

## **Leave No Airman Behind... or Injured**

1Lt Roger A. Sylvia assisted MSgt David Ransom during the National Guard Bureau Office of Equal Opportunity Conference held in Greensboro, North Carolina last November when MSgt Ransom was hit by a speeding car and experienced a serious medical condition. Lt Sylvia stayed by Ransom's bed side until he was stable and healthy enough to be transported back to Rhode Island, their home state. Lt Sylvia made sure that MSgt Ransom's every need was taken care of, to include contacting medical staff when his pain level was unbearable, assisting him with eating and getting dressed, and giving him updates from his family, friends, Air National Guard unit members, and well-wishers. Lt Sylvia worked tirelessly with hospital staff to make arrangements for MSgt Ransom to be transported via ground to the airport, where he was medivaced to his home in Rhode Island. Lt Sylvia was formally recognized for his tremendous efforts, compassion, and relentless pursuit of the Airman Creed – Leave No Airman Behind. The Equal Opportunity Office and Office of Diversity and Special Emphasis at the National Guard Bureau assisted with support throughout MSgt Ransom's lengthy recovery. State Equal Employment Managers from around the country also called him to keep MSgt Ransom's spirits up, offering encouragement and support.

MSgt Ransom is recovering well and has learned a new appreciation for how precious life, family and friends are, no matter what location. The Army National Guard family in North Carolina and Air National Guard family in Rhode Island also worked jointly to ensure that MSgt Ransom was treated, released, and transported with unity of effort. Additionally, MSgt Mary Reed from the Air National Guard Readiness Center on Joint Base Andrews assisted with information and the processing of the TSGLI (Traumatic Service Member's Group Life Insurance). She assisted MSgt Ransom with information about the processing of his hospital care and follow-up medical costs.

This is the Guard Family that supports all those who are members – civilian, enlisted, and officer alike.



