Over Pittsburgh Air Show May 10-11
	13 Boot Camp Cross Training 0900 911th UTA	14 Aerobics Monday 1600 CLUB CLOSED	15 Aerobics Tuesday 1100 Lunch Buffet Pasta Station	16 Aerobics Wednesday 1100 Lunch Buffet Home Style	17 Aerobics Wednesday 1100 Membership Breakfast Lunch Buffet BBQ	18 Biggest Loser Weigh In! CLUB CLOSES Early Holiday Hours	11 Save some cash visit the C.E. Kelly BX in Oakdale Lunch Buffet Land & Sea
	20 CLUB CLOSED	21 Martin Luther King Day CLUB CLOSED	22 Biggest Loser Weigh In! Lunch Buffet Pasta Station	23 Aerobics Wednesday 1100 Lunch Buffet Home Style	24 3 Point Jam 1130 Lunch Buffet BBQ	25 Friday Pot Of Gold Lunch Buffet Land & Sea	19 CLUB CLOSED 26 Alternate UTA
	27 Alternate UTA	28 Visit Armed Forces Vacation Club and Book a Vacation Today CLUB CLOSED	29 Aerobics Tuesday 1100 Lunch Buffet Pasta Station	30 Why go to overcrowded gyms? Come to the Fitness Center	31 Aerobics Thursday 1100 Lunch Buffet BBQ	Keep up the good work Biggest Loser Teams	

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## Information Paper Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program A Pennsylvania "Bonus" for Veterans of the Persian Gulf Conflict (August 1990 to August 1991)



**Background:** The Persian Gulf Conflict was fought from August 1990 until August 1991 following the invasion of Kuwait by Iraq. On April 24, 2006, Governor Ed Rendell signed House Bill 1820 into law as Act 29 of 2006. Approval of this program was endorsed by the State Veterans' Commission, the Pennsylvania War Veterans Council, the Pennsylvania National Guard Associations and many veterans' organizations in the Commonwealth.

**Ballot Question:** On November 7, 2006, Pennsylvania voters gave overwhelming approval to a ballot question to fund this program. The bond issue will create a fund for the payment of compensation to members and former members of the Armed Forces who served in the Persian Gulf Conflict and were Pennsylvania residents at the time of such service. The \$20 million estimated amount is based on the number of Pennsylvania veterans who performed active service in the Armed Forces in the Persian Gulf Theater of Operations.

**Who is Eligible:** The following veterans may be eligible for benefits under this program:

- The veteran must have served on active duty in the Persian Gulf Theater of Operations during the period from August 2, 1990 to August 31, 1991 and received the Southwest Asia Service Medal.
- The veteran must have been a legal resident of Pennsylvania at the time of military service.
- The veteran must have served under honorable conditions.

**Amount of Compensation:** Eligible Pennsylvania veterans of the Persian Gulf Conflict will receive \$75 per month for each month (or major fraction) of active service in the Persian Gulf Conflict Theater up to a maximum of \$525. Five thousand dollars (\$5,000) will be paid on behalf of veterans who died in active service in the Persian Gulf Theater or as a result of service-connected wounds, diseases or injuries sustained during active service in the Persian Gulf Theater. In addition, \$5,000 will be paid to Persian Gulf Conflict prisoners of war.

**Applications:** DMVA will begin to accept applications for the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit Program some time in the first quarter of 2008. The deadline for submitting applications for this benefit is August 31, 2015.

**Payments:** DMVA expects to make the first "bonus" payments under this program in early 2008.

**Next Steps:** The implementation of the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans' Benefit program will involve a number of steps:

- DMVA will prepare and publish administrative regulations to implement the program. Draft regulations were reviewed by the State Veterans' Commission at their February 2007 meeting. It is expected the regulations will be published in spring or summer 2007.
- DMVA will design the application forms and prepare publications to summarize the new program and their requirements.
- DMVA will contract with a firm to receive and process the more than 30,000 applications, which are expected over a period of years.

**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**  
**Edward G. Rendell, Governor**  
**For Additional Information:** Call the Bureau for Veterans' Affairs at 1-800-547-2838 or check the Bureau for Veterans Affairs Web Site at:  
[www.paveterans.state.pa.us](http://www.paveterans.state.pa.us)  
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