



# The Flying Razorback

188th Fighter Wing

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Airmen with the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron level the ground to build a school in El Robles, Guatemala, April 8, 2014, in support of Beyond the Horizon, which is a U.S. partnership with the government of Guatemala conducting various medical, dental and civic actions programs, providing focused humanitarian assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Marcus J. Quarterman)

## 188th Civil Engineer Squadron builds hope, relationships in Guatemala

By Lt. Col. Richard Garringer  
119th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

CHIQUIMULA, Guatemala — The Airmen of the Civil Engineer Squadron from the 188th Fighter Wing exited the vehicles after a three-hour commute from Zacapa and walked down the dirt road to the construction site here April 7, 2014. This was the first day of construction of Beyond the Horizon Guatemala 2014, and the Airmen were eager to start building the new two-room school.

This exercise allows U.S. military personnel and units to sharpen their occupational skills and practice deployment and redeployments while bringing lasting benefits to partner nations and their people. It is a major component of the United States regional engagement efforts and affords

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Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling speaks to the Airmen of the 188th Fighter Wing at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., April 5, 2014. Chief Master Sgt. Hotaling visited the 188th, met with Airmen and wing leadership before touring the unit's facilities. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)

## Air National Guard command chief pays 188th Fighter Wing visit

By Maj. Heath Allen  
188th Fighter Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Ark. — The 188th Fighter Wing received a visit from the Air National Guard's top enlisted Airman. Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling made a stop at the 188th Fighter Wing April 5, 2014. Hotaling met with 188th Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bradley and Arkansas Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter before addressing the 188th's enlisted force.

Hotaling spoke about the 188th's on-going conversion from fighters to an Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance, space-focused targeting and remotely piloted aircraft

mission. Hotaling said he understands the challenges the 188th faces as it ventures into uncharted territory.

"We really just try to do a temperature check and I understand this is a very stressful moment in time right now," Hotaling said. "But your wing is very resilient."

The 188th is no stranger to change, flying 16 aircraft, including nine primary mission aircraft, in its 60-year history.

"As I came in I saw many mission set changes," Hotaling said referring to the row of static aircraft that lines the street adjacent to the 188th headquarters facility. "The air park that's there right now represents a mis-

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188th Fighter Wing Airmen and family members celebrate the official opening of the Ebbing Air National Guard Base Pool with a cookout and ribbon cutting ceremony June 20, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)

## The heat is on: Tips for a safe grilling season

**Commentary by Staff Sgt. Eric Davey**  
188th Fire and Emergency Service

Now that the weather is slowly becoming warmer, people all over America are lighting up the charcoal and firing up the grill. A recent survey by the Barbecue Association of America reveals that over 86 percent of all homes in the United States own a grill. However, more than 150 people are injured every year and 27.6 million dollars in property damage occurs from outdoor grilling accidents. But you can prevent this by staying smart.

Gas grill safety tips: Propane gas is highly flammable. Each year, hundreds of gas grill fires/explosions occur nationally. The new safety standard for propane gas tanks requires that an over-fill prevention device be installed in new gas tanks. The new propane gas tanks have valve handles with three lobes or prongs while older tanks have valve handles with five prongs. People with older propane gas tanks should trade them in for the new, safer tanks.

#### Safe grilling tips

- Check grill hoses for cracking, brittleness, holes, and leaks. Make sure there are no sharp bends in the hose or tubing.
- Move gas hoses as far away as possible from hot surfaces and dripping hot grease.
- Always keep propane gas containers upright.
- Never store a spare gas container under or near the grill or indoors.
- Never store or use flammable liquids, like gasoline, near the grill.
- Never keep a filled container in a hot car

or car trunk. Heat will cause the gas pressure to increase, which may open the relief valve and allow gas to escape.

Charcoal grill safety tips: Never burn charcoal inside of homes, vehicles, tents, or campers. Each year dozens of people die nationally as a result of carbon monoxide (CO) fumes from charcoal being burned inside. Charcoal produces carbon monoxide when it's burned. CO is a colorless, odorless gas that can accumulate to toxic levels in closed environments.

- Charcoal should never be used indoors, even if ventilation is provided.
- Since charcoal produces CO fumes until the charcoal is completely extinguished, do not store the grill indoors with freshly used coals.
- Charcoal retains its heat. Long after the flames are gone and the embers look dead they can retain significant heat.
- Always soak coals with water after cooking to ensure the heat is removed from the fire.
- Flammable liquids other than barbecue starter fluids are discouraged.
- The use of starter fluid on an open flame is discouraged.
- Never add fire starter after you have started your barbecue to speed or rekindle a dying fire. The flames can easily flashback toward the container.
- Never leave the grill unattended.
- Remove coal ashes only after they are completely cooled and no warm temperatures remain.



# No matter what, step up and swing

By Maj. Herbert Hodde  
188th Fighter Wing chaplain

A highly contagious sinus infection kept me home from work on a Tuesday. After a mid-morning nap, half a gallon of chicken soup, and two quarts of guava juice, freshly squeezed, I found myself surfing television to release me from my boredom. I stumbled upon Ken Burn's epic documentary "Baseball", and for the next six hours, I was mesmerized by this historical tribute to what was once America's favorite past time.

It covered everything. I saw shoeless Joe Jackson and the Black Sox World Series. All the greats were there: Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Ty Cobb, Ted Williams, Mickey Mantle, Joe DiMaggio, Carl Eller and Pee Wee Reese. The list proved endless. I watched Jackie Robinson steal home, Willie Mays make an incredible catch, and Don Larsen pitch a perfect game. The cleats were metal, and the pants were baggy. The Giants still lived in New York, and the Dodgers played in Ebbett's field. Although those memories were before my time, I found myself longing for the good old days and wishing things could stay the same.

A wise man once said, "The only person who likes change is a dirty baby." No one appreciates it. Very few embrace it. Yet one thing is for certain - it is inevitable. It's an understatement to say the 188th Wing has undergone tremendous change and will continue on this path for several years. Allow me to share a few thoughts.

My greatest growth occurred through tremendous change. I am one of those obnoxious Cross-Fit individuals who speak of burpees, kipping pull-ups, and box jumps. I talk of decreasing my Fran time and improving my overhead squat. I get a queasy feeling in my stomach right before I attempt the Workout of the Day. It's not because I am unable, but because I know it's going to be brutal and take every ounce of strength I possess. I find however, as in life, the more I put into a workout, the more I get out of it.

Attitude is everything. During a deployment, I found myself face-down on the ground, my battle rattle covered in dirt. Once I regained my hearing, I noticed a fellow Airman looking at me. He was

also covered in dirt from the latest mortar attack. We both lie there stunned, scared, and wondering what should be our next move. After a couple of seconds of eternity, he looked at me and said, "Sir, you gonna make it to the movie tonight?" We both grinned and crawled over to the hardened shelter. You can't choose your circumstances in life only your response to those circumstances.

One of my dad's favorite sayings is, "We don't know what the day brings, but we do know who brings the day." None of us are here by accident. If you wear the uniform, you have a purpose. You bring something to the table. Ted Williams hit a home run his last time at the plate. Babe Ruth struck out more times than he hit homeruns. Jackie Robinson got hit in the head so hard one time it knocked him out. All three of them had one thing in common - they stepped up to the plate, dug in, and swung.

## 188th Fighter Wing promotions

To Lieutenant Colonel  
William Hayes



To Master Sergeant  
Van Peters



To Technical Sergeant  
Quincy Cherry  
Frank Koeth



To Senior Airman  
Jedidiah Backus  
Ryan Cameron  
Jordan Passen  
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# 188th Fighter Wing training accolades and award winners

### 2nd Lt. Andrew Dodd

Distinguished graduate, academic achievement and physical fitness award

### Airman First Class Robert Rolfe

Warhawk

### Master Sgt. Derrick Phillips

Outstanding contributor

### Master Sgt. Katrina Kinnard

Arkansas Air National Guard AGR employee of the year

### Mr. Ronnie Piovesan

Arkansas Air National Guard state employee of the year



# The Flying Razorback member spotlight



2nd Lt. Nathan Crider, an intel officer with the 188th Operations Support Squadron, was selected as the Flying Razorback Spotlight for May 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis)

Hometown: Van Buren.

Job Title: Intelligence officer.

Civilian job: Marketing Coordinator at AW Bravis Marketing Agency.

In the 188th: Six years.

Education: Graduated from the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville with a bachelor's degree in personal financial management with investments and marketing.

Hobbies: Working on cars, Krav

Maga, shooting

Goals: Make my retirement outlast me.

Favorite TV show: Anything on The Drive Network.

Favorite actor/actress: Patrick Dempsey (For his work in motor-sports, not "Grey's Anatomy") and Paul Walker (Reach Out Worldwide).

Favorite comedian: Brian Regan.

Favorite movie: Rush.

## 2nd Lt. Nathan Crider



Favorite restaurant: Frank's Italian Restaurant.

Favorite foods: Classic Italian.

Favorite book: Splinter Cell series.

Favorite author: Tom Clancy.

Favorite song: "Kick Start My Heart" by Motley Crue.

Favorite musical group: Anything Classic Rock.

Favorite word or phrase: "I'm prettttty suuuure" (Saturday Night Live skit).

Favorite super hero: Captain America.

Favorite U.S. President: Ronald Reagan.

Favorite sport: Road Racing/United Tudor Racing Series.

Favorite pro sports team: Corvette Racing.

My dream shopping spree: Summit Racing.

Place I'd most like to visit: Le Mans, France.

Favorite cartoon character: Tie between Speed Racer and Johnny Bravo.

Favorite automobile: Z06 Corvette.

My worst habit: Speeding.

My pet peeves: Encountering half-brained, airheaded and oblivious nitwits who can barely manage to drive a shopping cart, much less a vehicle, on the road.

I am proudest of: My little sister Cayla and her selfless mission trips to Haiti to spread the word of God. What scares me the most: Spiders. The person I admire most: Anyone, who despite their circumstances, will put their best foot forward every day to better themselves and their life.

The best day of my life: Graduating from Intel training.

Favorite moment at the 188th: Hearing that we would be receiving an ISR mission because I knew that despite the numerous missions the Air Force has thrown at us throughout the years, the 188th would not only accept the challenge, but once again rise to the occasion and surpass all expectations.

## 188th Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office

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## Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

### Saturday, May 3

Western Sizzlin

8 oz. chopped sirloin, mashed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad, green beans, roll, assorted cobbler, sweet and unsweet tea

### Sunday, May 4

Schlotsky's

Sandwiches: roast beef, turkey or ham, 8 oz. broccoli and cheese soup, potato chips, cookie, tea.



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



Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling speaks with a joint terminal attack controller from the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron during a visit to the 188th Fighter Wing's Detachment 1 Razorback Range April 5, 2014. Hotaling, a former combat controller, met with JTACs to understand the unique training opportunities available at Razorback Range. The 188th's pilots regularly train with Special Forces JTACs from the U.S. Army Rangers, Air Force Special Operations and Naval Special Warfare teams. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)

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sion set change that you've experienced during your entire history here at the wing. So I have pride, confidence that you're going to get over this mission set change."

performance. The wing shattered deployment records in combat hours, munitions expended and mission capability metrics in its last two Air Expeditionary Forces deployments to Afghanistan. Hotaling also praised the 188th's community outreach and the support exhibited by the local community.

"You have a wonderful combat record and

*"We are entering into a new era of warfare and you're going to be on the leading edge of that... The 188th is a resilient wing with a great future."*

*— Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling*

While the 188th has without question endured the gamut of transformation, this mission transition is the most complex in the 60-year history of the 188th. Hotaling said the wing should be proud that the Air Force has entrusted it with such a cutting-edge assignment.

"We are entering into a new era of warfare and you're going to be on the leading edge of that," Hotaling said. "We like to say that the Air National Guard is the first choice for homeland operations; you prove that at the 188th."

Hotaling also lauded the 188th's combat

something that you will do again in the future," Hotaling said. "And you have enduring voices in the community and partnerships overseas; you're a great partner in this community for sure. The 188th is a resilient wing with a great future."

Bradley, the 188th's top enlisted advisor, said Hotaling's visit came at just the right time for the wing.

"I think it was good for our enlisted force to hear from Chief Hotaling," Bradley said. "We're happy that he took the time to pay us a visit and see what the 188th has to offer. It's important for our future leaders – those

young Airmen and junior noncommissioned officers – as well as our senior enlisted to have the opportunity to sit down with the ANG's top chief and catch a glimpse of what's on the horizon for us all. With the challenges we've been through over the past year, his visit was perfect timing."

Following his enlisted call, Hotaling met with 188th chief master sergeants and first sergeants before sitting down with the wing's director of psychological health, Airmen and Family Readiness reps and the chaplain office.

After enjoying lunch with 188th members in the Citizen Airman Dining Hall, Hotaling also popped in to sundry offices at Ebbing Air National Guard Base to visit with Airman across the wing before sitting down with 188th senior leadership and a Special Forces representative to receive a mission and capabilities briefing.

Hotaling then hopped on a UH-60 Black Hawk from the Arkansas Army National Guard's 77th Theater Aviation Brigade and took an aerial tour of nearby Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center before sitting down at the 188th's Detachment 1 Razorback Range. While at the range, he met with 188th pilots and representatives from the 22nd Special Tactics Squadron who were conducting close-air support training with the 188th's A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs". Hotaling observed the A-10s dropping ordnance and firing its 30mm Gatling gun before departing for the 189th Airlift Wing, the second leg of his Arkansas Air National Guard tour.



Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, right, gives Air National Guard Command Chief Master Sgt. James W. Hotaling a tour of the wing's Detachment 1 Razorback Range April 5, 2014. Hotaling visited the 188th during a unit training assembly and spoke with enlisted Airmen across the base about professionalism, resilience and recognition, as well as heard their concerns about issues in the service. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



# Conversion Corner: Moving on up

By 2nd Lt. Daniel Cochran  
188th ISR Group

As the current mission continues to draw down, work space will continue to change. We want to provide you information on the temporary and permanent locations of personnel work areas. These locations have been agreed upon, but are subject to change in the future. We have designated work locations for individual squadrons and have determined locations for Initial Operating Capability (IOC) functions.

As of today, most of the individuals already released from maintenance to begin their new jobs are working out of the avionics building. Operations will be getting a major remodel and will house the 184th Attack Squadron, the 188th Operations Support Squadron, and the command staff for the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group. Due to this remodel and until the IOC Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF) is complete, work space will be somewhat compressed. The number of individuals assigned in these locations

will fluctuate due to personnel movement and individuals being in formal training schools. We ask that everyone be patient and do your best to share work stations and computers.

Location of personnel sometime after June drill, avionics will house the 153rd Intelligence Squadron (targeting squadron), 188th OSS Intel (Ops intel), and an intel training facility for the other intel squadrons 123rd and 288th Operations Support Squadron. The 153rd will be where the Avionics Intermediate Station was previously located. 188th OSS, 123rd IS, and 288th OSS will be where the pod shop was previously located. The pod shop has been renamed the temporary intel facility. This section will be primarily used for current base intel functions as well as pre-Intel school training. During the same timeframe, the hangar will be repurposed to house all 188th ISR group staff, 123rd IS, 288th OSS, and 223rd ISS personnel. Additionally, the communications section of the 188th OSS will be located in the hangar. The Command Post will be re-

located to the NDI building.

Future construction, there will be three major construction projects that revolve around the new mission set. The first will be the remodel of the operations building as previously discussed. The second project will be 10,000 sq. ft. modular SCIF. This facility will contain a combined operations floor for the 188th Ops Group and the 188th ISRG. It

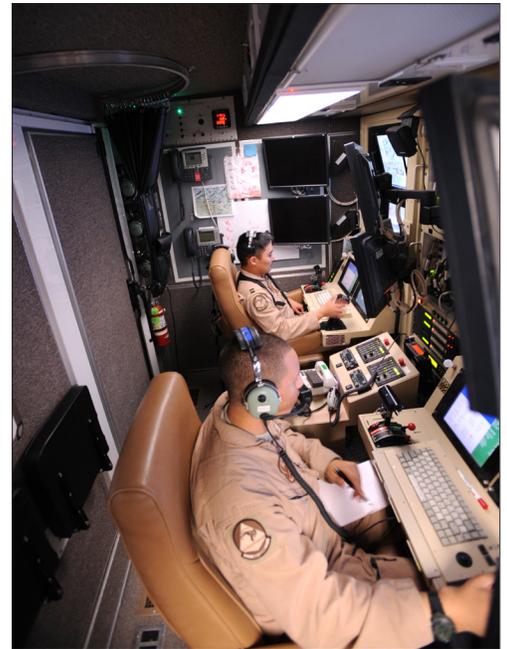
will also contain briefing rooms, video teleconference rooms, and other rooms for associated functions. This will be the IOC location for the new missions with the exception of the 153rd IS. The final project will be a new 40,000 sq. ft. SCIF. This will be the final operating capability location for all the new mission sets. This new facility will be

the secure location of all the mission equipment, personnel, and associated functions for all mission related squadrons. This military construction project has been projected to begin fiscal year 2016.

I hope this has answered some questions regarding the future office locations. This information will be briefed at ISRG commander's call in more detail.



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)

## Omega-3 fatty acids: It's what's for dinner

By Senior Master Sgt. Sam Bond  
188th Force Support Squadron

On average, 188th Fighter Wing Airmen who failed their fitness assessment more than 70 percent failed due to the cardio component. In fact, cardio is the number one cause for receiving an unsatisfactory score; well above the next leading unsatisfactory category, the abdominal circumference. The Air Force places a high level of importance on our overall fitness, especially cardiovascular fitness, as it makes up 60 percent of the points possible on the fitness assessment.

An American Heart Association journal said that up to 250,000 people in the United States die each year due to a lack of physical activity. In addition, studies that followed large groups of individuals for many years have documented the protective effects of physical activity for a number of non-cardiovascular chronic diseases, such as non-insulin-dependent diabetes, hyperten-

sion, osteoporosis, and colon cancer. In contrast, we see a higher rate of cardiovascular events and a higher death rate in those individuals with low levels of physical fitness. Even midlife increases in physical activity, through change in occupation or recreational activities, are associated with a decrease in mortality. Despite

this evidence the vast majority of adults in the United States remain effectively sedentary. Less than one-third of Americans meet the minimal recommendations for activity as outlined by the Center for Disease Control, American college of sports medicine, and AHA expert panels.

Regular cardio exercise can

improve our overall health by reducing body fat, improving mood, combating health conditions and boosting energy. But exercise is only part of the heart healthy equation.

Foods like salmon, flax-seed, oatmeal, kidney beans, almonds and walnuts are high in Omega-3 fatty acids. Maintaining a balanced diet that regularly includes these foods will help to protect and maintain your cardiovascular system.

The cardio component of the Air Force fitness assessment consists of either a 1.5 mile run or a 2 kilometer walk, if approved by the medical liaison officer. The base track, with its newly rubberized finish, gives us a prime location for cardio exercise and the ability to gauge endurance at given distances and times. With the weather looking better every day, there's no better time to improve your cardio health, as well as your physical training score, than now.



Picture of healthy choices. Each meal should include protein, vegetables, fruits and a grain, with each serving approximately the size of a fist. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Brittany Paerschke-O'Brien/Released)

## Save the date: Conversion Day slated for June 7

By 188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

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 state crash recovery 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.





A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 621), awaits departure from Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., as part of the wing's on-going mission conversion. The aircraft was delivered from the 188th Fighter Wing to Moody Air Force Base, Ga., April 2, 2014, as part of the 188th's mission conversion (photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



Capt. Scotty Goncalves, a pilot with the 74th Fighter Squadron, readies for takeoff in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. April 2, 2014. Goncalves delivered the aircraft to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. as part of the 188th Fighter Wing's conversion. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/released)



Capt. Scotty Goncalves, a pilot with the 74th Fighter Squadron, reviews the forms for an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. April 2, 2014, while Master Sgt. Haden Key readies the aircraft. Goncalves delivered the aircraft to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. as part of the 188th Fighter Wing's conversion from A-10s to a remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and targeting mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/released)

# Conversion continuation: Then there were three *Tail Nos. 621 and 586 depart for Moody Air Force Base, Georgia*



Maj. Michael Roche, a pilot with the 74th Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., taxis an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 586). The aircraft left Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. and was delivered to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. on April 18, 2014, as part of the 188th's mission conversion. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/Released)



Maj. Michael Roche, a pilot with the 76th Fighter Squadron, Moody Air Force Base, Ga., takes off in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 586). The aircraft left Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. in route to Moody Air Force Base, Ga. on April 18, 2014, as part of the 188th's mission conversion. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/Released)

# Beyond the Horizon

## Arkansas Air Guard, 188th Fighter Wing leaders visit Flying Razorback civil engineers in Guatemala



Brig. Gen. Mark Berry, Arkansas Air National Guard chief of staff, shakes hands with a member of the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron in Guatemala. The 188th Civil Engineer Squadron deployed to Guatemala in support of a U.S. Army South-led humanitarian mission called Beyond the Horizon. The Airmen were there to build a school in the remote town of El Robles. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/released)



Brig. Gen. Mark Berry, Arkansas Air National Guard chief of staff, conducts a site visit with members of the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron in Guatemala. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/released)



Above: Brig. Gen. Mark Berry, Arkansas Air National Guard chief of staff, shakes hands with a member of the Guatemala military. Below: 188th CES Airmen pose for a photo with Arkansas ANG leadership. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Maj. Heath Allen/released)



Brig. Gen. Mark Berry, Arkansas Air National Guard chief of staff, second from right; Col. Pete Gauger, 188th Fighter Wing vice commander, left; and 1st Lt. Anthonyvan Garay, an interpreter with the Georgia Army National Guard meet with Guatemalan military leadership April 15 in Zacapa, Guatemala. The 188th Civil Engineering Squadron deployed to Guatemala in support of a U.S. Army South-led humanitarian mission called Beyond the Horizon. The 188th Airmen were there to build a school in the remote town of El Robles, Guatemala. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/released)



# Healthy ways to stop arguing

By Mr. Geoff Gibson  
188th Fighter Wing DPH

As we transition from a fighter wing to our future mission, we may experience delays in receiving the needed training and infrastructure. Once we have the opportunity to get trained, some training schools will require long absences from our families and partners. Even healthy relationships can be stressed by absences, and you or our partner may feel lonely or abandoned at times. Then, when we finally get back together in person or technology, sometimes we fight with each other.

Why do we fight with each other? Many arguments are really unsuccessful attempts to fix our feelings of being alone or unsupported, or to ask for help and love. We feel unsupported, so we complain, criticize, and accuse or partner to express our dissatisfaction. These "cries for help" rarely work, however, because they are perceived as attacks and are met with counter-attack or avoidance.

Improve your relationship resilience and stop the fights with these solutions:

- Be a leader! Decide now to follow these suggestions, and to do something to make things better regardless of what your partner does.
- Regain control of yourself by breathing, relaxing your muscles,

and thinking before you speak. Take a walk if you need to, and announce when you will be back so your leaving won't look like yet another rejection.

- Recognize criticism for what it really is: an incompetent request for something. Ask yourself, what is my partner really asking for? Pro tip: They are asking for the opposite of whatever they are criticizing you about! This item may need to go to the top of your to-do list.

- Educate yourself on relationship maintenance, including listening skills, awareness of your own body language and facial expression, and ways to show love effectively, wing director of psychological health, chaplain, or resources such as "The Five Love Languages" book can be a great help.

The wing director of psychological health and chaplain are located with Safety in building 210; next to pool, NDI, and Engine Shop. We are eager to assist you in stopping the fighting, and in giving and receiving the love you need for security and resilience in your relationship. Come see us before you go to training, or before things get worse. We can help you!

If you have further questions or need help please contact, Mr. Geoff Gibson at 479-573-5742 or Chaplain Tom Smith at 479-434-0378.

## 188th Fighter Wing Unit Training Assembly news



### UTA pay dates

May 13

June 18

## Save the date: Wingman Day

### Wingman day olympics

**When:** 0730, Aug. 2, 2014

**Where:** 188th Track

**Who:** Entire wing, including 123rd Intel Squadron

**Purpose:** To build teamwork and resiliency among wing members as we begin a new mission and new squadrons are established.

**OVERVIEW:** Wing members will report for duty at 0700 hours, have roll call and then assemble at the base track at 0730 hours. The wing commander will welcome unit members and signal for the events to begin. All members are expected to participate, whether as a competitor in the various events or in a supportive role. Between 1030-1100 hours everyone will assemble in front of the hangar for the first official wing 1.5 mile run. Those not running will be encouraged to cheer for their respective squadron's runner. Lunch will be served at the base pavilion from 1100-1230 hours and the wing commander will present the awards to the squadron/group that wins the competition. Unit members will then return to their respective sections for resiliency training and small group interaction.

A full schedule of events will be sent in the July edition of The Flying Razorback.

If you have questions please contact Chaplain Smith at 573-5541.

## 188th ISR Group commander's call

By 2nd Lt. Brandon Schwope  
188th Fighter Wing Conversion Team

There will be a 188th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group

Commander's call Sunday of May Unit Training Assembly at 0800 at the Red Horse Training Site Building.

This will be the first 188th ISR Group Commander's Call conducted by the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group commander, Lt. Col. Robert Kinney. All members of the 188th ISR Group, 123rd Intelligence Squadron, 153rd

Intel Squadron, 223rd In-

telligence Support Squadron and the 288th Operations Support Squadron should attend. Members may refer to the most current organizational chart on the 188th Shared Drive if they are unsure of where they are assigned.

Topics will include an initial welcome message for the new ISR Group members, a walk-through and review of the 188th ISR Group Operating Instruction which covers member roles and expectations, and a discussion for the way ahead as the 188th ISR Group progresses forward through the conversion.



Photograph by the Veterans Administration

## Returning Veterans; Free healthcare

By Sarah McBride  
VA Public Affairs Specialist

Operations Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom and New Dawn combat Veterans can receive five years of cost free medical care from the VA for any injury or illness related to their service.

One of the benefits of receiving health care at the VA is our electronic My HealtheVet program. My HealtheVet is a free, online personal health record available to veterans, their family members and VA employees. With an upgraded account Veterans receiving health care at our facility will be given new tools to help manage their health care online. Benefits of an upgraded account include:

- Online prescription refills
- Appointment lists (past and future)
- View VA lab test results (VA chemistry + hematology)
- Access selected military Service information (MOS codes, rank, service dates, etc...)
- Ability to send and receive online secure messages with

primary care providers, Medical and Surgical Specialty Clinics, and mental health providers

All primary care providers, including the main campus in Fayetteville, all community-based outpatient clinics (CBOCs), and home based primary care, use secure messaging with their patients. secure messaging is also used by medical and surgical specialty clinics, mental health providers, and administrative offices such as the patient advocate, prosthetics, eligibility, travel, ask a pharmacist, and ask the dietician. We continue to expand secure messaging throughout our facility with the goal of providing you access to all clinical areas of our facility as soon as possible.

Our team is ready to welcome OEF/OIF/OND Service members and to help coordinate your care, for more information on eligibility, how to enroll, and other questions please contact: Dave Swindle, transition patient advocate, phone: 479-443-4301 Ext. 64123

## 2nd annual Hawg Jawg



The Hawg Jawg is scheduled for Saturday Unit Training Assembly on May 3, 2014 at 3 pm. Runners should report to the swimming pool parking lot no later than 2:45 p.m. with bib pinned to the front of your shirt.

Food will be served at the base pavilion following the race at 4 p.m. Medals will be awarded for each age group at the pavilion after the race.

T-shirts, bibs, and chips will be delivered to full time members on Friday, May 2, 2014 prior to the Saturday race. Traditional members can pick up their race packet on Saturday morning from 8:30 a.m. to 11

a.m. in the headquarters auditorium foyer.

Kid's Fishing tournament will also be held on race day, immediately following the race. For information pertaining to the kids fishing tournament please contact Chief Master Sgt. Dee Tankersley for details.

The bounce-a-rounds originally scheduled for the Hawg Jawg; have been moved to June UTA family day.

If you have questions regarding the race please contact Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Mott at 573-5762 or Senior Master Sgt. Sam Bond at 573-5764.

## 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.



## How to answer five tough interview questions

**By Arkansas National Guard**  
Human Resources Office

Wouldn't it be great if you knew exactly what a hiring official would be asking you in your next interview?

Consider this your interview study guide! Here are 5 of the most dreaded interview questions and some tips on how to answer each one.

1. Can you tell me a little about yourself? This question seems simple, but it's crucial. Don't give your complete employment or personal history. Instead, give a pitch, one that's concise and compelling that shows exactly why you're the right fit for the job. Start off with the two to three specific accomplishments or experiences that you most want the interviewer to know about, and then wrap up by talking about how that prior experience has positioned you for this specific role.

2. Why do you want this job? People who show enthusiasm towards a job are more likely to get hired, so you should have a great answer about why you want the position and if you don't? You probably should apply elsewhere. First, identify a couple of key factors that make the role a great fit for you for example, "I love customer support because I love the constant human interaction and the satisfaction that comes from helping someone solve a problem." Then share why you love the organization example, "I've always been passionate about education, and I think this organization is doing great things, so I want to be a part of it."

3. Can you describe a time that you displayed leadership at work? Depending on what's more important for the role, you'll want to choose an example that showcases your project management skills, spearheading a project from end to end, juggling multiple moving parts or one that shows your ability to con-

fidently and effectively rally a team. Remember, the best stories include enough detail to be believable and memorable. Show how you were a leader in the situation and how it represents your overall leadership experience and potential.

4. What do you consider to be your weaknesses? What your interviewer is really trying to do with this question-beyond identifying any major red flags-is to gauge your self-awareness and honesty. So, "I can't meet a deadline to save my life" is not an option, but neither is "Nothing! I'm perfect!" Strike a balance by thinking of something that you struggle with but that you're working to improve. For example, maybe you've never been strong at public speaking, but you've recently volunteered to run meetings to help you be more comfortable when addressing a crowd.

5. Do you have any questions for us? You probably already know that an interview isn't just a chance for a hiring manager to grill you it's your opportunity to sniff out whether a job is the right fit for you. What do you want to know about the position? The organization? The shop? The team? You'll cover a lot of this in the actual interview, so have a few less-common questions ready to go. Try to target questions to the interviewer "What's your favorite part about working here?" or the company's growth "What can you tell me about your new products or plans for growth?"

While we don't recommend having a canned response for every question (in fact, please don't), we do recommend spending some time getting comfortable with what you might be asked, what hiring officials are really looking for in your responses, and what it takes to show that you're the right person for the job.

## Sending PII through e-mail

**By Col. Mark Anderson**  
188th Fighter Wing commander

As most of you are aware, the AF has placed special emphasis on protecting personal and sensitive information across the enterprise. All MAJCOMs are guilty of sending unencrypted PII information.

The Air Force assessment of the last few months of data has identified that most breaches fall into four categories: rosters, force management products, class rosters and passenger manifests. The most frequent infraction has been sending this type of information from military to individual's home accounts; most likely to work offline. The AF compiles the statistics behind these breaches and sends them to the MAJCOM CC/CVs, CSAF, and SECAF.

Protecting sensitive PII is everyone's responsibility. Please remind your folks not to be the one who puts others at risk by releas-

ing their personal information and opening the door to adversaries, as well as compromising the critical mission systems we use daily.

I request your help in educating our Airman with these simple steps: 1. don't send the sensitive PII at all, it's rarely needed, 2. if it's needed, encrypt it and, 3. if that's not possible, remove the sensitive PII and re-save as a different file before sending. With your help we can meet the AF goal of zero PII breaches.

I received this e-mail from the Director of the Air National Guard. We have been guilty of several PII violations in just the last year. The Guard is particularly susceptible to PII errors since we rely so much on electronic communication; some of it to our non-DOD addresses. Before you hit "send" I ask you to take a second to make sure there is no PII included and if there is, you are handling it correctly.

## Vacancy announcement 223rd and 288th First Sergeant positions

The 223rd Operations Support Squadron Operations Support Squadron and the 288th announce vacancies for the position of First Sergeant. These positions can be filled by any tech sergeant who is eligible for promotion to master sergeant; or any current master sergeant positions are open to any AFSC.

Prior to attending the First Sergeants Academy you must have a minimum Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score of 41 administrative or 62 general, have a minimum of three years retainability upon completion of the FSA, complete the Senior Non-commissioned Officers Academy course by in-residence or online within 18 months of graduation from FSA.

Once selected, individual must

complete his/her physical fitness test with a score of 75 percent or higher within 60 days of the class start date at the FSA. Be prepared to run and accomplish physical fitness. Upon completion of the FSA, the candidate will be placed in the 8F000 Special Duty Identifier and will be paid an additional \$150.00 per month when in active duty status.

If interested provide a letter of intent, resume and RIP to 188th Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bradley, This advertisement closes June 6, 2014. A board will be held during either June 7 or June 8 during the Unit Training Assembly. For further information on the First Sergeant's career field, read the First Sergeant responsibility in AFI 35-2113, or ask any First Sergeant



Guatemalan, U.S. Army, and Airmen with the 188th Fighter Wing met with school children in El Robles, Guatemala April 7, 2014, during Beyond the Horizons, which is a U.S. partnership with the government of Guatemala conducting various medical, dental and civic actions programs, providing focused humanitarian assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Marcus J. Quarterman)

## Guatemala

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the opportunity to train service members while providing needed services to communities throughout Central and South America.

"It makes me proud to be able to come here and give some time to people who are less fortunate than us in the United States," said Master Sgt. Larry Ricketts, a National Guardsman with the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron. "It makes me happy to see their faces as they smile and wave when the U.S. military drives through town. The people are just waiting for someone to interact with them. It makes you feel good to wave at a child and get a smile in return"

This is Ricketts first time to construct a building in Guatemala. He has 25 years of combined experience with combat and civil engineers. Ricketts grew up in Van Buren, Ark., and graduated from Van Buren High School in 1978. He en-

listed in the U.S. Army in 1988 as a heavy equipment operator, trained at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and was stationed at Fort Knox, Ky. He returned home after his active duty obligation and joined the Arkansas Air National Guard. His unit deployed to Iraq in 2005.

"When I was in Iraq the showers did not come very often and the electricity went off quite frequently," Ricketts said "It's the same thing here. When you are home you don't have to worry about whether your lights will come on where your water comes from. We take it for granted a lot of times. Coming down here puts things in perspective."

Ricketts' most memorable moment in Guatemala was when they first arrived at the job site and saw three young children climbing a tree to get a better view of the engineers, not unlike sports fans trying to get a view of the action.

"We were giving them something they did not have and they wanted to watch the whole

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Graphic illustration by the Air Force Safety Office

## 101 critical days of summer

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

Since 1964, the Air Force has highlighted Safety during summer activities. With Memorial Day weekend just around the corner, we once again focus on the 101 critical days of summer. In the past, we have focused on a variety of topics, everything from Barbecue cooking to boating safety and summer travel. The one common theme in all of these activities is risk.

Risk is defined as the exposure to the chance of injury or loss; a hazard or dangerous chance. Those last two words in the definition are what we need to focus on. Dangerous chance, this is where risk management comes into play. Evaluate the risk to see if the fun factor outweighs the hurt factor. In other words, ask yourself, "Is the amount of fun I could have participating in this activity going to outweigh the amount of pain I could be in if something goes wrong?"

As always, each week will focus on a different theme for summer safety and there will be some interactive safety events that you can participate in during the upcoming Wingman Olympics in August.

Use good risk management in all your activities, whether you are planning a summer vacation or a back yard barbecue. Be safe out there!

## Help wanted

We need your help with programs for the wing, such as family day, fishing derby, and wingman day. When there is an emergency or return from deployment. Volunteers make a huge difference.

How can you help? Whether you can volunteer for an hour or a few hours a month; we would love to have your assistance.

Eligibility: Spouse, parent or someone affiliated with a unit member. We need your talents and time to assist with all Airmen and Family Readiness programs

Duties and responsibilities:

- Provides peer-to-peer support to unit families

- Serves as a link between unit leadership and families

- Provides information and referral assistance to families during a crisis.

- Welcomes families and cultivates relationships within the unit.

- Maintains and updates community resources and services.

- Actively participates in unit's Hails & Farewells, squadron functions, spouse's group functions and AFRC meetings/training.

- Tracks and maintains a unit family call log; records action taken and provides feedback regarding family readiness issues.

- Troubleshoots issues and reports back to families and or unit team

- Serves as a role model/mentor for unit spouses

- Attends scheduled meetings with the Unit Commander and or First Sergeant and provides feedback regarding family readiness issues

- Records volunteer hours and information disseminated on a data spreadsheet.

Other duties may include:

- Provide newsletter input

- Distribute unit's newsletter to families

- Perform other unit-related duties as determined by unit leadership

Please contact Michelle Pike, Airman and Family Readiness Program manager, for more information at 479-573-5167.



# Tulsa Time

## 188th hosting F-16s from Oklahoma ANG's 138th Fighter Wing

By Maj. Heath Allen

188th Fighter Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Ark. — The 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base is currently hosting seven F-16C Falcons and approximately 35 maintenance, operations and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing. The F-16s and the Oklahoma Airmen who fly and maintain them arrived April 8 and are expected to remain at the 188th until early June.

While at Ebbing ANG Base, the 138th is conducting normal daily flight training operations and maintenance. The 138th is also utilizing the 188th's Razorback Range located at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Ark.

Runway and taxiway construction at the 138th hampered flying operations at the Tulsa unit. Utilizing 188th facilities will ensure the 138th effectively utilizes its flying hour allotment and maintains its pilot and maintenance personnel training currencies.

"Once we realized we were having combat readiness issues due to the weather and construction at Tulsa, we contacted our neighbors to the east, the 188th Fighter Wing," said Lt. Col. Matthew Bertelli, 138th Operations Group director of operations. "We asked them if they'd be open to us doing deployed operations at their base and immediately they opened up their doors with open arms."

The 138th is utilizing the remaining aircraft shelters vacated by A-10s divested as part of the 188th's mission conversion. The 138th is sharing ramp



The 188th Fighter Wing's Tail No. 188 and the Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing's Tail No. 138 taxi near each other at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark. The 188th is hosting seven F-16C Falcons and 35 maintenance, operation and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's 138th. The F-16s and the Oklahoma Airmen who fly and maintain them are expected to remain at the 188th until mid-June. (Courtesy photo by Nick Thomas)

and taxiway facilities. The Tulsa Airmen are sharing workspace with multiple 188th squadrons while at Ebbing ANG Base.

The 188th is familiar with the F-16. The wing flew F-16s from 1988 until 2007 when it transitioned to A-10s.

"The 188th is no stranger to F-16 operations and we're happy to share our facilities with our Air National Guard brothers and sisters from the 138th," said Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander and former F-16 pilot. "It is exciting to see F-16s back out on our flightline even if just for a few months."



A local community member, Dave Burns, waves an American flag, while an F-16C, Fighting Falcon, takes off. The 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. is currently hosting seven F-16Cs and 30 maintenance, operation and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)

The 188th currently has three A-10C Thunderbolt II "Wart-hogs" remaining on station as part of the wing's on-going mission conversion from fighters to an Intelligence, Surveillance and

Reconnaissance, space-focused targeting and remotely piloted aircraft mission. The final two A-10s are slated to depart the 188th for Moody AFB June 7, 2014.

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# Flying Razorback Flashback

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



First of many transport aircraft arrive at Ebbing Air National Guard Base on May 2 1975. The transports were part of the Vietnamese Airlift also known as Operation New Life. The Vietnamese refugees were brought in through the 188th Tactical Fighter Group. The Indochinese refugees were then transferred to temporary housing at Fort Chaffee, Ark. May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage month and honors the contributions they have made in their service to the nation.



Air Force One arrives at Ebbing Air National Guard Base. President Gerald Ford visits the 188th Tactical Fighter Group while in route to dedicate the opening of St. Edward Mercy Medical Center and tour the facilities housing the Indochinese refugees at Fort Chaffee, Ark., on Aug. 10, 1975.

## Chaplain assistant board

There will be a chaplain assistant board during the June 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 5 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. Freeman in the Retention Office at 479-573-5360. The deadline for turning in your application is May 29, 2014.

## Join the 188th Fighter Wing: Your hometown Air Force

The AFSCs below are eligible for the Air National Guard national and local incentives. 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.

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| 2A6X2 | AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT              | 3D1X3 | RF TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS   |
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## Guatemala

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thing from the beginning. It makes you feel good," Ricketts said.

The Guatemalan soldiers received instruction and training on heavy equipment.

"On heavy equipment the biggest way to learn things is actually hands on," Ricketts said. "It is something you can't read in a book."

The Airmen used an interpreter and showed the Guatemalan engineers what the controls do and how to run the equipment.

"The best thing you can do is to step back and then let them do it," Ricketts said. "I think they really enjoyed that. Operating the equipment is something that most of them never get to do in their lifetime."

Staff Sgt. Lance D. Hobbs, from Lavaca, Ark., also assisted in the training and commented on the language barrier.

"With the help of the interpreter, it is a fun experience," Hobbs said. "The interpreter told me they don't get a chance to operate heavy equipment. You could tell it was exciting for the Guatemalan engineers and it was a lot of fun to see. They seemed to enjoy it and that was a good experience. It just gives you a sense of pride in what you do."

When asked about the current school and how he felt after touring the classrooms, Hobbs replied, "It was mixed emotions. It was depressing seeing the conditions that they learn in now and at the same time it was inspiring to know that what we are building will help these kids: give them more room, give them something cleaner, nicer and better."

"The children are carrying loads of wood for cooking every day. They are walking cattle to the water hole. Even the children are part of the workforce in the family. I feel, when you give something to people here, they are more appreciative of what little bit you give them."

In 2012 the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron of the 188th Fighter Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard deployed to Guatemala and built a maternity ward at a medical clinic in Tactic, Coban.

"I thought about coming here and what it was going to be like," Ricketts said. "The



Guatemalan, U.S. Army, and Air Force engineers have a safety briefing during Beyond the Horizons, prior to beginning work in El Robles, Guatemala April 7, 2014. Beyond the Horizons is a U.S. partnership with the government of Guatemala conducting various medical, dental and civic actions programs, providing focused humanitarian assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Marcus J. Quarterman)



Top, bottom: Airmen with the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron load cinder blocks in preparation to build a school in El Robles, Guatemala, April 14, 2014, in support of Beyond the Horizon, which is a U.S. partnership with the government of Guatemala conducting various medical, dental and civic actions programs, providing focused humanitarian assistance. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Maj. Heath Allen)

first couple of days were pretty hot. After traveling to the work site, seeing the kids, and the conditions of the school it makes me want to volunteer for the next one. I will come back!

"Everybody learns at a different rate and many things affect a student's learning ability. If they are in a better learning environment, I think they'll learn easier and at a faster rate. The new classrooms will create an environment where the teacher can better instruct. Building the school for the kids is really what this is all about, helping them build their future!"





# Sweet F-16



An F-16C Fighting Falcon sits at the 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The wing is currently hosting seven F-16Cs and 35 maintenance, operation and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



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A crew chief chalks the wheels on an F-16C fighting falcon. The 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas is currently hosting seven F-16Cs and 35 maintenance, operation and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



A crew chief marshals an F-16C Fighting Falcon prior to take off. The 188th Fighter Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas is currently hosting seven F-16Cs and 35 maintenance, operation and support personnel from the Oklahoma Air National Guard's Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



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