



The Flying Razorback

188th Fighter Wing

Arkansas Air National Guard

Ebbing ANG Base

April 2014

In memory of Senior Master Sgt. Jim Love



"We extend our heartfelt condolences to the family of Senior Master Sgt. Jim Love for their loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family and friends during this time of grief. We're extremely saddened by his passing. He was a beloved member of our Flying Razorback family and he will be greatly missed."

— Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander



Love was a member of the 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron. He passed away Friday, Feb. 28 following a battle with cancer.

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Col. Misty Zelk, 188th Medical Group commander, was promoted to the rank of colonel during a ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark., March 2, 2014. Zelk is the first female in the 188th Fighter Wing's 60-year history to be promoted to O-6. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)

Zelk makes 188th history as first female colonel with promotion to O-6

By 1st Lt. Holli Nelson
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH Ark. — The 188th Fighter Wing reached another historic milestone on March 1, 2014, when then-Lt. Col. Misty Zelk was promoted to the rank of colonel during an official promotion ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base. This marks the first time in the unit's rich, 60-year history that a female has achieved the grade of O-6.

Zelk serves as the 188th Medical Group commander. She received high praise from the man who hired her, Col. Mark Anderson,

188th Fighter Wing commander.

"I know this is a proud moment for the 188th and the Zelk family," Anderson said. "Col. Zelk is an outstanding role model for leaders across the wing. But we didn't promote her because she is a woman or to make history. We promoted her because she is a superb officer who empowers her Airmen. Col. Zelk is without question deserving of the rank of colonel. I look forward to her counsel as she takes the 188th Medical Group to new heights."

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Higher education in the cards for all Guardsmen

Commentary by 2nd Lt. Brandon Schwoppe
188th Operations Support Squadron

As a member of the Arkansas Air National Guard, the opportunities for success are immense. One such opportunity is assistance in the attainment of higher education. Far too often I see or hear about Airmen who do not take full advantage of the assets and benefits that they can employ towards achieving their higher education.

It seems as if the absence of fiscal resources or the belief that earning a degree will consume too much time holds service members back from achieving their maximum potential. Yes, earning a degree is a lofty goal and should be treated as such. But the reality is that it may be closer to grasp than many may realize.

I have been a member of the 188th Fighter Wing since 2009 and ever since my enlistment, I dreamed of becoming a commissioned officer, a dream which required a college education. I very recently achieved that goal. That achievement is indeed in the cards for every Airman if they're motivated.

I can personally attest that as that prior enlisted Airman, I also fell under the assumption that I could not afford college nor could I allocate four years of my life to this goal. In August 2011 I decided to overcome those self-imposed barriers and I took the steps necessary to earn a commission. This involved giving college an honest and focused shot.

In August 2013, I had earned three associate degrees and one Bachelor of Science. Attaining this meant employing every asset that I had at my disposal. The very assets that I utilized are the same assets that are available to all Airmen of the Arkansas Air National Guard.

First and foremost the Montgomery GI Bill, the Guard Tuition Incentive Program and the Arkansas National Guard 25-percent tuition waiver are unique resources available only to Air National Guard members that will more than likely cover the entire tuition of a full-time semester.

These resources are available through the 188th Base Education and Training Office. Furthermore, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid should also be completed as this is the application that discerns eligibility for Federal Pell Grant, which is a federal government allo-

cated fund that does not have to be paid back.

There is also state-funded financial aid available. Arkansas YOUniversal is the application program that determines eligibility for this type of financial aid. Both the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the Arkansas YOUniversal can be completed online. Also, there are income tax credits that are available to full-time students. I started college with very limited personal funds and I lived comfortably for the duration of my time as a student because of the resources of which I took advantage. These are resources that you've earned for serving your country, state and community in the Arkansas Air National Guard.

Another invaluable asset only available to Arkansas National Guard members is the transfer of previously attained college credit through Basic Military Training and Technical School. Many Airmen have already earned a great deal of college credit and do not realize it.

Even better, most universities will accept this previously acquired credit. The amount of credit earned varies with AFSC. With my particular previous AFSC, I was granted more than 30 hours of lower level credit towards my undergraduate degree. That is more than two full-time semesters of credit that I had already attained through military training!

Additionally, I found that the College Level Examination Program and the Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support tests were indispensable resources as I navigated through college. These tests that normally cost \$100 to attempt are free to National Guard members. Better yet, if passed, these tests will grant an entire semester class worth of credit in just 90 minutes!

I offer this information in hopes that it will inspire others to achieve their dreams as well. I hope that it has sparked an interest or desire to achieve those higher education objectives that maybe you thought were out of your reach, and to prove that college is indeed in the cards for everyone.

The bottom line is that the absence of fiscal resources or the belief that college will require four years to reach completion should not deter one from achieving their maximum educational potential. I wish everyone well in their future endeavors. Good luck and Godspeed!

Flying Razorbacks in the community: 188th's Bobbitt earns Military Sheepdog of the Year award

By 188th Public Affairs Office

ROGERS, Ark. — The 188th Fighter Wing's Tech Sgt. Justin Bobbitt earned the 2013 Military Sheepdog of the Year award at a banquet held at the John Q. Hammons Convention Center in Rogers, Ark.

The Sheepdog organization recognized award winners in multiple service organization categories including law enforcement, fire department, emergency medical service and military. Bobbitt, who is also a former Arkansas State Police trooper, is a full-time employee of the Arkansas Air National Guard and member of the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He was selected for the accolade based on his volunteerism with the Sheepdog organization and for his military and law enforcement service.

"Tech Sgt. Bobbitt exists as an outstanding example of the kind of men and women serving in the National Guard," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander. "Sgt. Bobbitt represents that desire to serve and protect our community. His dedication to this state and nation deserve to be recognized. This is an amazing achievement and we're very proud of him."

In 2013 while a member of the 188th Fighter Wing, Bobbitt was active in several roles and volunteered for additional duties that far exceeded the expectation of his position description.

Bobbitt participated in a flag ceremony at the National Cemetery in Fayetteville, Ark.; visited with retired veterans and handed out flags at the Veterans Affairs Hospital's nursing home, also in Fayetteville, on Memorial Day; helped raise money for the Arkansas Children's Hospital through the Combined Federal Campaign; etched and labeled over 1,000 tools for sheet metal tool storage area; completed the modernization of nine toolkits within the Sheet Metal shop; maintained and tracked preventative maintenance on all shop equipment; and took over all additional duties when the shop lost a full-time technician while also assigned as the commander support staff.

Bobbitt also served as security manager for 365 Guardsmen. He functioned as the unit health monitor, unit fitness monitor and Enlisted Performance Report/Officer Performance Report monitor for the two largest squadrons in the 188th.

Bobbitt also provided assistance to the 188th's 60th anniversary celebration by designing and



Sgt. Maj. Lance Nutt presents the Military Sheepdog of the Year award to the 188th Fighter Wing's Tech Sgt. Justin Bobbitt during an awards banquet. Bobbitt, who is also a former Arkansas State Police trooper, is a full-time employee of the Arkansas Air National Guard and member of the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He was selected for the accolade based on his volunteerism with the Sheepdog organization and for his military and law enforcement service. (Courtesy photo)

printing banners for the ceremony. He filled a key role as the wing commander support staff in the absence of the primary staff member and he also served as a 188th Security Forces Squadron augmentee to provide much-needed base security during the squadron's Air Expeditionary Force deployment to the Middle East.

"Across the board, TSgt Bobbitt displayed a consistent record of performing at a high level, as an Airman and State Trooper, but especially as an Airman," said Sgt. Maj. Lance Nutt, president of Sheepdog Impact Assistance.

Sheepdog Impact Assistance's primary objective is to provide assistance to military, police, fire, and other emergency personnel and their families in times of hardship due to their selfless service. According to the organization's Website, it also provides assistance to neighbors in times of natural or human-inflicted disasters, and furnishes information on survival and disaster preparedness.

Editor's note: Sheepdog Impact Assistance is a nonprofit organization. The appearance of this article is not an endorsement of this organization. The purpose of this article is to highlight 188th member participation in positive community outreach activities that benefit society.

188th Fighter Wing promotions

To Senior Master Sergeant

Blaine Schulze
Michael Walker



To Staff Sergeant

Travis L. Dickerson



To Senior Airman

James C. Brown
Christopher M. Dorey
Samuel C. Grounds
Tyler D. Hassell
Charles B. Jordan Jr.



To Airman

Gerard W. Pittman





The Flying Razorback member spotlight



Senior Airman Aimee Adams, an aircraft armament weapons release mechanic from the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, was selected as the Flying Razorback Spotlight for the month of April 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin)

Hometown: Bentonville, Ark.

Job title: Aircraft armament weapons release mechanic.

Civilian job: Corporate security for Walmart home office.

In the 188th: January, 2011.

Education: Currently attending college to become a registered nurse.

Goals: Graduate college with a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

Favorite actor: Denzel Washing-

ton.

Favorite TV shows: "Breaking Bad," "Dexter," and anything on the ID network.

Favorite comedians: Jim Gaffigan, Kevin Hart.

Favorite movie: "The Shawshank Redemption."

Favorite restaurant: Tavola Trattoria.

Favorite soft drink: Dr. Pepper.

Favorite foods: Wings, hamburg-

Senior Airman Aimee Adams



ers, chili and pot roast.

Favorite animal: German Shepherd.

Favorite book: "The Hunger Games," by Suzanne Collins.

Favorite author: Stephen King.

Favorite song: "American Soldier" by Toby Keith.

Favorite musical group or singer: Anything country Randy Rogers Band, Turnpike Troubadours, Hank Williams.

Favorite word or phrase: "When life knocks you down on your knees, just remember that you're in a perfect position to pray."

Favorite super hero: Iron Man.

Favorite U.S. President: Ronald Reagan.

Favorite historical figure: Florence Nightingale.

Favorite sport: Football.

Favorite pro sports team: New Orleans Saints.

Favorite sports individual: Jimmy Graham.

Favorite college team: Arkansas

Razorbacks.

Hobbies: Fishing, floating on the lake or river, watching movies, playing pool.

My dream shopping spree: Going to all the little boutiques and getting my nails and hair done.

Place I'd most like to visit: Switzerland.

Favorite cartoon character: Roger from "American Dad."

My first car was: 1999 Chrysler Sebring.

My worst habit: Procrastination.

My pet peeves: Rude people.

I am proudest of: my military family.

What scares me the most: Not being able to accomplish my goals.

The person I admire most: My mother.

The best day of my life: Graduating from Basic Military Training.

Favorite moment at the 188th: My experiences deploying in 2012.

Free VA benefits for veterans

Returning combat veterans: Have you signed up for free health care from the Department of Veterans Affairs?

Did you know that Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation New Dawn (OND) combat veterans can receive five years of cost free medical care from the VA for any injury or illness related to their service? OEF/OIF/OND veterans, including activated reservists and members of the National Guard are eligible for this free VA health benefit.

Your local VA medical center is here for you! Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks has a medical center in Fayetteville, Ark., and community-based outpatient clinics in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Missouri. Our team is ready to welcome OEF/OIF/OND service members and to help coordinate your care.

For more information please contact:

Dave Swindle

Transition Patient Advocate

Phone: 479-443-4301 Ext. 64123

Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

Saturday, April 5

Spaghetti, green beans, corn on the cob, Texas toast, brownies, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk.

Sunday, April 6

Pulled pork sandwich, potato wedges, English peas, carrots, assorted crisps, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk.

Short order line

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

NOTE: Civilians and family members are not permitted to eat in the Citizen Airman Dining Hall. The one exception is the annual holiday meal.



188th set for another new beginning

Promotion

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Zelk offered a humble message during her promotion ceremony speech. She talked about selfless sacrifice and mentorship.

"Your family will deal with you being gone a lot more than a weekend a month and weeks every year," Zelk said. "Never take their sacrifice for granted. By the time you make it to colonel, you will realize the bigger picture. It's not about you; it's about your people and your responsibility to them and for them."

Zelk was commissioned in 1995 in the Army National Guard, serving with Detachment 4 Med at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, Ark. She deployed to Iraq in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, serving with both the 39th Infantry Battalion and the 1065th Medical Company.

Zelk assumed command of the 188th Medical Group in August of last year during a change of command ceremony. She was also the 188th Medical Group's first female commander. She came to the 188th from the 189th Medical Group, located at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark.

Zelk's career has been intertwined with the 188th for many years prior to her current position at the unit and has served beside many of the Airmen here during her career.

Working alongside her medical counterparts in Guatemala and during Hurricane Katrina relief in Louisiana, Zelk felt a strong connection to the 188th and the Air Force.

"I credit the 188th with my Air Force career, and with the fact that I'm even still in the military today," Zelk said. "So it seems fitting that my military career culminates here."

Inclement weather and a unit training assembly cancellation forced the delay of the promotion ceremony, so it was a happy coincidence that the historic occasion took place during Women's History Month. The official Federal recognition date of the promotion is Jan. 15, 2014. During the ceremony, Zelk looked over the path her career had charted, and offered advice to her younger self.

"You think you're going to get yourself where you want to be in life," Zelk said. "You're going to find out that you can't do it alone. And where you end up is better than what you had planned originally."

Commentary by Shane D. Pair 188th Fighter Wing chaplain

This is one of my favorite times of the year. I love this time of year because it is a reminder to me of all that was dead, or dormant, is now coming forth with new life. I love to drive down the Interstate 540 from Northwest Arkansas to the River Valley for drill at this time of the year because I am blessed with the opportunity of seeing the dogwood and pear trees blooming with their brilliant white blossoms. It never gets old seeing the beautiful blossoms among the still dormant trees. It is all a reminder to me that new life is just around the corner. It's a reminder to me of new beginnings.

I don't know about you, but there are times I need the opportunity to start new and fresh. I need, like my computer, to have the option for a reboot. Sometimes I get bogged down with the worries and cares of life — not to mention my own personal shortcomings — and all I need is a reboot. This is what this time of year offers me.

Spring is about leaving that which appears to be dead or dormant and moving into a new and fresh life. For me, as a Christian, it becomes more significant because of Easter. Easter is a reminder that the one, whom I call God, created a way for me to move from my separation from him back into a right relationship with him. Easter is the "reset button" where all the things that bog me down are made right and I'm given the opportunity to move from the barrenness of winter into the new life of spring and hope. I believe this happens because the God I serve fulfilled his promise by raising Jesus from the dead after lying in the grave for three days (Mat-

thew 28, mark, 16, Luke 24, and John 20 of the Christian Bible).

In ancient times "Eastre," was the Teutonic goddess of spring, from which we get the word "Easter." Nimrod was Eastre's husband and died, but after he died his wife deified him as the sun-god and father of creation. Eastre/Easter became the goddess of the moon, fertility, etc.; thus Easter was celebrated as a new birth, or new beginning.

Regardless of which path one follows to celebrate Easter, they all point to a new beginning. As we come into this holiday season of Easter, we look out on our ramp and see only a few planes left, which is a daily and visible reminder that what once was is going away and something new is beginning for the 188th.

We are beginning to see new and fresh faces on the base and we don't know one another.

I hope we can open our hearts and minds, accepting one another with the excitement of spring. Take time to dream about the possibilities of what might be. For me, as a Christian, the resurrection is a reminder of God taking my old self and making something new out of it. And I can't wait to see the final product.

So, I invite you as you celebrate Easter this year by taking time to celebrate where you have been and dream about where God might take you. It's time for a new beginning and I pray you will accept it willingly and with excitement. Know the 188th chaplain staff prays for each of you daily and we know God has a bright future for the 188th. It's time for a fresh start, a new beginning. I thank God for our past and for giving us the opportunity of a new beginning that is fresh and new.

Chaplain assistant board to be held

There will be a Chaplain assistant board during the May Unit Training Assembly. 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, forms, publications, professional correspondence, 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 have a five skill level in another career field in order to apply. 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 Retention Office at 479-573-5360. The deadline for turning in your application is April 23, 2014.



188th mission conversion corner

By 2nd Lt. Brandon Schwope
188th Conversion Team

The mission conversion is bringing forth many exciting opportunities and prospects! With that also comes a transition in culture, policy, practice and procedure than what we are currently acclimated to. One such shift regards Sensitive Compartmented Information (SCI) top secret security clearances. For individuals transitioning into an Air Force Specialty Code (AFSC) which requires an SCI top secret security clearance for the new mission, the following pertains.

Individuals with SCI access shall expeditiously notify their respective local SCI special security officer or representative (SSO/SSR) of any significant changes in personal status. Failure to comply with reporting requirements may adversely affect an individual's continuing eligibility for SCI access. Significant changes include but are not limited to:

- Any drug involvement such as illegal drugs or illicit substances.
- Misuse or abuse of alcohol such as alcohol related treatment or counseling, driving under the influence, being drunk in public, and any accident where alcohol was a factor.
- Financial difficulties such as credit judgments, bills referred to a collection agency, tax liens, wage garnishments, foreclosures, excessive debt, bankruptcy filing, repossessions or deposits of \$10,000 or more into bank accounts.
- Moving violations resulting in fines of \$300 or more.
- Change in marital status resulting in marriage, cohabitation, or divorce. Be advised that

SCI-indoctrinated personnel shall report to the supporting SCI security official or SSO in advance of their intention to marry or live with a foreign national. If an individual marries a foreign national prior to notifying the SSO, the SSO will establish a security information file (SIF).

- Consultation with a mental health professional about mental health-related issues. Reporting this to your SSO/SSR will not automatically affect your clearance or access to SCI.

Be advised that this does exclude:

- Marital or family advocacy counseling, work-related stress issues, post-traumatic stress disorder or grief counseling for which no medications is prescribed.
- Any arrests or adverse involvement with local or federal law enforcement agencies including arrests for alcohol-related driving infractions.
- Investigations whether or not formal charges are filed (this includes Air Force Office of Special Investigations or other Department of Defense agencies, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Naturalization Service, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement).
- Involvement in security incidences, which should be reported to the SSO/SSR within 24 hours if involving SCI materials.
- Contact with foreign nationals including acquisition of foreign property, or investments or commercial business interests abroad. Failure to report foreign contacts as required may result in re-evaluation of eligibility for continued SCI access.
- Personal conduct such as activities demonstrating lack of sound judgment or trustworthi-

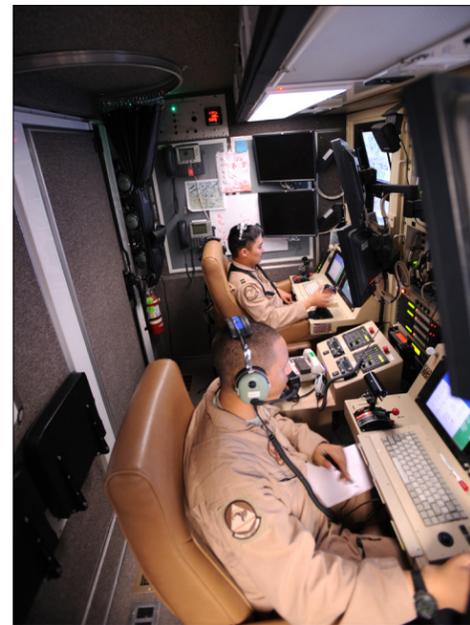
ness or that may lead to coercion.

- Administrative change of status. Information, including name changes, is to be reported to MAJCOM, SSO via your local SCI security official or Contractor Special Security Officer.

- Employee outside activities. Foreign travel, including official and leisure travel outside the territorial United States for periods of less than one day. Be advised, report anticipated foreign travel through immediate supervisors and to the local SSO/SSR. Failure to report foreign travel may result in reevaluation of eligibility for continued SCI access.



Aircrews perform a preflight check on an MQ-9 Reaper before it takes off for a mission in Afghanistan. The 188th Fighter Wing will transition to a remotely piloted aircraft/ Intel mission in 2014. (Courtesy photo)



Capt. Ryan Jodoi, rear, flies an MQ-9 Reaper while Airman 1st Class Patrick Snyder controls a full-motion video camera March 13, 2009 at Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan. The 188th Fighter Wing will transition to a remotely piloted aircraft/ Intel mission in 2014. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. James L. Harper Jr.)



Pictured above is the Distributed Common Ground Station at the Kansas Air National Guard's 127th Command and Control Squadron. The 127th provides critical processing, analysis and dissemination of intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, or ISR, data collected within their area of responsibility. The 188th Fighter Wing will also be getting a DCGS as part of its new mission. (Courtesy photo)



Sexual Assault Awareness Month slated for April

188th Fighter Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office

Nationally, Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) occurs in April and commits to raising awareness and promoting the prevention of sexual violence. SAAM provides an annual opportunity to reinforce the commitment to strengthening the professional climate across the armed forces where the cultural imperatives of mutual respect and trust, team commitment, and professional values are reinforced to create an environment in which sexist behaviors, sexual harassment, and sexual assault are not condoned, tolerated, or ignored. All Airmen have a role in preventing sexual assault.

Sexual assault directly impacts mission readiness as all Airmen must have implicit trust in one another. Sexual assault also exacts an extraordinary toll on victims and their families. Airmen go into combat together and there can be no hesitation in that trust between brothers and sisters in arms. Those who commit sexual assault break down this trust and there is no place for that in the 188th Fighter Wing.

Commanders at all levels have direct responsibility for the culture and accountability within their units; commanders create the climate of their unit and ensure good order and discipline for the Airmen who have been entrusted to them.

The foundation of the Air Force is the core values of integrity, service and excellence. The 188th Fighter Wing will build on that foundation by reinforcing and fostering a culture of dignity and respect; an environment that identifies perpetrators and holds them accountable; and an environment where victims feel empowered to come forward to

report this crime.

An extremely small percentage of Airmen commit this crime, but the entire Air Force can, and must, be part of the solution by improving early intervention, accountability and victim support.

One of the greatest challenges will be helping Airmen of all ranks to assess their own attitudes toward the offense of sexual assault and understand how to improve their decision-making in interacting with fellow Airmen.

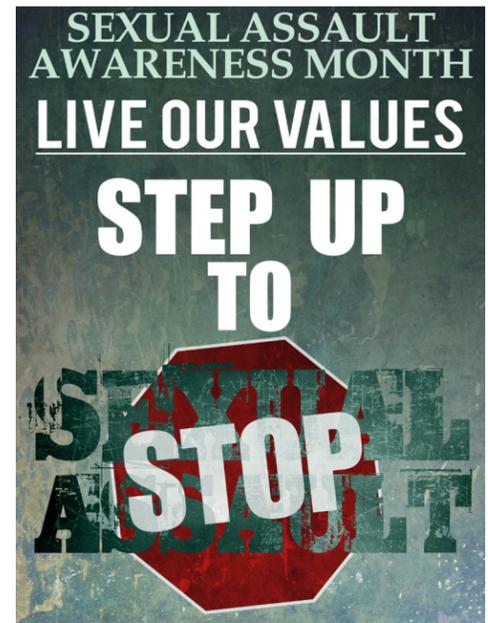
Unfortunately, there is no way to completely eradicate sexual assault. The 188th is applying a multi-dimensional approach to this issue and it will prevail. The Air Force has always been successful in overcoming challenges, especially when every Airman is dedicated to the effort. This challenge is no different and the 188th has the opportunity to lead the way in this effort.

Reporting options

The Air Force has instituted avenues for reporting sexual assault in the form of restricted and unrestricted reporting. Restricted Reporting allows a victim to report a sexual assault without triggering an investigation. It is intended to give the survivor time and control over the release of their information. Further, it also empowers the survivor to make an informed decision about participating in the criminal process.

Unrestricted reporting is any report of sexual assault made through normal reporting channels (for example: reports to chain of command, security forces, and/or Air Force Office of Investigation).

Restricted reporting is available to active duty military, Coast Guard, Reservist performing federal training and members of the National Guard under



Title 10 status.

How to get help

Sexual assault response coordinators (SARCs) and victim advocates are available to assist survivors of sexual assault. The 188th Fighter Wing SARC serves as the single point of contact for integrating and coordinating sexual assault survivor care for members. The 188th SAPR office is also responsible for providing sexual assault prevention training throughout the wing.

If you are a victim of sexual assault, immediate medical care is essential. Get to a safe place and call 911. Once medical care has been established, contact the 188th SARC at the numbers listed below.

188th Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office

Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Maj. Heath Allen: 479-573-5221/479-719-6667

Alternate Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

Maj. Mike Atwell: 479-573-5385

Victim advocates

Capt. Lance Griffith 479-573-5126
Master Sgt. Kelly Webb 479-573-5355

Find us on the web:

www.188fw.ang.af.mil/188thsaproffice

SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247

Joint Force Headquarters SARC

Jessica Hamilton: 501-212-4225

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Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, director of the Air National Guard, shares his view on Airmen and leadership's roles and responsibilities for the prevention of sexual assault in uniformed service.



An A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 613) sits on the ramp at the 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., March 11, 2014. The aircraft was delivered from the 188th Fighter Wing to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



1st Lt. Ellis Moser, a 74th Fighter Squadron pilot, climbs into the cockpit of an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 216) Mar. 6, 2014 at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Moser delivered the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" to Moody Air Force Base, Ga., as part of the 188th Fighter Wing's mission conversion from A-10s to a remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and targeting mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



An A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 613) begins its departure from the 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., on March 11, 2014. The aircraft was delivered from the 188th Fighter Wing to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



Master Sgt. Tony Crockett of the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron signals to 1st Lt. Ellis Moser, a 74th Fighter Squadron pilot, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. March 6, 2014. Moser delivered the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)

Conversion continuation: Eastbound and down

Tail Nos. 613 and 216 depart for Moody Air Force Base, Georgia



Master Sgt. Tony Crockett of the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 1st Lt. Ellis Moser of the 74th Fighter Squadron conduct preflight inspections March 6, 2014. Lt. Moser delivered the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



No ifs ands or butts, smoking safety paramount

By Staff Sgt. Eric Davey
188th Fire Emergency Services

Smoking related fire deaths are the number one cause of preventable fire deaths. In 2011, there was an estimated 90,000 smoking-material fires in the United States.

These fires caused 540 civilian deaths, 1,640 civilian injuries and \$621 million in direct property damage. One in four of those victims were not smokers. While these numbers are on the decline, even one injury due to carelessness is one too many.

If you plan to smoke, please remember to smoke outside. If on base make sure you are in a designated tobacco use area in accordance with Air Force Instruction 40-102.

Make sure to extinguish cigarette or cigar butts and ashes before you throw them out by dousing in water or sand, which is the best method. Never smoke in a home where oxygen is being used, as oxygen reduces the flash point of materials making them more flammable.

To prevent a deadly cigarette fire you have to be alert. You won't be alert if you are tired, have been drinking or are taking medicine or other drugs.

Always remember that smoking safety starts with you. If you see smoking materials on the ground that are still smoldering, do your part and extinguish them. We can all do our part to create a safe environment not just for smokers, but all Airmen.

Safety notice for Hawg Jawg

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

Sports and recreation injuries continue to be high among Air Force members. Sprains, strains, and ankle injuries are among the types of injuries we see daily. If you are injured it degrades mission capability, so please consider the following during the Hawg Jawg:

If at any time you feel dizzy or abnormal from your work-out exertion, stop. Seek shade and drink water. If symptoms persist, contact the medical group. Heat exhaustion can overcome you before you realize it and if left untreated, can lead to heat stroke.

Hydrate well before and during the race. If you are thirsty before you start the 5K, you

are already behind on drinking water. Drink pure water. Sports drinks are good in moderation, but plain water is best. Water stations will be available throughout the course, please take advantage of them.

Wear light clothing that wicks away moisture. High humidity and heat can prevent the body from adequately cooling

coming on such as a knee that hurts or other ailments. This is your body telling you to stop. The old phrase "push through the pain" isn't always the best advice. In some cases this can cause more damage to your body.

This year, the race will be run on a new course. Safety staff will evaluate it for tripping hazards and other safety concerns, however, runners should keep an eye out for any potential hazards during the race.

Most importantly, have fun!

While there's

nothing wrong with some healthy competition, this event is meant to be enjoyable; it's not a qualifier for the Boston Marathon. Please practice good running etiquette and respect for your fellow runners. Have a great race.

Know your limits. No one knows your body like you do. Oftentimes, we can feel injuries



Save the date: 2nd annual Hawg Jawg



Second Annual 188th Fighter Wing Hawg Jawg 5K

When: Saturday, May 3 at 1500

Where: Ebbing ANG Base
Participants: \$10 (t-shirt included)

To sign up: Register by April 23 for T-shirt purchase and race entry. Contact Tech Sgt. Lindsey Mott 479-573-5762 or Senior Master Sgt. Sam Bond 479-573-5764

Who's eligible: Unit members, families and 188th retirees can sign up to run or volunteer.

T-shirt details: Those interested

in only purchasing a T-shirt may do so by April 23. Sizes range from small youth to XL adult. Race Details: There will be a new course this year and will be chip timed. Medals will be awarded to both male and female categories in multiple age brackets.

Additional details: There will also be a bounce-around for the kids, a kids fishing derby with prizes awarded based on age group, horseshoes and volleyball. Food will be served off the grill after the race.

188th promotes Tankersley to chief master sergeant

By Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis and Senior Airman John Hillier
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Achieving the rank of chief master sergeant is the pinnacle of an Air Force enlisted career. Chief Master Sgt. Kenneth "Dee" Tankersley, 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron fabrication section supervisor, reached that lofty peak when he was promoted during a ceremony at the 188th Fighter Wing headquarters auditorium March 6, 2014.

"Chief Tankersley has proven himself time and time again on how effective he is as a leader," said Capt. Kim Sosebee, 188th Maintenance Squadron commander. "I cannot ignore that his comedic approach to appropriate situations has a contagious effect, which on multiple occasions broke tension and simply made people feel great. I look forward to seeing what wonderful things are to come with him leading the troops."

Tankersley learned to hone his skills from numerous mentors during his career, many of whom were previous chiefs in the unit. Every mentor had a different lesson to teach, not just to him, but for anyone who was willing to listen.

"I worked for Chief [Randy] Barentine for seven years and from day one he was training me to replace him, teaching me how to be a chief," Tankersley said. "Another one is Roger Conrad, the fabrication supervisor whom I worked for a long time. He showed me what it takes to be a supervisor."

Tankersley said he worked with many chiefs who were great leaders and possessed an array of quality attributes. He said he learned something from all of them and tried to apply many of their qualities to his own leadership style.

"They all had their own expertise that I admired," Tankersley said.

Now with the 188th deep into an on-going mission conversion from A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs" to a complex Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance, space-focused targeting and remotely piloted aircraft mission, Tankersley wants to ensure his Airmen give themselves every opportunity to succeed in their careers.

"I have always hung my hat on taking care of people and making sure things are going

right," Tankersley said. "My goal is to make sure we continue to do that no matter what mission we're headed in. We are going from turning wrenches to some high-tech stuff, so we have to change with that."

Tankersley joined the wing Sept. 11, 1993, as a drill-status Guardsman working in the machine shop when the 188th flew F-16 Falcons. In 1997, he began working in the shop full time. Tankersley took over as the machine shop chief in 2000, and became the fabrication section supervisor in 2007.

The rank of chief master sergeant was established by Congress in 1958, and makes up

just 1 percent of the entire Air Force. Lt. Col. Anderson Neal, 188th Maintenance Group commander, lauded Tankersley's ability to lead by example. Neal said Tankersley was undoubtedly deserving of the promotion to the Air Force's highest enlisted rank.

"Chief Tankersley is one who takes on any assignment given and is not constrained by his duties or responsibilities," Neal said. "He goes to whatever lengths to get the job done. I have had the privilege of serving with Chief Tankersley when I was an enlisted Airman and consider it an honor to have recommended his promotion to chief."



Chief Master Sergeant Kenneth "Dee" Tankersley speaks during his promotion ceremony at Ebbing Air National Guard base, Fort Smith, Ark., on March 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)

MICT is here to stay

By Lt. Col. James Krohn
188th Inspector General Office

Management Internal Control Toolset (MICT) is an application designed to help all levels of leadership to implement the self-inspection program. It provides commanders a tool to assess the unit's health and to compliment external assessments.

There was a heavy emphasis on MICT prior to the last Operational Readiness Inspection and then we as a wing started to engage heavily in preparation for the Unit Compliance Inspection (UCI) that was scheduled for May, 2013. Then the announcement that we would be converting missions came out, the UCI got canceled, and we all began to focus our efforts on the conversion and all of the changes it has brought and still holds for us all.

MICT has not gone away. Just because we are in a conversion status does not relieve us from the responsibility of keeping up with our MICT checklists and making sure we are doing the things we need to be doing.

MICT is at the heart of the

new Air Force Inspection System. Commanders, Supervisors, and airmen at all levels need to continue to access, check and comply with the MICT checklists that are applicable to their functional areas. We are still in the rotation for a Unit Effectiveness Inspection and it will be here sooner than you think.

Currently we are scheduled to receive an on-base inspection in March, 2016. While that sounds like a long ways off that is only 24 Unit Training Assemblies (UTAs) from now. We only have 48 days to get ready for this visit.

As I have said in previous articles, the new inspection system relies heavily on MICT data to let the inspectors know how we are doing prior to coming to the base. The more accurate MICT data they have to look at the less they are going to be looking over our shoulders. The key to this new inspection is the honest and consistent use of MICT. As the full time manning for the IG's office is put into place, we will begin to see more emphasis on MICT and internal/self-inspections.

'Ask the commander' now available

Do you 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.

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.

Two traditional public affairs broadcaster slots available

The 188th Fighter Wing is seeking to hire two public affairs broadcasters (3N0X2). The positions are for a traditional Guardsman. Candidates for this position must possess a score of 72 or higher in the General area of the ASVAB.

Primary responsibilities include: Organizing and conducting broadcast operations; preparing informational materials in broadcast format for use in commercial media; functioning as talent and operating broadcast equipment; conducting on-camera interviews in studio and in the field; identifying and selecting newsworthy events; authoring television scripts, narrations, spot announcements, and news broadcast packages; selecting associated visual material; coordinating use of graphics, special effects, lights, cameras, microphones, properties, personnel and audio and video material to support programming requirements; and assisting the public affairs officer in working with electronic media. For entry into this specialty, candidates must receive a favorable evaluation of a voice audition and possess the ability to type 20 words per minute. For entry, award and retention of this AFSC, absence of any speech impediment, and ability to read aloud and speak distinctly are required. Please contact Staff Sgt. Eric McGriff, 188th Fighter Wing Recruiting Office, with questions at 479-573-5728.

Minuteman Youth Camp: Call for all campers and volunteers

By Arkansas National Guard Child and Youth Program

This year's Minuteman Youth Camp, MMYC, will be held July 20-25. The MMYC is conducted annually at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Ark. Applications are distributed statewide through arguard.org, SharePoint Joint Services Support website, or through the Lead Child & Youth Program Coordinator located in the JSS Building.

Only 65 campers will be accepted this year. First priority will be given to children with parents or siblings in the Arkansas National Guard and other branches of the military. Camp is open to children ages 10 or 11. Camper must be at least age 10 before July 20, 2014, and not turn 12 before

July 26, 2014. MMYC is for ten and 11 year olds only. Priority for attendance is given to military youth with a parent, sibling, aunt, uncle or grandparent serving in the Arkansas National Guard and other service branches. Children who have or have had a close family member deployed in the past year are encouraged to attend. Children of fallen service members and wounded warriors are also encouraged to apply to MMYC. The camp is also open to the general public after the military priority has been met. A child may only attend Minuteman Youth Camp once.

For more information and to download the applications please visit: <http://www.arguard.org/Family/youth.htm>



Save the date: Conversion Day slated for June 7

The 188th Fighter Wing will hold conversion ceremony to say goodbye to its Maintenance Group and A-10s and welcome new Intel units.

WHAT: The 188th Fighter Wing will hold a ceremony to inactivate the 188th Maintenance Group, 188th Maintenance Squadron, 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 188th Maintenance Operations Flight.

During the ceremony the 188th will also recognize one new group and three new squadrons. The wing will recognize the new 188th Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance Group; 153rd Intelligence Squadron; 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron; and 288th Operations Support Squadron. The wing will also welcome the 123rd Intelligence Squadron under its flag. The 123rd is currently located at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., and will fall

under the 188th as part of the on-going mission conversion.

Also during the ceremony, the wing will redesignate the 184th Fighter Squadron as the 184th Attack Squadron and recognize the 188th Operations Support Squadron, formerly the 188th Operations Support Flight.

The wing will also recognize the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron's new REDHORSE training school and the ceremonial stand-down of the 188th's Fire Emergency Services mission.

Following the ceremony, the final two A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs" will depart the 188th flown by Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, and Col. Brian T. Burger, 188th Operations Group commander.

WHEN: Saturday, June 7 at 10 a.m.

WHERE: Main hangar, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark.

Personnel service videos available

Need help on a personnel service? Electronic Learning Tools (eLTs) are videos designed to give an overview, or in some cases details, of a particular service or personnel process and provide instructions on what to do. They are available on the myPers website, mypers.af.mil, under the "I Would Like To" section, at the link "View Personnel Services Videos eLTs," or the Air Force Portal, Career and Training Tab, www.my.af.mil.

There are two types of eLTs: mini and extended. Mini eLTs run from 3-5 minutes, providing a quick overview and a follow-along how-to guide. Extended eLTs are longer as they have more information and

include "guide me, try me and show me" features. Extended eLTs are on the Advanced Distance Learning System and include additional access requirements of a .mil computer and a CAC log on.

The eLT library includes topics such as an introduction to myPers, submitting online service requests, checking statuses of requests, correcting your military records, awards and decoration nominations, DD Form 214 procedures and information on retiring and the retirement process. Check often for new ones. If you would like to suggest a topic, send an email to ngb.a1xo.kbm@us.af.mil with your recommendation.

188th Fighter Wing Unit Training Assembly news

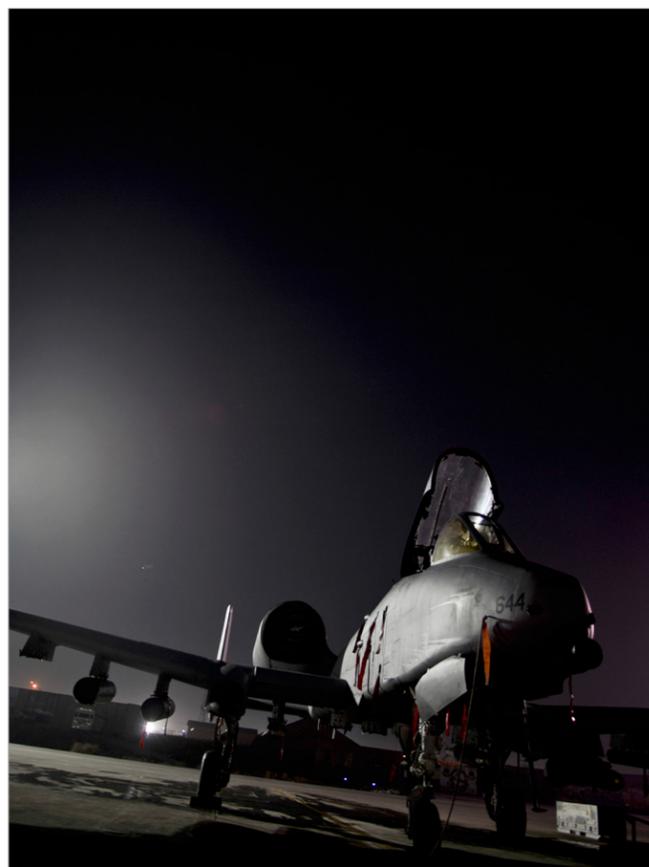


UTA pay dates

April 16

May 14

Midnight special



Former 188th A-10 performs night ops in Afghanistan

A former 188th Fighter Wing A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 644) awaits a weapons reload at Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan, Feb. 10, 2014. The A-10 was one of the first two Warthogs to depart the 188th's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark., Sept. 10, 2013, signaling the beginning of the end of the unit's fighter mission. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Kayla Newman/released)



Flying Razorback Flashback

Remembering the history of the 188th Fighter Wing from the Public Affairs photography archive



Airman Qalls, 188th Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Services Squadron (CAMSS), prepares to hook up the liquid oxygen to an F-4 Phantom II aircraft during exercise Black Hawk IV, Feb. 13, 1981. The 188th Tactical Fighter Group deployed to Howard Air Base, Panama Canal in support of Black Hawk IV, a joint air and naval exercise to test U.S. Southern Command's ability to defend the Panama Canal Zone. The unit also participated in an Operational Readiness Inspection while deployed to Panama. The unit deployed 194 personnel and nine F-4C Phantoms, in support of the ORI and exercise. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. William W. Magel/released)



Join the 188th Fighter Wing: Your hometown Air Force

The AFSCs below are eligible for the Air National Guard national and local incentives. These incentives are effective January 1, 2014 until March 31, 2014. The incentive program will be reviewed each quarter by NGB to determine which AFSCs will be authorized a bonus.

The incentives for non-prior service enlistments include \$20,000 cash and the G.I. Bill Kicker. Current members may receive \$7,500 cash for a three-year reenlistment and \$15,000 cash and the G.I. Bill Kicker for a six-year reenlistment.

Contact Master Sgt. Keith Freeman in the 188th Retention Office at 479-573-5360 for any questions regarding reenlistments. Contact the 188th Recruiting Office at 479-573-5728 with questions concerning joining the Air National Guard.

1C3X1	COMMAND POST	2A6X6	AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SYS
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1N0X1	OPERATIONS INTELLIGENCE	2S0X1	MATERIAL MANAGEMENT
1N1X1	GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE	2T2X1	AIR TRANSPORTATION
1P0X1	AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT	2W0X1	MUNITIONS SYSTEMS
2A3X3	TACTICAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE	2W1X1	AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT SYSTEMS
2A5X1	AEROSPACE MAINTENANCE	3D1X2	CYBER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS
2A6X1	AEROSPACE PROPULSION	3D1X3	RF TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS
2A6X2	AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT	3M0X1	SERVICES
2A6X4	AIRCRAFT FUEL SYSTEMS	3P0X1	SECURITY FORCES
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