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Thunderstruck!



The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron performs at the Fort Smith Air Show Oct. 2 at the 188th Fighter Wing in Fort Smith, Ark. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Thunderbirds thrill record crowd at Fort Smith Air Show

By Airman 1st Class John Hillier
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — From the constant buzzing of propellers to the scream of the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, the Air Combat Command F-15 Strike Eagle demo team or the pyrotechnic explosions during a recreation of the attack on Pearl Harbor by Tora! Tora! Tora!, the skies over Fort

Smith were filled with the sound of freedom this weekend, and the grounds of the 188th Fighter Wing and Fort Smith Regional Airport were packed with a record 255,000 appreciative fans, who gathered to experience the 2011 Fort Smith Regional Air Show Oct. 1-2.

The highlight of the show was the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Team. The Thunderbirds executed a show of precision aerobatics, then stayed to sign autographs for eager fans. Making a return trip to North-

west Arkansas with the Thunderbirds was Staff Sgt. Shane Hutchins, crew chief for Thunderbird No. 8. Hutchins is from Alpena, Ark., which is about a 90-minute drive from Fort Smith. During the Thunderbirds' ground shows they reenlisted eight members of the 188th and enlisted 29 new recruits into the active-duty
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Commander's corner

Commentary by Col. Tom Anderson

188th Fighter Wing commander

You, the Flying Razorbacks continue to amaze me! Whether it's devising a precise and calculated strategy for our recently successful ORI or executing a plan above already high expectations for the air show, this unit continues to excel! You've heard of the phrase, "The proof is in the pudding," which basically means the quality of something is not proven until tested. Well just like our results from the ORI, this also applies to another record turnout at the Fort Smith Regional Air Show held Oct. 1-2.

Approximately 255,000 spectators attended this year's aerial exhibition, an increase of 55,000 from the previous high mark of 200,000 that attended the 2008 show. The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce estimated the economic impact of this year's show on the River Valley at more than \$6.5 million. That's a hefty sum of funds pumped back into local businesses.

That is a tribute to our Airman and the 188th Fighter Wing-Fort Chaffee Community Council. Outside of our already high operations tempo and busy schedules, this air show required an incredible amount of time and effort from our members and just three months removed from our recent Operational Readiness Inspection, which yielded great results from the 188th.

Hosting an air show of this magnitude with headline acts such as the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds requires a large sum of hard work, dedication, coordination and professionalism.

The very same attributes are needed to continue building on past achievements while setting higher standards for future endeavors.

I understand that maintaining readiness while serving as ambassadors in the community and acting as responsible stewards of taxpayer dollars is a complex and challenging responsibility involving many arduous obstacles.

But as always, the 188th shined as luminous as ever, managing a vast array of tasks at this year's air show and again proving how vital you all are to our nation's defense and to our community members here at home.

From coordinating static displays to superb grounds and air space management, a well-



Col. Tom Anderson

188th Fighter Wing commander

executed media relations plan, effective security procedures and emergency management, maintenance and support efforts, parking plans, performer accommodations and all aspects in between, the 188th showed why headliners continue to make Fort Smith a repeat stop.

Your knack at finding solutions to problems rather than allowing potential conflict to flourish, and your ability to aptly manage challenging situations with professionalism and grace, are all key reasons why the Fort Smith Air Show and the 188th continue to grow and prosper.

You've again made us all proud. I know that you will continue to inspire greatness in each other and help the 188th ascend to an even greater future. Thanks for all you do, and most importantly, thanks for your service.

Even today, I continue to get positive feedback, whether cards of appreciation or a pat on the back from people in our surrounding communities in reference to the air show.

Once again all of you have made us proud: Displaying integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all you do. Thanks for your help in making the 188th a success!

188th Unit Training Assembly news

Upcoming drills

Nov. 4-5

Dec. 3-4

UTA pay dates

Nov. 15

Dec. 13

188th tabs Eddins as new Operations Group commander

New commander praises group's performance amid high ops tempo

By Airman 1st Class John Hillier
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Challenge and sacrifice were the themes of the day as Lt. Col. Timothy L. Eddins assumed command of the 188th Operations Group from Col. Jeffrey W. Hickman at the 188th Sept. 29.

Col. Thomas I. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, who officiated during the ceremony, discussed the challenges the group has overcome during Col. Hickman's tenure as commander.

"Success doesn't happen without solid leadership, and consistent leadership," Col. Anderson said. "Col. Hickman set our aviators and support personnel on a positive course that led to unprecedented success. The roadmap [he] left behind undoubtedly furnishes us with a strong blueprint for future successes as we embark on a new and exciting journey. [His] leadership and council will certainly be missed."

Col. Hickman credited the group's many successes to the hard work and cooperation of the Airmen under his command. As he reflected over his three years as group commander, Col. Hickman spoke of the challenges his group has overcome.

"It's no small task, and this organization rose to the occasion," he said. "That's the past but we cannot rest on our laurels."

In these times of financial constraints, there is enormous pressure to perform, Col. Hickman said.

"Lt. Col. Tim Eddins is the right man for the job," said Hickman. "Because I know that this organization will be led with honor and integrity."

After the guide-on was passed, Lt. Col. Eddins briefly addressed

the Airmen under his new command.

"Something that's become very prevalent over the last four or five years, and that's called 'change,'" Col. Eddins said. "I've been in the unit for a long time, and I've seen a lot of change. People change, aircraft change, but the one constant has been performance. The job hasn't changed, the mission hasn't changed. All that's really changed are some names."

Col. Anderson said a change of command represents more than just a ceremonial passing of a flag and a title from one officer to the next.

"It's more than ritual and lore," he said. "It's the transfer of leadership and responsibility. It indicates that a new commander has agreed to take on the noble task of leading men and women into harm's path for the sake of protecting our country's freedom so that our children and grandchildren may enjoy the lives that we have."

Col. Anderson said the 188th is at the center of the fight against terrorism and said Lt. Col. Eddins is just the person to help usher the 188th OG into a new era where future deployments are not a possibility but are a certainty.

"Lt. Col. Tim Eddins, the leadership you have shown flying two different aircraft in three separate deployments, as Operations Support Flight commander and director of operations; and your vast knowledge gained as an instructor pilot shows you have the skills, work ethic and resolve necessary to lead our Operations Group and build upon the successes we've already achieved," Col. Anderson said. "Lt. Col. Eddins, I look forward to your council and your leadership as we move forward and conquer new challenges."



Lt. Col. Tim Eddins, in-coming 188th Operations Group commander, left, and Col. Jeff Hickman, out-going 188th OG commander, participate in the 188th OG change of command ceremony Sept. 29. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl)



Col. Jeff Hickman, out-going 188th Operations Group commander, left, shakes hands with Lt. Col. Tim Eddins, in-coming 188th Operations Group commander, as Col. Tom Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander looks on. Col. Hickman relinquished command to Lt. Col. Eddins during a 188th Operations Group change of command ceremony Sept. 29. (U. S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl)



188th scheduled to host spouse orientation flights

188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — During the December UTA, the 188th Fighter Wing is planning spouse orientation flights on a KC-135 Stratotanker.

The flights will start with briefings on safety and the mission profile. The spouses will then board the aircraft and fly a local refueling mission where they will be able to watch the tanker refuel the 188th's A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs."

In order to plan the spouse orientation flight, early registration is needed and certain restrictions also apply. Only spouses of active members of the 188th Fighter Wing may participate. This means no children, parents, former spouses or retirees will be permitted on the flight. The flight is only

open to current spouses with a military identification card in their possession.

The 188th anticipates having four separate flights, two on Saturday, Dec. 3 and two on Sunday, Dec. 4.

Each flight will be able to accommodate 25 to 30 passengers. In the event there are too many applicants, members with the most time in the 188th will be given preference.

Those desiring to participate in the spouse orientation flights must notify Capt. Josh Parnell by forwarding the information in the form in the box below to joshua.parnell@ang.af.mil. The deadline for applications is Nov. 18, 2011. Please contact Capt. Parnell with any questions you may have at 479-573-5502.

'Spouse Lift' 2011

188th Fighter Wing member: _____

Rank: _____

Organization: _____

Spouse name: _____

Contact number: _____

Date member joined the 188th: _____

Citizen Airman Dining Hall menu

Saturday, Nov. 5

Western Sizzlin': 6 oz. sirloin steak, baked potato, green beans, rolls, cobbler, tea.

Sunday, Nov. 6

Spaghetti, green beans, Texas toast, peach crisp, ice cream, coffee/tea/milk. Hamburger and hotdog line is also available.

Patriot Awards



Top, from left: Capt. Lionel Riley, 188th Fighter Wing member and Walmart employee; Conrad Miller of Walmart Stores, Inc. representing Jill Wesbecher, also of Walmart; and Col. Tom Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl) Middle, from left: Tech Sgt. Billy Thornburg, 188th Fighter Wing member and Baldor employee; and Col. Tom Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl) Bottom, from left: Tech Sgt. Jack R. Daughtery, 188th Fighter Wing member and Benton County Sheriff's Department employee; members of the Benton County Sheriff's Department; Jon Woodham; Col. Tom Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class John Hillier) The three employers pictured above were recognized with Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Patriot Awards Sept. 30 at the 188th Fighter Wing. The accolades honor employers that have exhibited immense support of their employees' careers in the National Guard or Reserves.

Hometown Hero gets ride of lifetime in Thunderbird F-16

Fort Smith police officer earns honor for saving local citizen's life while off-duty

By Capt. Heath Allen

188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Corporal Chris Boyd never thought he would get the chance to ride in an F-16D Fighting Falcon.

After all, nearly 17 years had passed since Cpl. Boyd flipped a coin and altered his life's course. Cpl. Boyd, an officer with the Fort Smith Police Department, said he had a choice to make and it was a tough one. So he let the coin decide.

"I have family who are police officers and family who are in the military," Cpl. Boyd said. "I couldn't decide which one I wanted to do so I flipped a coin."

So when Cpl. Boyd found out that the FSPD had nominated him for a ride with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron under the Hometown Hero program, he was astonished. He figured the flip of a coin had squandered his chance to fly.

"I know there are a lot of people I work with who would give anything for a chance to ride in an F-16," he said. "I don't take this for granted and I realize what a special opportunity this was."

Cpl. Boyd, a night patrol officer and member of the FSPD's SWAT team, received the ride of a lifetime because he helped give someone their life back. While off-duty and traveling home in his personal vehicle, he noticed a frantic woman waving her hands and trying to communicate that a man inside her house wasn't breathing. Cpl. Boyd entered the home and discovered a man crouched over and convulsing.

"I could tell he was trying to breathe but he wasn't able to," he said. "I turned him on his side and cleared his airway and I could see him start to breathe again."

Cpl. Boyd remained on the



Corporal Chris Boyd, an officer with the Fort Smith Police Department, straps on his flight helmet during life support training prior to his Hometown Hero orientation ride in a F-16D Falcon with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Sept. 30. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Landeros)

scene until emergency medical responders arrived. A police report said that his actions helped save the man's life and he received a life-saving award from the FSPD for the good deed.

"I could tell the lady needed help but I was just doing my job," he said. "There were two vehicles in front of me that passed her up but I knew I had to stop. She was hysterical and crying so I ran up on the curb and ran inside."

The Thunderbirds' Hometown Hero program is designed to highlight someone from the local area who has sacrificed time and effort to improve the community. Cpl. Boyd certainly met that criteria.

And so on Sept. 30 he received a ride he will never forget. Cpl. Boyd flew with Thunderbird No. 7, Lt. Col. Jason Koltes, operations officer.

"We took off and went straight up to 13,000 feet," Cpl. Boyd said. "I've never experienced anything even close to that in my life. That was an amazing experience. I can't even begin to describe what it was like. I don't think there are words to describe it. I will never forget it."



Above: Corporal Chris Boyd, an officer with the Fort Smith Police Department, received an orientation ride in an F-16D Fighting Falcon Sept. 30 with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron via its Hometown Hero program. Below: Cpl. Boyd and his family meet with U.S. Air Force Thunderbird pilot Lt. Col. Jason Koltes, left, Sept. 30. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl)





Vacancy announcement: 188th Security Forces Squadron First Sergeant

Board slated for December UTA

The 188th Fighter Wing Security Forces Squadron is projecting a vacancy for the position of first sergeant. This is a master sergeant's position that could be filled by any technical sergeant that can be promoted to master sergeant, or any current master sergeant, who possesses the qualifications listed below.

The qualifying requirements for this position are that technical sergeants have two years time in grade, have completed the Non-commissioned Officers Academy course, are promoted to E-7 prior to attending the First Sergeants Academy (FSA), have a minimum ASVAB score of 41 administrative or 62 general, have a minimum of three years retainability upon completion of the FSA, and must complete the Senior Noncommissioned Officers Academy by in-residence or

Career Development Course within the first three years as a first sergeant.

Also, the selected individual must complete his/her physical fitness test with a score of 75 or higher within 60 days of the class start date at the FSA.

This position is open to any AFSC. Upon completion of the FSA, the candidate will be placed in the 8F000 SDI, and will be paid an additional \$150 per month when in active duty status.

Those interested should complete a letter of intent, resume, RIP, and send the information to Master Sgt. Greg Qualls or Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter. This advertisement will serve as the notice and we will convene the recommendation board during the December Unit Training Assembly.

For further information on the first sergeant's career field, research AFI 36-2113 or contact 188th Command Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter at 1-800-446-8373, ext. 5570, or by cell phone at 479-651-8967.

Vacancy announcement: 188th Maintenance Group officer

The 188th Maintenance Group will be conducting interviews for a traditional maintenance officer position.

Applicants will need to have a current passing score on Air Force Physical Training Test, passing scores on the Air Force Of-

ficer Qualification Test and complete the AF Form 24. These items need to be turned in no later than Dec. 20, 2011. Interested individuals should contact Master Sgt. Craig Gardner at the 188th Fighter Wing Recruiting Office at 479-573-5147.

Fitness tip: Plan your meals, snacks

When you go to the grocery store on an empty stomach, you are more likely to buy things you might normally pass up, especially high calorie foods. Grocery shopping with a list will help you stick with your plan of achieving a leaner, healthier body and will help you stay within your budget.

Planning what to eat for meals and snacks in advance is the key to a healthy diet. It eliminates last minute meal panic which often results in higher calorie, less satisfying, and less nutritious meals. Follow the Food Guide Pyramid to plan a menu that includes a variety of food groups to ensure you and your family are

getting necessary, essential nutrients.

Instead of going out for lunch, try to prepare your lunch for the entire work week. By bringing a healthy lunch, you'll have plenty of healthful options to select. This will help decrease temptation for high-fat burgers and fries! Bringing your lunch to work also saves money.

For fitness related questions, contact a 188th Fighter Wing fitness program manager: Master Sgt. Shawn Shaffer (primary), 479-573-5205, eric.shaffer@ang.af.mil; Master Sgt. Sam Bond (alternate) 479-573-5465, sam.bond@ang.af.mil.

188th Fighter Wing promotions

**To Lieutenant
Colonel**
Marty Dahlem
Troy Howerton



To Major
Doug Davis
Keith Brown
Sarah Stigler



**To Senior Master
Sergeant**
Samuel J. Bond
Nathan E. Harrell
Carl D. Schneider



**To Master
Sergeant**
Johnny L. Adams
Dane W. Peterson



**To Technical
Sergeant**
John A. Klein
Cassie A. Osborn



**To Staff
Sergeant**
Jacob A. Cooper
Timothy W. Curd
Marcus R. Floyd



**To Senior
Airman**
Justin L. Moss



To Airman
Evan N. Davis





The Flying Razorback member spotlight

Hometown: Greenwood, Ark.
Job title: Wing fitness manager.
In the 188th since: 1998.
Education: BS in education at Grand Canyon University.
Goals: Retire militarily then become a football coach.
Favorite TV show: "Ultimate Fighter".
Favorite actor/actress: Craig & Lindsey.
Favorite animal: Gaboon Viper.
Favorite comedian: Dirty Red.
Favorite movie: "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas."
Favorite restaurant: Braum's in Barling.
Favorite soft drink: Tab
Favorite foods: Nachos
Favorite book: The "Book of Eli".
Favorite author: Danielle Steele.
Favorite song: "Happy Birthday".
Favorite musical group: Twisted Sister.
Favorite word or phrase: "Mo, refresh my memory."
Favorite super hero: Robin.
Favorite U.S. President: Herbert Hoover.
Favorite historical figure: The Hulk.
Favorite sport: Competitive eating.
Favorite pro sports team: The A-Team.
Favorite sports individual: Randy Couture.
Favorite football team: Greenwood Bulldogs.
My worst job ever: Four-wheeler tire salesman.
Hobbies: Vacuuming.
My dream shopping spree: CV's.
Place I'd most like to visit: A mud volcano.
Favorite cartoon character: Jessica Rabbit.
Favorite automobile: Patrick Crumby's truck.
My first car was: Big Wheels.
My worst habit: Being too serious.
My pet peeves: People that are too serious.



(U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Master Sgt. Shawn Shaffer

I am proudest of: Convincing the angry stash to attend anger management.
What scares me the most: People who fail anger management.

The person I admire most: Ron "The Whiner".
The best day of my life: When Bryan Peters was awarded his second inspector general coin.

Fort Smith Air Show

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Air Force. The Thunderbirds also recognized six individuals in front of a crowd of 130,000 fans before their Sunday aerial demonstration.

Capt. Bridgette Scott, Staff Sgt. Chris Cooper, Master Sgt. Paul Fair, Staff Sgt. Michael Bursey, Tech Sgt. Justin Mankins and Capt. Heath Allen were each introduced to the crowd following the reading of narratives cataloging their accomplishments during recent deployments.

"The Thunderbirds always put on an amazing show," said Col. Tom Anderson, 188th

Fighter Wing commander. "But it's the community support and the hard work of our Community Council and unit members that make this such a great show and entices the headline acts to make us one of their repeat stops. That's evidenced by the fact that we shattered our previous attendance record. We can't say thank you enough to the community and the performers who helped make this the best show we've ever had here."

The Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce estimated the air show's economic impact on the River Valley at more than \$6.5 million.

During their stay, the Thunderbirds also gave an orientation ride to Fort Smith police officer, Cor-

poral Chris Boyd, as part of their Hometown Hero program. The Thunderbirds also gave meteorologist Drew Michaels of local ABC affiliate KHBS/KHOG 40/29 the ride of his life in an F-16 Falcon.

The Thunderbirds also took the time following their practice Sept. 30 to meet with special needs groups from Make-A-Wish and Bost.

While the Thunderbirds stole the show, they weren't the only act in town. Another act popular with fans was the Indy Boys and their jet-powered school bus, dubbed "School Time."

From the moment driver Paul Stender fired up the engine at the end of the runway, billowing clouds of smoke, fans of all ages



What you can do when your partner is driving you crazy

Commentary by Geoff Gibson

Wing director of psychological health

As a licensed marriage and family therapist, I have successfully worked with hundreds of couples to deal with conflict and lack of love and support. Some couples separate and divorce, while many others find love again within their marriage.

I have found that amazing progress and renewed love can happen, if each partner is willing to put forth at least a small bit of genuine effort. If you are experiencing problems in your relationship and are feeling angry and unloved, please continue reading to learn about your options.

Your first option is to do nothing and stay in your relationship the way it is now. This requires no additional effort; you can continue to blame your partner for the problems in your relationship and things will probably stay the same.

The second option is to separate and divorce. This solution is more popular now than it was decades ago, and frequently seems like a good way to deal with your feelings of hurt and rejection from your partner.

If your partner is physically or emotionally abusive, this may be the only way to begin healing. But if separation and divorce is your way of dealing with relationship problems after the infatuation of new love wears thin, then you are likely to repeat this pattern again and again. This even happens to many of the strong, intelligent and good people who are members of the 188th Fighter Wing.

The third option is to learn how to deal with relationship problems in a constructive and supportive way. This option is not taught in our schools or many homes, but is actually the only way to have a relationship with love, intimacy, mutual support and trust.

If you are facing relationship problems or are considering ending your relationship, I invite you to consult with me by e-mail, phone, text message, or in person so that I can assist you in making needed changes. I will help you repair and grow love in your relationship, or help you gracefully end your relationship if needed.

Here are some items that have been of great

help to couples, which I can help you with as well: Successfully work through a relationship issue, rather than going over the same problem again and again without solving it; learn self-control, even when couple conflict sets you off; learn to "fight fair," without attacking the character of your partner; learn to listen to your partner, and to understand and respond to what they are really asking for; and learn ways to give your partner the love they need, so that love can come back to you.

If you are tired of the hurt and anger that come with relationship problems, do not let another day go by before committing to take action. Your options lie before you, and I am eager to support you with resources, ideas or direct assistance as you take action.

Wing Psychological Health Office

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Be still amid the twists and turns of life

Commentary by Capt. Shane Pair

188th Fighter Wing chaplain

Wow! What a wonderful drill and air show we had this past month. It is always truly amazing to see what the pilots and aircraft can do. I was fortunate this year to experience the air show through the eyes of my 8-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son.

In the past years we have lived too far, or they were too young, to really enjoy the demonstrations like they did this year. My children were absolutely mesmerized by the display of power and acrobatics of the aircraft. As I watched the planes zoom powerfully into the air and twist and turn as they plummeted back to Earth, I was caught thinking about the strain these actions place on both the pilots and their aircraft. I wondered how each could endure the pure force of gravity that each were under as they performed.

As I have continued to think about the twists and turns and the

ups and downs the aircraft with their pilots endured, I have also thought about each of our lives. Don't we all experience twists and turn, ups and downs? Some are exhilarating while others seem to cause us to feel as though we will be crushed by the forces pushing against us.

Do you sometimes feel you are going around in circles, ducking and dodging, weaving in and out just trying to maintain your bearing? With the present economy and political climate, many have lost trust in our elected officials causing some to become more skeptical than normal of their bosses, co-workers and neighbors; they just aren't sure who they can trust.

With the stress of work, economic uncertainties, political unrest and the continual demand of relationships, you may be asking yourself: "How do I endure these forces pushing against me?" How do I find direction and relief? What am I supposed to do?

As I have pondered these

questions for myself, I have continually been reminded of two scriptures. The first is found in Psalm 46 verses 10 and 11 and it states: "Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

The second is found in 1 Corinthians 10 verse 13, and it states: "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

In the earlier text, the Psalmist had people out literally trying to kill him; additionally, he was commanding a military force and those underneath him were complaining and probably jealous as well. In the second text the people were being persecuted for their faith by the governing officials of the Roman Empire. In both cases,

just like ours, they were under a tremendous amount of stress and the messengers from God said: "Be still and know that I [He] is God," and "God is faithful...to provide a way out so that you may be able to endure it."

Friends, just as the pilot who is under a great deal of stress by twisting and turning in an aircraft knows he is going to land and everything will be okay, I encourage you, as you feel the forces of life push against you, to know that God will provide a place for your safe landing where you will know peace and rest.

As commanders and NCOs, I believe it is God who placed you where he wants you. As junior officers and enlisted, I believe God has positioned you where you are needed for this time. Let us all serve one another, flying high, enduring the trials together, believing in the end God will provide a way for us all as we are "still and know He is God."



Airman and Family Readiness news

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188th Airman and Family Readiness

TRICARE retiree briefing scheduled

You are invited to attend a scheduled TRICARE Retiree Delta Dental briefing on Thursday, Nov. 17, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in the 188th's headquarters auditorium. Delta Dental has undergone a name change to "Delta Dental Legion". You will notice the change as you begin to receive the new Dentist Handbook, along with the information on the new TRICARE Retired Dental Plan benefits. You will see this change of name reflected in the newsletters and other materials. Lynn Jamroz, marketing and communications representative, will be with us to deliver the briefing and to answer any questions you might have regarding the program. Even though it is not mandatory that you register for the briefing it would be helpful to know how many of our Old Guard will be attending. Call 479-573-5167 to leave your name.

Scholarships available

The Council of College and Military Educators (CCME) offers \$1,000 scholarships each year to U.S. servicemembers and spouses of servicemembers who are working towards the completion of higher education degrees. Deadline for submission is Nov. 1, 2011. Visit <http://www.ccmeonline.org/scholarships.aspx> for additional details.

DoD teen camp assistance available

The University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension (UNHCE) 4-H Youth Development program is preparing for its 2012 White Mountain Winter Adventure Camps for teens living in military families. These four camps will take teens, ages 14 to 18, to the Appalachian Mountain Club's Highland Center in beautiful

Bretton Woods, N.H., where they will enjoy classic winter sports and activities as they build friendships with other military teens.

Outdoor adventure activities will include Nordic skiing, alpine skiing, and dog sledding, ice skating, sled hockey, tubing, and snowshoeing. Here's a chance for teens to try a new experience or improve a skill — everything is included! The camps are designed for military youth with and without disabilities, giving everyone a chance to join in the fun!

What is the best part about these camps? There is only a \$20 fee to cover the cost of camp mementos. All food, lodging, lift tickets, equipment rental, and lessons are free. Transportation assistance is also available, including limited airfare funding for January sessions. Military teens with disabilities will be working with UNH therapeutic recreation professionals from Northeast Passage, and each teen may bring along a personal care attendant, if needed. All lodging and facilities are wheelchair accessible. These exciting adventure camps are open to military teens from anywhere in the United States! Contact Maureen Rose at 501-671-2066 or e-mail mrose@uaex.edu for more info.

The 2012 camp session dates are Jan. 6-9 (teens with physical disabilities); Jan. 20-23 (teens with cognitive disabilities); Jan. 20-23 (teens without disabilities); Feb. 26-29 (teens without disabilities).

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Spring 2012 GTIP enrollment period approaching

Guard Tuition Incentive Program (GTIP) enrollment for the spring 2012 semester will begin Nov. 1, 2011, and continue until Dec. 15, 2011. Anyone wishing to enroll needs to meet the following criteria: AFQT of 50 or higher and less than 10 years in the Arkansas National Guard.

The enrollment forms are located in the 188th Fighter Wing Base Education and Training Office in the Hugh B. Correll Headquarters Building. Individuals with questions can call Senior Master Sgt Bryan Peters at 479-573-5330; Master Sgt. Shawn Shaffer at 479-573-5205; or Tech Sgt. Keith

Freeman at 479-573-5360.

CLEP no longer available

Effective Dec. 31, 2011, CLEP tests will no longer be available at the 188th Fighter Wing. All members wishing to take a CLEP test will need to take the tests at a National Testing Center. The following local colleges are National Testing Centers: Northwest Arkansas Community College; University of Arkansas-Fort Smith; Arkansas Tech University; and the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Any questions can be directed to Sergeant Peters at 479-573-5330.

Childcare available for 188th during UTAs

The Home Child Care (HCC) Program provides quality child care services for Air National Guard members during the primary UTA weekend. Care is provided for children two weeks to 12 years at no cost to the ANG parent.

Eligibility: ANG dual military families; ANG single parent families; ANG military parent with a civilian working spouse during UTA; parent must be participating in the UTA during time care is being provided.

Enrollment: Parent must contact the 188th for reservations on the prior UTA for child care on the following UTA. For example: UTA is Feb. 6-7 and the next month is March 9-10, we will need to have the request in by Feb. 7 for the March UTA. No advance requests are authorized.

Reservations will be confirmed only when the HCC Parent Statement and the AF Form 1181 are received and completed in their entirety. The 188th FSS will keep the HCC Parent Statement; the AF Form 1181 will be given to the provider.

The first six children meeting the requirements will be placed in the HCC home. The capacity is six children (only two children may be under 24 months of age). Parents will be notified with confirmed slots and those who will be placed on the waiting list on the week following the prior UTA.

Requirements: Parents must provide proof of the child's immunization and complete the provider's registration form; provide the name and phone number of an emergency contact; complete the HCC Parent Statement prior to receiving care; fill out USDA Food Program Enrollment Form.

Providers are limited to caring for no more than six children at one time. Care is available during duty hours only; no overnight care is provided. Parents are required to have a back-up child care in the event of provider unavailability. Parents with confirmed reservations who do not bring their children for care will be ineligible to use the program for a period of six months after the second no-show infraction.

Point of contact: Senior Master Sgt. Sam Bond and Tech Sgt. Lanette Hunt. E-mail: sam.bond@ang.af.mil or lanette.hunt@ang.af.mil; phone: 479-573-5465/5573.



Left: Crew members from an AC-130H Spectre Gunship watch the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds perform from the wing of their aircraft Oct. 1 at the Fort Smith Air Show. The AC-130H, based at Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., was a static display at the show. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs) Above: The United States Air Force Thunderbirds Air Demonstration Squadron performs at the Fort Smith Air Show Oct. 2 at the 188th Fighter Wing in Fort Smith, Ark. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Above: A spectator enjoys one of several simulators at the Fort Smith Air Show Oct. 1. The show drew a record 255,000 spectators. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs) Right: School Time, a jet-propelled school bus performs at the Fort Smith Air Show Oct. 1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



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quickly headed to the fence to get a look at the hand-built vehicle. Stender had initially tried to modify a working school bus into a jet-powered vehicle, but it couldn't withstand the high speeds required for his demonstration, he said.

Tora! Tora! Tora! also returned this year with its reenactment of the Pearl Harbor attack.

Another popular display was an AC-130H Spectre Gunship from Cannon Air Force Base, N.M., nicknamed "Wicked Wanda." Spectators had a rare opportunity to get inside the craft and learn about how Airmen support ground

operations with the craft's 105mm howitzer, and 40mm cannon.

"We don't usually get out to air shows," said Senior Airman Chris Houlihan, a crewmember on the Spectre. "We happened to be here doing integration with the A-10s, so we were able to stay on for the show."

The last show the Wicked Wanda made it to was in 2008, Houlihan said. After learning about the different armaments carried by the Spectre from Capt. Stephen Liston, plenty of fans tried to talk Airman Houlihan out of the 105mm shell casing he had on display.

"Every kid wants to take that home with him," Airman Houlihan said.

Popular for another reason was the C-130

Hercules from the 189th Airlift Wing, an Arkansas Air National Guard unit based at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. While letting fans explore the craft from cockpit to tail, crewmembers also had a radio playing the Arkansas Razorbacks' football game against Texas A&M. Razorback scores were met with cheers from both the crew and spectators inside the Hercules.

Maj. Michael Schorer flew in a TC-135S trainer for the RC135 reconnaissance plane. Maj. Schorer's TC-135S, based at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., is the only one in existence, he said.

Rotary-wing aircraft made an appearance at the show as well, thanks to Jimmy Propst and his OH-13 Helicopter. Propst recently acquired the for-

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Tora! Tora! Tora! performs its reenactment of the Dec. 7, 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor at the Fort Smith Air Show Oct. 1. The show drew a record 255,000 spectators. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

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mer Iowa National Guard helicopter from the city of Walnut Ridge, Ark., where it was used for pest control. Other than a driveshaft housing and some touchup paint, the entire bird is original from the manufacturer, he said. Propst and his son were glad to be at the show, and the well-worn grass around his helicopter was testament to fans' appreciation.

Besides being an exposition of aircraft and technology, the event also serves as an opportunity for military recruiting. Recruiters from the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines, and National Guard were on hand to talk with visitors interested in serving their country.

The largest recruiting display during the show was the Air Force's "Command Center Alpha." It featured an interactive look at a variety of jobs within the Air Force.

"The Air Force is only about 3 percent pilots, and we want to get people excited about other

jobs in the Air Force," said Brian Baumer, a CCA staff member.

Visitors complete a leadership survey, and are issued a computer tablet that they can use to view videos about different jobs featured throughout the display, he said. The Command Center Alpha display also featured an F-16A Fighting Falcon in a Thunderbirds paint scheme with an open cockpit for fans to climb up and look inside.

Fans were also treated to a pair of F/A-18 Hornets from the U.S. Marines. Two of the 188th's A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs" were on display as well as a C-17 Globemaster III and a host of other civilian aircraft.

Aircraft weren't the only attraction. Several aircraft simulators were present and the youth



Capt. Nicholas Holmes, a pilot with the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds, signs autographs following a performance at the Fort Smith Air Show Oct. 1. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

as well as the adults were able to have personalized dog tags made all while dining on a variety of tasty treats.

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Post 9/11 G.I. Bill updates

Title 32: The Post 9/11 GI Bill has been expanded to include active service performed by National Guard members under Title 32 AGR for the purpose of organizing, administering, recruiting, instructing, or training the National Guard; or under section 502(f) for the purpose of responding to a national emergency such as Operation Noble Eagle.

Non-college degree programs: Pays actual net cost for in-state tuition and fees at public NCD institutions. At private and foreign institutions, pays the actual net cost for in-state tuition fees or \$17,500, whichever is less. Also pays up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.

On-the-job and apprenticeship training: Pays a monthly benefit amount prorated based on time in program and up to \$83 per month for books and supplies.

Flight programs: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$10,000, whichever is less.

Correspondence training: Per academic year, pays the actual net costs for in-state tuition and fees assessed by the school or \$8,500, whichever is less.

Housing allowance: Now payable to students (other than those on active duty) enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance payable is

Individuals serving in an aggregate period of active duty after September 10, 2001 of:

- At least 36 months
- At least 30 continuous days and discharged due to service-connected disability.
- At least 30 months < 36 months
- At least 24 months < 30 months
- At least 18 months < 24 months
- At least 12 months < 18 months
- At least 6 months < 12 months
- At least 90 days < 6 months

Percentage of maximum benefits payable
 100

100
 90
 80
 70
 60
 50
 40

equal to ½ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependants.

Guidance on requesting and transferring Post 9/11 benefits can be obtained from the Retention Office. Contact Tech Sgt. Keith Freeman at 479-573-5360 or via e-mail at keith.freeman@ang.af.mil.

Visit <http://www.gibill.va.gov> for up-to-date information concerning your GI Bill benefits.