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Members of the 63rd Civil Support Team, Oklahoma National Guard, practice decontaminating equipment after responding to a chemical exposure training scenario during Vigilant Guard Arkansas 2013, April 16, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

## Vigilant Guard gives 188th vital training in disaster response

By Senior Airman John Hillier  
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

CAMP GRUBER, Okla. — Saving lives is one half of the dual mission that Army and Air National Guard members trained for at Vigilant Guard Arkansas 2013, held at Camp Gruber, Okla., Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark., and multiple other sites throughout the state of Arkansas, April 15-19, 2013, citizen soldiers from units in Arkansas, Indiana, Kentucky,

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## Passing the torch



Brig. Gen. Dwight Balch, Arkansas Air National Guard commander, left, and Command Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter, participate in a change of authority ceremony. Carter assumed the position of the Arkansas Air National Guard state command chief during the event April 7, 2013, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., as First Sgt. Jassen Travis and Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen W. Arnold look on. Carter served as the 188th Fighter Wing's command chief for six years. (U. S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple)

## Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter takes over as new state command chief master sergeant



State Command Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter delivers his remarks during a change of authority ceremony April 7, 2013, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Carter assumed the position from Chief Master Sgt. Stephen W. Arnold. The ceremony also marked Arnold's retirement after 38 years of service in the Air Force and National Guard. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple)



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## Vice Chief of Staff Spencer wants to hear your money-saving ideas

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Beginning May 1, Airmen can submit their cost-reducing ideas via the Airmen Powered by Innovation websites while at home, the office or on their smartphones.

With budgets shrinking, Air Force leaders are calling on Airmen to share their best money-saving ideas through the “Every Dollar Counts” campaign.

In the wake of sequestration, the initiative marks a cultural shift that empowers Airmen to find and recommend areas for savings that may be used to support readiness needs, said Air Force Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Larry Spencer.

Both uniformed and civilian Air Force members can participate in the month-long open call for ideas and share their creative and efficient ways to save money and time.

“When things get tough, Airmen figure out a way to get it done,” Spencer said. “We have some of the most innovative folks in the world, so I know there are ideas about how we can do things better.”

Because of Spencer’s resource management and budget-related background he understands the urgency to mine those ideas.

“We stopped flying one-third of Air Force active-duty, combat-coded fighter squadrons in April, and we’re projected to slow down or stop the flow of aircraft and engines in the depots,” Spencer said.

Furthermore, he said, the Air Force must trim about \$11 billion in the last half of fiscal 2013. Additionally, our overseas contingency operations funding is almost \$2 billion short, so we have to make up that difference as well.

And the challenge is compounded by the sequester timeline, which officially began March 1.

“We have to squeeze a year’s worth of cuts into about six months,” Spencer said of the Air Force budget. “So there’s a lot of money to be taken out of our budget in a short period of time ... I’ve never seen anything quite like it.”

Airmen at every level should feel less encumbered by perhaps dated or unnecessary Air Force instructions or guidelines when brainstorming cost-cutting measures, the



(U.S. Air Force graphic/Robin Meredith)

general said.

“Airmen Powered by Innovation means go into that file of good ideas that were maybe ‘too hard to do,’ pull them out and submit them,” Spencer declared. “If it’s a good idea and requires an Air Force Instruction change, then we’ll see if we can do that.”

Spencer wants Airmen to submit their ideas regardless of the idea’s potential savings.

“Whether it’s \$500, \$1 million or \$30 million, we want to hear it because those dollars add up,” he said. “We’re taking every angle we can to manage our money and ‘buy’ as much mission as we can. In that sense, every Airman, whether they’re at a wing or headquarters can help.”

Spencer said the Every Dollar Counts campaign does not just focus on our wings but includes those large, centrally managed accounts as well.

“The Centralized Asset Management Office at Wright Patterson (Air Force Base, Ohio) manages the money we spend on flying hours, sustaining space operations and depot operations — over \$16 billion -- so we’re taking a close review of that account to determine how we can stretch those dollars.

“This is an opportunity to not only look at homegrown ideas, but broader ideas that affect the larger Air Force as well.”

The general expressed optimism in quickly finding solutions through ideas.

“Innovation is what we’re all about,” Spencer said. “This is our family and we’re going to get through this because we’ve got great Airmen to help see us through this.”

(Information courtesy of Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs)

## Exercise

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Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas joined forces to train with each other and civilian first responders to better prepare for disaster response during the exercise, which simulated an earthquake.

“As Guardsmen, we tend to focus on our federal mission of fighting wars, but we also have a state mission for disaster response,” said Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Redding, 188th Installation Emergency Manager. “One day we may be doing our traditional jobs, but when disaster strikes we’re all responders.”

The training scenario they’re given is an earthquake in Northeast Arkansas. In addition to dealing with a collapsed college dormitory, they’re also tasked with a damaged hospital, which, along with fallen concrete and steel, presents additional hazards from the medical diagnostic equipment inside the structure. The troops this week are part of urban search and rescue (USAR) units or chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, environmental enhanced response force package units (CERFP), which are designed to respond to the chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosive threats that civilian first

responders are not equipped to handle.

This year’s exercise brought CERFP troops additional benefits not available in previous years. The chief advantage for participants is face-to-face interaction with their counterparts from other states.

“We’re testing out our standard operating procedures and guidelines, and seeing how we can better incorporate our operations,” said Army 1st Lt. Jeremy Willis, A Company 2-156 Infantry, part of the Louisiana National Guard. “The biggest part of that will be how we talk with each other and work together, how the flow of information works from top to bottom and bottom to top.”

The flow of information is key in an actual disaster because troops work around the clock until their mission is complete. CERFP units are intended to work with each other in shifts, transferring responsibility for patients and equipment to the next unit.

“We usually train alone, because we’re so scattered throughout the United States,” said Army Lt. Col. Johnathon Ballard, Louisiana CERFP commander. “It takes exercises like Vigilant Guard for us to train together. If a disaster actually occurs and we work with these units again, we already



Maj. Gen. William Wofford, Arkansas National Guard adjutant general, visits with members of the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron during Vigilant Guard Arkansas 2013, at Camp Gruber, Okla., April 17, 2013. (U. S. Army National Guard photo by Spc. Elizabeth Pena)

have a working relationship. We understand what our strengths and weaknesses are. When you work with other units you get to learn battle rhythms, and how to transfer the mission to another unit as they come in, so that we can conduct 24-hour operations.”

Much of the work of disaster response takes place at night, but CERFP units primarily train during daylight. This year’s exercise brought the added challenge of operating in darkness.

“This is our first iteration in 24-hour operations,” said Sgt. Maj. Kevin Masterson, of the 19th CERFP, part of the Indiana National Guard. “In our other training, we’ve had to simulate that. It’s been a learning experience for us, but it’s good. We took over operations at 2 a.m. from the Kentucky CERFP, so we’ve been up all night but we’re in good spirits.”

Air Force Master Sgt. Sean Fretwell, search and extraction medic NCOIC, 19th CERFP, Indiana National Guard, said this is the first time he has trained at night in his seven years on the CERFP.

“It’s a more realistic experience, so it’s very beneficial for us. Training is completely different at night. The biggest thing, obviously, is visibility. We have to have situational awareness of all our equipment and our surroundings. Having been a firefighter for over 10 years, I know what it’s like to

be on something like this as a first responder. Being able to include the assets that the Guard brings to the table is truly a great benefit.”

Airmen from the 188th Fighter Wing who make up part of the Arkansas National Guard’s 61st Civil Support Team (CST) worked in partnership with the Oklahoma National Guard’s 63rd CST responding to scenarios throughout Northwest Arkansas. At each location, they trained in urban search and rescue tactics with local civilian agencies.

“As military members, we are never in charge of the operation,” Redding said. “It may be military people making things happen, but we are always working in support of civil authorities. We work hand-in-hand with the City of Fort Smith, for example. We are a part of this community and it’s a cohesive team, but it’s something that we’ve had to build.”

National Guard CERFP units often train with first responders in their own states. Vigilant Guard, however, offers the same opportunity for those civilian agencies to work alongside Guardsmen from throughout the region. They get the same benefits from training with military responders, and can provide a different viewpoint to consider when sharing ideas.

“We know that we don’t have all the resources it may take to



Airman 1st Class Cody Martin, a 188th Fighter Wing photojournalist, interviews Staff Sgt. James Hammock of the 238th Chemical Company, Indiana National Guard, about his part in the Vigilant Guard exercise. Martin helped document the exercise and provided photo and video products to units and civilians in six states. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



# The Flying Razorback member spotlight



## Master Sgt. Lynn Slaughter

**Hometown:** Friendship, Arkansas.

**Job title:** Base Education and Training manager.

**In the 188th:** Since 2012.

**Education:** Ongoing.

**Hobbies:** Family and horses.

**Favorite TV show:** "Duck Dynasty."

**Favorite actor/actress:** Sandra Bullock.

**Favorite animal:** Horse.

**Favorite comedian:** Lt. Col. Scott Langdon.

**Favorite movie:** "The Blind Side."

**Favorite restaurant:** Rolando's.

**Favorite soft drink:** Water.

**Favorite foods:** Steak.

**Favorite book:** The Bible.

**Favorite author:** Arthur Maddox.

**Favorite singer:** Adele.

**Favorite super hero:** Mighty Mouse.

**Favorite U. S. President:** Ronald Reagan.

**Favorite historical figure:** Audie Murphy.

**Favorite sport:** Quidditch.

**Favorite college team:** Arkansas Razorbacks.

**Favorite pastime:** Riding horses and spending time with family and friends on the lake.

**Places I'd most like to visit:** Australia and Africa.

**Favorite automobile:** Ford Pinto.

**My first car was:** 1964 Dodge Dart.

**My pet peeves:** Saboteurs.



Master Sgt. Rita Slaughter was selected as the 188th's Flying Razorback spotlight for May 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

**My worst habit:** Listening to Shaffer and Ryan.

**What scares me the most:** Bees and wasps.

**The person I admire most:** Jesus Christ.

**I am proudest of:** My children.

**The best day of my life:** The birth of my kids.

**Favorite moment at the 188th:** When the UCI was cancelled!

## Recovery care coordinator offers help to members with medical issues

The risk of involuntary separation or medical retirement may lead you to feel nervous or hesitant about reporting your medical issues to the 188th Medical Group. You owe it to yourself and the unit to take care of yourself and to get treatment you need. Learn the facts about your treatment options and how these options may affect your military status.

Call your recovery care coordinator, Jim Albini to confidentially discuss your situation. He will help you learn the facts about treatment options, and assist you in receiving care you need and benefits you deserve!.

Contact him at 501-987-1199, DSN 731-1199, cell 501-422-9676, or at james.albini.1.ctr@us.af.mil

## "Hawg Jawg" 5K run / walk set for June UTA

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 1 at 3 p.m. during the Unit Training Assembly. All paid participants should meet at the pavillion by 2:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** 188th Fighter Wing.

**WHAT:** The 188th Fighter Wing will host a 5K run/walk for unit members and spouses. Following the competition food and beverages will be available at the pavilion on base for everyone to enjoy. Registration fee is \$10. Deadline for registration is the end of May drill. Those interested in registration should see Senior Master Sgt. Sam Bond or Technical Sgt. Lindsey Mott.

**ACCOLADES:** Medals for first place through third place will be awarded in both the male and female divisions.

## Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

### Saturday, May 11

Pulled pork sandwiches , baked beans, potato wedges, cole slaw, peach crisp, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk

### Sunday, May 12

Ham, turkey or roast beef sandwiches, macaroni salad, potato salad, chips, brownies, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk

### Short-order line

Hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog, chili dog, baked beans, chips, salad bar





# Alcohol Abuse Awareness Month: How many is too much?

By Lt. Col. Judith Mathewson and Geoff Gibson  
188th Fighter Wing

Most, if not all of us, know of a family member, friend or co-worker who has a problem with excessive drinking or who may be an alcoholic. Excessive or irresponsible alcohol use results in disappointment in family relationships, trouble at work, or risk of harm and death due to impaired driving and other dangerous behaviors. When we recite the Airman’s Creed, we state “I will never leave an Airman behind.” It is part of our individual responsibility as wingmen to watch out for each other, and alcohol abuse can be very harmful.

- Alcohol use lowers inhibitions and situational awareness, and can lead to domestic abuse or to sexual harassment and assault
- Alcohol use increases the risk of depression and suicide
- Impaired driving puts your life and livelihood at risk, and poses a serious threat to other individuals and families on the roads

How do you know if you have a problem? How do you know if someone else has a problem? You or someone you care about may be having a problem with alcohol if you experience:

- Tolerance (you develop a high tolerance for alcohol)
- Dependence (you need to have alcohol as part of your normal routine)
- Fall asleep in unusual places after drinking (pass out in vehicle, bathroom, etc.)
- More than one drink per day (average)? More than 30 per month?
- Arrogance, minimizing, denial there is a problem
- Others notice and say something (spouse or family worry about you)
- Affects work, marriage, parenting (trouble at work or home)
- Alcohol-related legal problems including DUI
- Uses alcohol/drugs to deal with stress or worry, to forget
- Can’t be yourself or relax without alcohol or drugs
- Risky behavior (sexually, driving, etc.)

### How to intervene:

If you or someone you care about appears to have a problem with alcohol, you can do something about it! Your life or the life of your wingman or family member does not have to be ruled and damaged by excessive alcohol use. Be part of our positive wingman culture; do something, anything to help. Ask the person if they are having a problem with alcohol, and seek assistance from friends, leaders, chaplain or wing director of psychological health. There is a way forward, and we are ready to help you!

### Resources:

- Use the “LifeArmor” smart phone app for a self-assessment and access to treatment tools
- Chaplain Tom Smith (318-918-9669) and Wing Director of Psychological Health Geoff Gibson (479-431-9210)
- Military One Source at <http://www.militaryonesource.com> or 1-800-342-9647
- Recovery Solutions (outpatient counseling for alcohol abuse/dependence) at 501 South 18th Street, Fort Smith, AR 72901 — 479-434-5566
- Alcoholics Anonymous: <http://www.aa.org> – meetings in most cities; go to the AA Directory online or in the Yellow Pages for each community — meetings occur throughout the day for the support of people experiencing problems with alcohol
- Veterans Affairs facilities across the nation offer substance abuse counselors and in-house treatment programs
- Treatment referral service: <http://www.samhsa.gov/> 1-800-662-HELP (4357) to locate available and affordable treatment options

## Alcohol and your security clearance

By Master Sgt. John R. Selby  
188th Information Protection Office

The effects of alcohol abuse, misuse or alcohol related incidents can have a detrimental effect on a person’s ability to obtain or maintain a Secret and especially a Top Secret Security Clearance.

Depending upon the nature of abuse and/or conviction, a Security Investigator must thoroughly investigate all matters pertaining to alcohol use if a member discloses the information on his or her SF 86 Security Questionnaire, or if the Inves-

tigator discovers any form of misuse or convictions while not only reviewing the individuals police and court records but also through interviews he conducts with contacts generated from the member.

From there, determinations are made as to whether an individual is suitable to be eligible for access to classified information. Alcohol abuse or alcohol related incidents are one of the top reasons, second only to financial irresponsibility, for denial of eligibility for access to classified information.

## Alcohol and sexual assault prevention

By Geoff Gibson  
Wing Director of Psychological Health

In our Air Force wingman culture, we look out for each other and take action when we see someone at risk or in trouble. Here at the 188th, good wingmen have saved lives and helped members overcome other life challenges. We understand the importance of taking care of each other, and we understand that failure to act is a failure to lead. The Air Force takes a “bystander” approach to preventing harm to others, and every one of us has responsibility to prevent harm when we suspect sexual harassment, assault, or any inappropriate behavior.

Because alcohol abuse reduces inhibition and judgment, alcohol use can lead to sexual assault. A normally responsible Airman under the influence of alcohol may be more impulsive, or misjudge feedback from others as consenting to sexual activity. Additionally, alcohol abuse can interfere with situational awareness and judgment, and put an Airman at risk for becoming sexually assaulted. Half or more of sexual assaults are related to alcohol use, and your chance of pushing someone into unwanted sexual contact or being pushed into unwanted sexual contact may be much higher when alcohol is involved.



# 188th mission conversion corner

## Assistance offered with testing for new positions

By Lt. Col. Toby Brallier

188th Fighter Wing conversion project officer

A lot of people have been working very hard the past several months on conversion issues, and we appreciate all of the help.

We currently have 21 people enrolled in the ASVAB preparatory course that has been set up by Maj. Jim Garvey and some key volunteer instructors downtown. Fifty people have already retaken the ASVAB, with 98 percent of them increasing their scores. Excellent work! Once drill status Guardsmen (DSGs) retake their ASVAB, they can stop by the recruiting office to ensure their surveys are updated with career fields they are eligible for and adjust their preferences.

Maj. Sara Stigler has been actively handling the targeting piece of our new missions. With its manning document becoming active in October 2013, we may be able to send some DSGs to Intel courses late this summer. Stand by for more words on this, as we may be looking for DSGs to attend these schools.

Lt. Col. Lipscomb and Maj. Paul Needham will be traveling up from Little Rock weekly to monthly in preparation for the 123rd Intel Squadron's move to Fort Smith in order to help the process go seamlessly. If you have questions on the distributed common ground system mission, we can coordinate some more Q&A sessions while they are in town.

Maj. Jeremiah Gentry has been diligently gathering information to help maintenance with the launch and recovery element, to include site visits over the Fort Chaffee area.

The 132nd Fighter Wing in Des Moines, Iowa, had its site activation task force the week of April 29 to May 6, so we will be getting their debriefing within the month. The 132nd will be transitioning from F-16s to both a remotely piloted aircraft and a targeting unit, so their information will have a lot of similarities to ours.

Several personnel from the 174th Attack Wing based in Syracuse, N.Y., visited the 188th to help discuss information on the MQ-9 mission, personnel, facilities and more.

We are still looking for your inputs of what we can do to help get the word out on the new missions and AFSCs. If there is an AFSC you do not feel there is enough information about on the S Drive to help you make an informed career decision, please let us know what we can do to get that information for you. The new conversion email is in operation, so you can contact us



Pictured above and below are MQ-9 Reapers. The 188th Fighter Wing is in the beginning stages of converting to MQ-9s. (courtesy photos)

### Upcoming conversion events and anticipated timelines

**May UTA:** 18X Remotely Pilot Aircraft pilot board

**June UTA:** Intel Officer board / Sensor Operator board

**Summer/early fall:** Possible Site Activation Task Force. (SATAF) NOTE: This process will assess many aspects of the conversion and help determine the way ahead for many of the conversion projects and timelines.



### Sensor operator board slated for June

The 188th Fighter Wing will hold a sensor operator board for all interested drill status Guardsmen on June 1, 2013. Anyone looking to pursue this position will need to visit Master Sgt. Keith Freeman in the 188th Retention Office during the scheduled April Unit Training Assembly.

A career change worksheet will be completed to verify that a member is eligible to apply for this position. All applicants are required to furnish a copy of their AFPT scores to the 188th Retention Office as well. Deadline for applications will be May 15, 2013.

Please contact Master Sgt. Freeman at 479-573-5360 for questions concerning this board. There will be additional boards held in the future.

### Intel officer board scheduled for June UTA

The 188th Fighter Wing will hold an Intelligence officer board during the June Unit Training Assembly. The deadline for applications will be May 20, 2013. These will be traditional Guardsman drill status positions with the new MQ-9 Reaper/DGS/targeting mission. Please contact Technical Sgt. Jeff Mathews or Master Sgt. Craig Gardner in recruiting at 479-806-5191 or 479-573-5147 with questions about package requirements. There will be additional boards held in the future.

Members who need to take the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT) should contact Technical Sgt. Lindsey Mott in the 188th Military Personnel Flight at 479-573-5762 to schedule their test. Minimum requirements to apply are as follows: Bachelors degree; passing AFOQT scores; current passing AFPT score; no medical issues or profiles; and under the age of 35 (some age waivers may be considered).



## Security clearance investigations: Where to get started

By Lt. Col. Toby Brallier

188th Fighter Wing conversion project officer

When a Department of Defense employee or contractor requires access to classified national security information, the individual must be granted a security clearance at the proper level to access that information. A security clearance is a determination that a person is able and willing to safeguard classified national security information. The three security clearance levels are Confidential, Secret, and Top Secret.

A prerequisite for accessing classified national security information is the completion and favorable adjudication of a background investigation.

The investigation is non-criminal and covers a defined period of normally no more than the last 10 years. The information collected must be sufficient to allow an affirmative or negative determination of a person's

eligibility for access to classified information and suitability for employment.

The adjudicative process is the careful weighing of a number of variables known as the whole person concept.

Available, reliable information about the individual, past and present, favorable and unfavorable, is considered in reaching a determination of eligibility. Eligibility for access is granted only where facts and circumstances indicate that access to classified information is consistent with the national security interests of the United States.

For more information on how to receive and maintain a security clearance please read the info from the following link: [http://www.cdse.edu/documents/cdse/Receive\\_and\\_Maint\\_Sct\\_Clnc.pdf](http://www.cdse.edu/documents/cdse/Receive_and_Maint_Sct_Clnc.pdf)

For more information on security related subjects please visit the following site: <http://www.cdse.edu/index.html>

### 188th vacancy: Chaplain assistant

There will be a Chaplain assistant board during the July UTA. This is for drill status guardsmen only. Chaplain assistants partner with chaplains to develop, manage, control and evaluate religious programs to ensure effectiveness. Chaplain assistants will also manage chapel administration to include records management, professional correspondence, forms, publications and other administrative needs of the Chaplain Corps mission.

Anyone interested in applying for this position will need to provide a package to include: career change worksheet, PT

scores, resume and a letter of recommendation from their supervisor and commander. Members must be at least a staff sergeant with a 5-level in another career field. Packages will not be considered from those with law convictions (other than minor traffic violations) or who have been disciplined for unprofessional or inappropriate relationships in the military.

If you are interested in this position, then contact Master Sgt. Keith Freeman in the 188th Retention Office at 479-573-5360. The deadline for turning in your applications is June 15, 2013.

## AFSC Spotlights of the Month 3D1X1 client systems technician 3D1X2 cyber transport technician

As a 3D1X1, you are tasked with managing and maintaining the hardware and software on computers and systems relating to the specific mission sets whether it be RPA, Intel or targeting inside the SCIF. This includes both classified and unclassified systems. Through troubleshooting and correcting issues, the individuals assigned to this career field who support the specific mission, play a vital role in maintaining the integrity and availability of the systems needed to support the mission. You will play a vital role in keeping the data network secure and protected by keeping all security patches loaded, up to date and reported in accordance with TCNO and manufacturer software updates. This AFSC requires the COMPTIA A+ certification which is the third course of technical training.

As a 3D1X2, you are tasked with maintaining the infrastructure (cabling both copper and fiber optic) and connections from the circuit end points inside the SCIF to the equipment used to fly the mission, analyze the data and make the decisions on what is next. Along with the cabling you will be required to manage and maintain a variety of network infrastructure devices such as routers, switches and modems. The infrastructure can provide pathways for both voice and data by either medium, copper or fiber optic cables. You will play a vital role in patching and reporting software and firmware updates and security patches in accordance with MTOs and TCNOs. This AFSC requires the COMPTIA security+ certification which is the third course of technical training.

**NOTE:** There is some confusion regarding the interaction and differences between base communications 3D personnel and the 3D personnel assigned to these new missions. Although all 3D AFSCs go through the exact same 3-level technical training, the personnel assigned to the new mission will have a more equipment specific training requirements through hands-on OJT. You would be assigned to the specific mission and will still go through the same core upgrade training requirements as the career field requires, but you will not be assigned to the 188th Communications Flight; instead you would be assigned to the organization that operates the specific mission. If you are assigned to one of the specific missions, regardless of your 3D AFSC, your knowledge and ability to quickly react, troubleshoot and fix any problems will have a direct effect on the mission of supporting the war fighter on the ground during any point of a mission.

### 188th Fighter Wing UTA news

#### Upcoming drills

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June 1-2



#### UTA pay dates

May 15  
June 12



## Korean War chaplain awarded Medal of Honor after 62 years

By Lt. Col. Tom Smith  
188th Fighter Wing chaplain

He was a plain-spoken, bicycle-riding, pipe-smoking, unassuming sort of guy, but that didn't keep Catholic Chaplain Emil J. Kapaun from demonstrating extraordinary courage during the Korean Conflict. He was awarded the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama, on April 11, 2013, some 62 years after his death in a prisoner-of-war camp.

Since the 1950s, two Army lieutenants, Mike Dowe and Robert Wood, campaigned to get their fallen chaplain his nation's highest honor, but to no avail. Even though he'd already posthumously received several other awards, including the Distinguished Service Cross, the two retired officers, now 85 and 86 respectively, didn't think those were sufficient. So they kept writing letters, doing interviews and enlisting support on Capitol Hill though their initial efforts were turned down in the 1950s.

Although the Korean Conflict is sometimes called "the forgotten war" because of its having been sandwiched in between World War II and Vietnam, Chaplain Kapaun's selfless service and heroism under fire so impacted the soldiers with whom he served that their lives were forever changed.

Sgt. Herbert Miller, a hardened WWII vet, recounted how he was huddled in a ditch in November, 1950, when Chinese soldiers overran the U.S. troops near Unsan. His ankle was broken from a grenade attack and for a while he played dead, hiding beneath the corpse of an enemy soldier. However, he

was ultimately discovered by an enemy soldier.

"He pointed his gun at my head," Miller said. "I was looking into the barrel and I figured to myself, 'This is it. I'm all done.'"

Out of nowhere, Miller saw a slender GI approaching them along the dirt road. As the lone figure appeared, Miller noticed a cross on his helmet and realized it was Chaplain Kapaun. The Chaplain simply pushed the enemy away, reached down, scooped Miller up and carried him on his back as they were taken captive.

During the next six months until his death on May 23, 1951, Kapaun continued ministering to his fellow POWs, foraging for food to feed the starving soldiers, holding mass with a makeshift crucifix on Easter Sunday, despite his captors' objections. When he breathed his last breath that day at age 35, the Catholic priest chaplain knew he'd fulfilled his military mission and was free to go home.

Through the years, only seven other military chaplains have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Only 3,446 have been given since its inception in 1861, but this doesn't negate or minimize the distinguished service of the millions of other servicemen and women who have served with courage and honor since our nation's birth.

That's why it's fitting that we pause on Monday, May 27, to honor those who, like Chaplain Kapaun, paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedom. May each one of us who wear the uniform never forget and also be willing to do the same if duty demands it in the coming days. God bless you.

## Base pool to open May 27

By Master Sgt. Mark Allen  
Ebbing Base Pool President

It's that time of year again, and with Memorial Day fast approaching, people start asking if the base pool will be open this year. Well, I'm happy to be able to say, "Yes, the pool will be open!"

It's been a long time coming. I couldn't say how much work has gone into being able to open the pool this year. There have been on-going discussions and meetings since last April, as well as some pretty creative avenues explored to bring this project to fruition.

With luck, we'll be bringing laughs and splashes to patrons all summer long. So please pass the good news along to our members, retirees, families and all other military ID holders.

There's still plenty of work to be done as we near opening day. We'll take as many volunteers as we can get for some weekend assistance and a little after duty hours to tidy up.

Master Sgt. Mark Allen is the Ebbing Base Pool president this year. You may contact him at 479-573-5289 or 479-414-4850 in regards to the base pool.

## 2013 Season pass membership rates

**Current 188th members:**  
FREE

**Season Family Pass:** \$20 to include immediate family members

**All 188th state and non-military employees:** \$20

**Retired enlisted:**  
\$20 per member plus \$10 for immediate family  
**Retired officers:**  
\$40 per member plus \$10 for Immediate Family  
(Guests of members must pay daily use rate)

**Daily use rates**  
(without membership)  
Infant to 5 years old free (with paying adult)  
Children 6-12: \$2.00  
Children 13 and up: \$2.50  
**Pool parties:**  
(Available daily: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)

**For members:** \$50 plus \$10 per hour for lifeguard  
Parties must be reserved in advance; some rules may apply.  
Lifeguards are required any time the base pool is open.

## 'Ask the commander' now available

Have a question or concern you would like addressed? Whether it's a quirky question about the history of the base, a simple inquiry about how certain processes are accomplished on base or a serious concern about an issue of importance to you, there's a new communication tool to help address those questions and concerns. It's called "Ask the Commander" and it's a way for 188th Airmen and their families to communicate with 188th leadership about issues that impact them individually as well as the wing. Individuals seeking information or to have their problems or issues addressed can e-mail [188fw.askthecommander@ang.af.mil](mailto:188fw.askthecommander@ang.af.mil).

Leadership will do their best to address each issue in a timely manner. Answers to issues that have a basewide impact will be considered for publication in The Flying Razorback as well as the 188th Facebook page and Website.



## Meritorious Service Medals

*Editor's note: The members of the 188th Fighter Wing listed below have recently been awarded the Air Force Meritorious Service Medal.*

- Col. Peter Gauger
- Lt. Col. John Easley
- Lt. Col. James Krohn
- Lt. Col. Thomas Smith
- Lt. Col. Deane Thomey
- Maj. Herbert Hodde
- Maj. Jenny Johnson
- Capt. James Garvey
- Chief Master Sgt. Randy Barentine
- Chief Master Sgt. Greg Beard
- Chief Master Sgt. Donald Frederick
- Chief Master Sgt. Mark McDaniel
- Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Redding
- Senior Master Sgt. Jerid Carter
- Senior Master Sgt. Rickey Gabbard
- Senior Master Sgt. Douglas Lensing
- Senior Master Sgt. Dee Tankersley
- Senior Master Sgt. (ret.) David Mayer
- Master Sgt. Gary Childers
- Master Sgt. Samuel Janski
- Master Sgt. Lynn Slaughter
- Master Sgt. Robert Wiedenbeck



## 188th Fighter Wing Retirements

- Lt. Col. James Krimmel, 188th Operations Group
- Senior Master Sgt. Dennis Brambl, 188th Fighter Wing
- Senior Master Sgt. Terri Fugate, 188th Medical Group
- Senior Master Sgt. David Mayer, 188th Maintenance Squadron
- Master Sgt. Douglas Barker, 188th Mission Support Group
- Master Sgt. Edwin Hicks, 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron
- Master Sgt. William Liggett, 188th Maintenance Group
- Master Sgt. Ryan McClure, 188th Force Support Squadron
- Master Sgt. Scott Wirebaugh, 188th Operations Group
- Technical Sgt. Laurie Brian, 188th Maintenance Squadron
- Technical Sgt. Hugh Coulbourn, 188th Maintenance Squadron
- Technical Sgt. Ervin Riddels, 188th Civil Engineering Squadron

## Community College of the Air Force grads

- |                                  |                                |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Master Sgt. Michael J. Walker    | Criminal Justice               |
| Technical Sgt. Johnny McGuire    | Information Systems Tech       |
| Staff Sgt. Lauren Davidson       | Financial Management           |
| Staff Sgt. Jimmy A Myers         | Aviation Operations            |
| Staff Sgt. Jeremy J Polk         | Aircraft Armament Systems Tech |
| Senior Airman Brandon R Schwoppe | Aviation Maintenance Tech      |

## 188th formal training accolades

- |                                |                        |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|
| Technical Sgt. Tyler Shaw      | Distinguished Graduate |
| Airman 1st Class Drake Bentley | BMT Honor Graduate     |
| Airman 1st Class James Mullens | BMT Fitness Excellence |
| Airman Ashley Bailey           | BMT Thunderbolt Award  |

## 188th Fighter Wing promotions

### To Major

James Garvey



### To Master Sergeant

Clinton Caldwell  
Brian Furr  
Nathan Williams



### To Technical Sergeant

Jeffery A. Ames  
Dustin B. Ponder



### To Staff Sergeant

Zachary L. Darden  
Steven C. Lamar



### To Senior Airman

Tamesha D. Bazzelle  
Eric W. Blackman  
Bryan H. Clem



### To Airman 1st Class

Anthony P. Anderson, Jr.  
Zachary A. Glover



## Public Affairs officer board

The 188th Fighter Wing will hold a selection board to hire an additional public affairs officer (35PX). This position is a traditional officer drill status Guardsman position and an 0-4 billet. Applicants must have qualifying Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores and have passing Air Force PT scores.

In addition, applicants must possess a bachelor's degree. Key responsibilities of the public affairs officer include, but are not limited to: Media and community relations representative; drafting press re-

leases and speeches; conducting press conferences; writing articles and serving as an advisor to the commander.

Please contact Master Sgt. Craig Gardner, 188th Fighter Wing Recruiting Office, with questions concerning the application and selection process at 479-573-5147. To be considered for the upcoming selection board submit packages to 188th Recruiting no later than June 2, 2013.

A selection board will be scheduled at a later date. Packages must include an AF Form 24 and a current resume.



Staff Sgt. Nick Warrick of the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, performs a hot-pit refueling of an A-10C Thunderbolt II at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 24, 2013. The 188th is slated to convert from an A-10 mission to a Remotely Piloted Aircraft mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Technical Sgt. Brian Phillips of the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, performs a hot-pit refueling of an A-10C Thunderbolt II at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 24, 2013. Hot pit refueling allows ground crews to turn around aircraft more quickly and generate more sorties in a shorter time. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Technical Sgt. Orion Stell, a crew chief with the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, communicates with Col. Mark Anderson after a hot pit refueling of his A-10C Thunderbolt II at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, April 24, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

# Now we're cooking with gas!

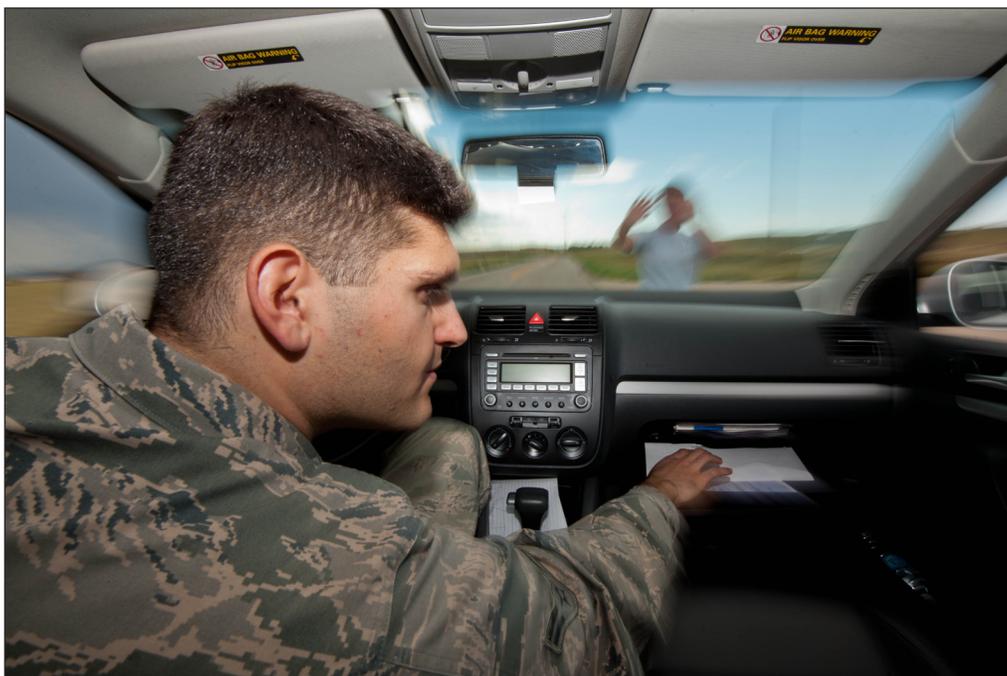


Staff Sgt. Nick Warrick of the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, performs a hot-pit refueling of an A-10C Thunderbolt II at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas April 24, 2013. The pilot, Capt. Mark Cox, is flying his final sortie in an A-10. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Staff Sgt. Nick Warrick of the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, reads an A-10C Thunderbolt II for takeoff April 24, 2013, after a hot-pit refueling at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/ 188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

## Seconds away from life or death



Few may realize that while they are behind the wheel, they are in control of a 2,000-pound guided missile capable of inflicting property damage, personal injury and even taking their lives and that of others. Air Force Instruction 31-218, "Motor Vehicle Traffic Supervision," clearly states the regulations for the safe operation of motor vehicles while on base. (Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Zachary Hada)

## May is Distracted Driving Awareness Month at 188th

By Senior Master Sgt. Michael Francis  
188th Fighter Wing Safety Office

In today's age of technology, it seems that finding a person without a cell phone is pretty uncommon. However, one thing that is extremely common now is driving while using a cell phone. Cell phone usage is the number one distraction behind the wheel. The National Safety Council estimates that 28 percent of all crashes are caused by drivers talking or texting on handheld or hands-free cell phones.

Driving while using a cell phone requires the brain to multitask, a process that it cannot do safely while driving. Drivers who focus their attention on the cell phone conversation or text message instead of the road experience impaired driving performance and have a tendency to "look at" but not "see" up to 50 percent of the information in their driving environment. Drivers who were tested in a closed course environment missed many critical driving cues due to distracted driving.

May is Distracted Driving Awareness Month at the 188th. During this month, Airmen are challenged to refrain from

texting or talking on their phones while driving.

This will be an easy challenge for some. For others, it will be difficult. We have become a society in which information is at our fingertips 24 hours a day, seven days a week. As a result, many of us have become accustomed to simply picking up our smart phones to look up a phone number, text a message to a friend, change a status on social media, order take out, surf the internet, and even pay our bills. While this technology is great, it becomes troublesome when we try to do these things and drive at the same time.

As a reminder, any person operating a motor vehicle on base must use the hands-free option on the phone if they choose to talk while driving. Texting while driving on base is not allowed. There are also several state laws that apply to texting and driving, especially persons under the age of 18 using cell phones while driving.

So, are you up to the challenge of no cell phone while driving this month? Remember that no phone call or text message is worth a life. Please drive safely!

## 188th pilot nominated for Daedalion award

By Senior Airman John Hillier  
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

First Lt. Matthew Cooley was named as the 188th Fighter Wing's nominee for the U. S. Air Force Exceptional Pilot Award for his performance during the Wing's recent deployment to Afghanistan.

The award, presented by the Order of Daedalians, is "based on exceptional deeds performed to assure mission success, acts of valor as an aviator, or an extraordinary display of courage or leadership in the air in support of air operations."

According to his award citation, Cooley showed courage and leadership while ensuring success in a joint mission involving a friendly supply convoy hit by an enemy improvised explosive device. Despite Cooley's combat inexperience, he exhibited quick instincts and a veteran pilot's keen situational awareness while engaging the enemy during a troops in contact predicament with friendly forces on the ground.

Cooley relayed vital information to joint terminal attack controllers and joint forward observers while he and his flight lead made multiple passes employing 30 millimeter rounds onto the insurgent location. Despite his flight lead being depleted of ammunition, night vision equipment malfunctions, multiple casualties on the ground and no way to evacuate the wounded with the convoy pinned down by enemy fire, Cooley showed poise under pressure as the enemy maintained a pressing attack.

Cooley was able to employ the final pass using the 30 millimeter gun, which effectively neutralized the threat and allowed the convoy to move and evacuate the wounded personnel. His flawless performance and superb leadership in direct support of combat operations in Afghanistan ensured mission success and saved lives in a complex wartime environment.

Named after the mythological inventor of human flight, the Order of Daedalians is a fraternity of military pilots dating back to World War I that emphasizes honoring our nation's military legacy and promoting military aviation to young Americans.