



# The Flying Razorback

188th Fighter Wing Arkansas Air National Guard

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Pictured above are American flags at a recent 188th Fighter Wing ceremony. The 188th will conduct a ceremony June 7 to recognize a number of conversion-related changes. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)

## Conversion Day Maintenance, Ops, ISR units to be recognized; wing to be redesignated

By 188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. -- As a result of the 188th Fighter Wing's on-going mission conversion from A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" fighters to a remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) mission, it will host a Conversion Day event. The event will feature a number of ceremonial mission conversion-related changes.

The ceremony is slated for 10 a.m. June 7 in the main hangar at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

First, the 188th Fighter Wing will inactivate the 188th Maintenance Group, 188th Maintenance Squadron, 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and

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Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, and Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander, flew the 188th Fighter Wing's final A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" training mission May 16, 2014, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)

## 188th future one step closer with last A-10 training mission in the books

By Maj. Heath Allen  
188th Fighter Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Ark. -- The 188th Fighter Wing moved one step closer to its future by logging one last mission in the history books. The 188th conducted its final A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" training mission May 16 at Ebbing Air National Guard Base.

Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander, and Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, flew Tail Nos. 646 and 188 on a basic surface attack training mission. The sortie consisted of tactical surface attack proficiency training at Razorback Range. This mission marked the end of daily manned flying at the 188th.

"This is another historical milestone in the rigorous process of a mission conversion," said Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander. "While we're certainly excited

about our future, it's the moments like these that make the reality of it all set in. We've made some astounding accomplishments in this aircraft in a very short period of time, including our wing's two largest-ever combat deployments. This is certainly a bittersweet day. We're going to miss flying over the best military community in the world."

Dahlem, who has flown more than 2,100 hours in both the F-16 and A-10 at the 188th, echoed Anderson's sentiments.

"I've been flying fighters for almost half my life and I'm definitely going to miss it," Dahlem said. "I'm going to miss flying over Arkansas and seeing it through the cockpit canopy for sure."

It isn't just the local training that Dahlem will miss. He said he will also miss supporting ground troops in contact with enemy

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## Wildland fire safety preventable in three simple steps

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

The U.S. Fire Service Administration States that in 2012, a record 67,774 wildfires burned 9,326,238 acres (an area that's bigger than New Jersey, Connecticut and Delaware). In many of these cases, simple mistakes led to millions of dollars' worth of damage to some communities. You can prevent many of these massive fires with a few simple tips.

**Warnings:** If there is a warning in your area that humidity is low and temperatures are extremely high, pay attention to the warnings. If there is a ban on controlled burns (burning trash, etc.) then don't burn until the ban has been lifted. Whatever the warning is, heed it. This is the number one way to help prevent wildfires from occurring in your area.

**Cigarettes/cigars:** Never throw burning cigarettes or cigars out the window of your car or on the ground. The same goes

for matches. This is especially important in wooded areas.

**Burning:** If there is no ban on controlled burns in your home community and you are burning outdoors, make sure that you follow a few basic rules. Stay with the debris while it is burning to keep it from getting out of control, it only takes a few minutes for a fire to take off in an unexpected area. Don't burn when it's extremely windy, burning ashes can land in fields or even rooftops and catch other things on fire. Always have a water hose close by in case something catches on fire that you didn't intend to burn.

Preventing wildfires should be a priority. When you live in an area that is prone to them, it becomes even more important. Don't be the person responsible for thousands of acres burning because a few necessary precautions were skipped. Smokey the Bear was absolutely right, "Only you can prevent forest fires"

### Conversion

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188th Maintenance Operations Flight.

The 184th Fighter Squadron will also be redesignated as the 184th Attack Squadron as a result of the change from a fighter mission to a remotely piloted aircraft platform.

The 188th Fighter Wing will be redesignated as the 188th Wing as a result of the wing changing from one primary mission platform (fighters) to multiple primary mission sets: Remotely piloted aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance.

Next, the wing will activate the 188th ISR Group; 153rd Intelligence Squadron; 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron; and the 288th Operations Support Squadron. The wing will also recognize the relocation of the 123rd Intelligence Squadron from Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas to Ebbing ANG Base. The 123rd will be a subordinate squadron of the 188th ISR Group.

Following the unit activations, Lt. Col.

Robert Kinney will assume command of the 188th ISR Group. Lt. Col. John Easley will assume command of the 223rd ISS. Maj. Sara Stigler will assume command of the 153rd IS and Maj. Paul Needham will assume command of 288th OSS.

Once this is complete, the ceremony will continue on the flightline, where the last two A-10s will depart. Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, and Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, will fly the last two Warthogs out of Fort Smith.

The aircraft will venture to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona for modifications before the 23rd Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia takes ownership of the two A-10s.

The 188th Fighter Wing will be returning to its recon roots. The wing began as the 184th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Oct. 15, 1953. It continued in the recon role until switching to a fighter mission in 1972.

When the last two A-10s depart the 188th June 7, it will be the first time in more than 60 years that the unit has not had assigned aircraft on the flightline.



# It's time to say goodbye

Commentary By Maj. Shane Pair  
188th Wing chaplain

In 1962, before I was born, there was a song that came out titled "Turn, Turn, Turn." It was sung by The Byrds and it is based on Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 it states: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven, a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted; a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; a time to throw away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to throw away; a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

We are at a new time and season for the 188th Fighter Wing. As of June 7, 2014, we will no longer have fighter jets on our ramp, as a matter of fact; we will not have any aircraft on our ramp at all. From our inception back in the 50s we had a plane of some type housed at Ebbing Air National Guard Base in Fort Smith, Arkansas, but now we say goodbye.

Many times in our life we have to say goodbye. We say goodbye to loved ones who leave this life and enter into their eternal resting place. We say goodbye to people we become attached to that leave us to move to other parts of the country or world. We say goodbye to children who grow up and become adults. We say goodbye to the simplicities of life as we move from one stage to another.

Saying goodbye can cause us to have what psychologist call separation anxiety. In a divorced situation when a child throws a temper tantrum, and the parent who is handing off the child thinks that the child is expressing fear of being with the other parent. This is not what is happening. It is more than likely separation anxiety. The child thinks that they will never see the other parent again; they are not old enough to know that they will see the other parent soon.

As children, we experience separation anxiety when we are taken from someone we love. As adults, we experience traumatic

emotions when someone we are attached to dies or leaves us for any reason. Whether it is the death of someone, or children growing up and leaving, or a lover who leaves, we experience the panic of separation anxiety unless we have a higher understanding of what is happening.

As a United Methodist minister, I am appointed and told by a bishop what church I will serve and my appointment is only guaranteed for one year at a time. I have been an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church for 10 years and I have served four churches, with my present church being the longest as I enter into my fourth year. My family and I have been called upon, not to just move churches, but we have had to move communities and homes. I must say that it was really difficult at first because it seemed we just got settled and we would be asked to go somewhere else.

I have learned over the years that each place brings its own challenges and unique blessings, and I believe the same will be true for the members of the 188th as we say "Good-bye" to the fighter jets. We have a unique opportunity to create and imagine a new, yet different history. We, like the pioneers before us, have an opportunity to create something special, but it all begins by saying goodbye to what we have known.

In my tradition as a Christian, one of the founding fathers of my faith wrote a letter to the church at Corinth and said "So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!" 2 Corinthians 5:17. For me this meant I got a chance to start my life over. I got a redo. I was given the opportunity to imagine what my life could be for all eternity, but I had to say: goodbye to my past and embrace my new future.

It is my prayer that as we watch the last fighter jets leave our ramp and fly into the sky as we say goodbye that we realize each one of us has an opportunity to make history as we reimagine our future. It is our time to say goodbye to what we have known but it is also time to embrace what might be. I am thankful for the past we have shared, however, I am excited about the future we will have together. Know each of you remain in my prayers as we journey into our future together.

# 188th Fighter Wing promotions

- To First Lieutenant**   
Ryan Hartman
- Senior Master Sergeant**   
Ricky Sehorn
- To Master Sergeant**   
Lindsey Mott
- To Technical Sergeant**   
Gregory Williams
- To Staff Sergeant**   
Rigel Forte  
Joshua Rye
- To Senior Airman**   
Brandon Hobbs  
Christopher Kleist
- To Airman**   
Daron Robertson

# 188th ISR Group commander's call

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

Commander's call Saturday, August 2nd, Unit Training Assembly at 1400 at the Red Horse Training Site Building.

This will be the second 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 Intelligence Support Squadron and the 288th Operations Support Squadron should attend. There will be a cookout following the commander's call.





# The Flying Razorback member spotlight



Senior Master Sgt. Gary Skelton, Operations Chief, 188th Civil Engineering RED HORSE Training Center, performs operational checks on the squadron's new asphalt paving machine. The asphalt paver is one of the nine special capability training classes offered at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas for Air Force and Air National Guard RED HORSE units. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis)

**Hometown:** Spiro, Oklahoma.

**Job Title:** RED HORSE Training Center Operations Chief.

**Civilian job:** Fulltime AGR in the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron.

**In the 188th:** 1979.

**Education:** Attended Carl Albert State College, finishing Community College of the Air Force degree in maintenance production management.

**Hobbies:** Hunting, fishing, taking care of the farm, spending time with the grand-

kids, and anything outdoors.

**Goals:** Chief Master Sergeant of the RED HORSE Training Center, spend more time with my grandchildren when I retire.

**Favorite TV shows:** "Sons of Anarchy" and "NCIS".

**Favorite actor:** John Wayne.

**Favorite animal:** My Labrador retrievers.

**Favorite comedian:** Jeff Foxworthy

**Favorite movie:** "Tombstone" and "Gladiator".

**Favorite restaurant:** Warehouse Willey's

## Senior Master Sgt. Gary Skelton



**Steakhouse in Poteau, Oklahoma.**

**Favorite soft drink:** Tea.

**Favorite foods:** Venison, T-bones, rib eyes and whatever I cook on the grill.

**Favorite book:** "Hunger Games."

**Favorite author:** Micheal Crichton.

**Favorite song:** "It's My Life" by Bon Jovi.

**Favorite musical group:** Aerosmith.

**Favorite word or phrase:** "Work with me here".

**Favorite quote:** "Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom" - Gen. George S. Patton.

**Favorite super hero:** Punisher.

**Favorite U.S. President:** George Washington.

**Favorite historical figure:** Daniel Boone.

**Favorite sport:** Football.

**Favorite pro sports team:** Oklahoma City Thunder.

**Favorite sports individual:** Adrian Peterson.

**Favorite college team:** Oklahoma Sooners.

**My worst job ever:** Cleaning coal in a coal mine with a square tip shovel 12 hours a day!

**My dream shopping spree:** Academy Sports and Outdoors.

**Place I'd most like to visit:** Australia.

**Favorite cartoon character:** Roadrunner.

**Favorite automobile:** 1979 Pontiac Trans-Am.

**My first car was:** 1970 Chevy Impala.

**My worst habit:** Procrastination.

**My pet peeves:** Whiners, texting and driving, being reactive instead of proactive.

**I am proudest of:** My children; they have grown into amazing adults and given me the highlights of my life (grandchildren)!

**What scares me the most:** Losing a child or grandchild before I leave this Earth.

**The person I admire most:** My mother, the most amazing registered nurse and person you could meet. She raised four boys, took care of both sets of my grandparents until they passed away and ended up losing her battle with cancer in 2007 at the young age of 63.

**The best day(s) of my life:** When my children Blake and Dalea Dawn were born.

**Favorite moment at the 188th:** Had to be the day I started working as the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron training site manager in May 1996. I have had the honor to dedicate the last 18 years of my military career providing civil engineer career field mandatory training to over 13,000 total force military men and women.

## 188th Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office

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## 188th Fighter Wing Unit Training Assembly news

### UTA pay dates

June 18

August 13





Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, prepares to taxi May 16, 2014, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, as Master Sgt. Justin Likens, a crew chief with the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, left, works through pre-flight checks and Master Sgt. Gary Childers, a quality assurance specialist with the 188th Maintenance Group, observes. Davis and Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander, performed the 188th's final A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" training mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/released)

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forces. He deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq in 2005 in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and twice to Afghanistan in 2010 and 2012

**"The No. 1 priority is to protect the troops on the ground and we were able to do that."**

**— Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander**

(Bagram Air Base and Kandahar Air Base) in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Dahlem recalled working with a joint terminal attack controller on the ground during a troops-in-contact incident while deployed. He called it one of the most rewarding experiences of his career.

"When we first checked in with the guy, his group was in the middle of a fire fight and I could tell by the urgency in his voice he wasn't sure if he was going to live or die," Dahlem said. "Within minutes, our flight had quite possibly changed the lives of our troops on the ground. The No. 1 priority is to protect the troops on the ground and we were able to do that. The rewarding part was witnessing years of training that we do right here in Arkansas coming full circle on the battlefield."

Davis, who registered nearly 600 hours in the F-16C and more than 1,150 hours in the

A-10 in his 11 years as a fighter pilot, agreed. Davis deployed alongside Dahlem in Balad, Kandahar and Bagram.

"Just about every pilot here at the 188th has a story to tell about how they were involved in saving lives on the ground," Davis said. "It's the best part of what we do. There are a lot of things I'm going to miss about

being in the cockpit and most of all, I'm going to miss helping our troops on the ground get back home safely to the families. The training that we do right here in Fort Smith makes all that possible."

The 188th is currently converting from a fighter mission to a remotely piloted aircraft, space-focused targeting and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. The 188th has divested approximately two A-10s per month since the first two departed Sept. 10, 2013.

The 188th currently has three A-10s remaining on station. The next A-10 to depart the 188th is tentatively scheduled for May 29. Tail No. 638 will depart Ebbing ANG Base for its new home at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia. The final two A-10s are slated for a June 7 departure. Anderson and Davis will fly the last two Warthogs out of Fort Smith.



Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander, flies the 188th Fighter Wing's final A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" training mission May 16, 2014, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander, climbs into an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" May 16 at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, as Tech Sgt. Deon Warrick, a crew chief with the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, preps the aircraft for its sortie. Dahlem and Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, performed the 188th's final A-10 training mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/released)



Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, and Lt. Col. Marty Dahlem, 188th Operations Support Squadron commander, flew the 188th Fighter Wing's final A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" training mission May 16, 2014, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. This image of the 188th Fighter Wing's A-10 patch was captured following that historic sortie. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



## Improve your relationship by living the Air Force core values

**Commentary by Mr. Geoff Gibson**

188th Wing director of psychological health

FORT SMITH, Ark. -- A key part of readiness is making sure you are squared away at home, but this can be easier said than done. If you have a great relationship with your loved ones at home and you always feel peaceful and supported, please skip to the next newsletter article. For the rest of us: we all have times when we feel unloved, unsupported, and perhaps even abandoned and angry. We easily fall into a pattern of blaming others for not taking care of us properly, and focusing on what they are doing or not doing. Consider living the Air Force Core Values as a way to improve your couple and family relationships.

### Integrity first

We all have things to complain about, and horrible and unfair things happen to us all. Do not indulge yourself by using your circumstances to justify any bad behavior. Show integrity by avoiding inappropriate relationships and behaviors, such as anything which you would feel ashamed about if others knew. Specifically, do not sell your integrity for a fleeting enjoyable act (such as an affair, flirting with others if you are married, or using social media/texting for secretive contact).

If you are unhappy and feel like doing these things, take appropriate action by addressing this with your partner and/or getting outside help. If you find yourself trapped in a behavior pattern which hurts your integrity, please seek help from trusted and confidential advisors (friends, religious leaders, WDPH, chaplain, or anyone else who you can trust and who cares

about you).

### Service before self

We all feel and see things from our own perspective, so we see the faults and omissions of others easier than we see our own. We judge others by their behavior, and judge ourselves by our intentions. When we see things this way, we put our own perspective and feelings first. This approach destroys relationships, as both partners are caring about themselves first. If you feel you deserve a better relationship, consider what you bring to the table and ask yourself honestly if you are treating your partner the way you want to be treated. Put the relationship first!

A word of warning: if you are being taken advantage of or abused, you are in a relationship that is not healthy. Abusive relationships need to change or end, so please seek support now if this is your situation.

### Excellence in all we do

When we are unhappy with a situation or aspect of our relationships, human nature inclines us toward blaming and criticism of others. Blaming others keeps us stuck, and focuses our energy and attention on changing others' behavior instead of our own. So, be the change you desire, and be the example of what you want to see in your home and family. Be a leader; show the way! Changing your own behavior is often the best way to influence others.

The wing director of psychological health and chaplain are located in Building 210 next to the pool. Come see us; we can help you! For further questions or assistance, please contact, Mr. Geoff Gibson at 479-573-5742 or Chaplain Tom Smith at 479-573-5541.

## Vacancy announcement 188th CES first sergeant position

The 188th Civil Engineering Squadron announces a vacancy for the position of First Sergeant. This position 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 Noncommissioned 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 August 3, 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

## 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 Noncommissioned Officers Academy course by in-residence or online within 18 months of graduation from FSA.

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## New AEF process on the horizon

By Master Sgt. Lisa Vanderford  
188th Plans and Integration Office

One thing you can definitely count on in the military is change. Our Air Force is continually evolving, growing, and developing. We all know programs change, technology changes, policy changes, offices change. Everywhere we look on base right now change is happening. We must always stay flexible, adaptable, prepared, and ready for any challenge we must face. We do this because we are proud to serve. This time, it's my turn to convey a word of change.

The Air Force is transitioning to a new Air Expeditionary Force construct entitled AEF Teaming.

In recent years for AEF/ECS deployments, the AF has been operating under AEF Tempo Banding. Within AEF Tempo Banding, Unit Type Codes were assigned across a wide spectrum of time periods referred to as bands and blocks. Troops in the same squadron down to the office & shop level could be and were aligned in different timeframes to deploy.

AEF Teaming will provide a new AEF construct that aligns wings and force capabilities together during the same time frame to support daily AF missions and combatant commander requirements. The new construct will provide leadership continuity and enhanced teaming through a habitual relationship at home or deployed.

The alignment consists of a team of AF wings that provide capability based warfighting units called Air Power Teams. There are six categories of Air Power Teams; Agile Combat Support; Strike; Mobility, Command and Control; Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance; Space-Cyberspace; Special

Operations; and Demand Force Teams. The 188th and its new units will fall under ACS, which contains all support units, C2ISR, encompassing intel, and DFT's consisting of the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron and 188th Security Forces Squadron equipment packages that are maintained in a ready state to be deployed at any time.

Beginning Oct. 1, 2014 the Air Force fully moves into the AEF Teaming construct. The Air Reserve Components, AF Reserve Command and Air National Guard were assigned to one of eight Reserve Component Periods. Each RCP is eight months long to accommodate pre-deployment training, a six-month deployment, and post-deployment actions. In addition, block year is established for in-place requirements such as intel and Demand Force Teams.

The 188th ACS has been aligned to RCP04. The 188th's first deployment period is scheduled for 2016. The wing will know one year out what the actual deployment taskings will be. The dwell to dwell ratio is one to seven. This means the next deployment period after 2016 will be 2020.

For additional information on deployments or volunteering to deploy, contact your unit deployment manager. Military members can also find more AEF Teaming information and posturing guidance on AEF Online at <https://aef.afpc.randolph.af.mil/default.aspx> or posted on the S drive at S:\MSG\LRS\ORE\AEF Teaming. This folder includes a full schedule of ANG Wing Base Alignments. For questions, contact Master Sgt. Lisa Vanderford, 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 573-5408.

## How sound is your fun-to-risk ratio?

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

Have you ever had one of those dreams where you are falling from a cliff or maybe in some terrible car wreck? Maybe you have pondered on what happens to us after we die or what would happen to your family if you were suddenly no longer among the living?

Probably at some point in everyone's life, they contemplate some of these questions but have you ever thought about where you are most likely to be injured? Statistics and mishap reports show that most Air Force and Air National Guard personnel are not hurt on the job, but in off duty activities. Why is this? Well, in our military jobs, we have guidance and standards to tell us how to do a task but in our hobbies and off duty time we often only have our own judgment to go by. Now, I'm not saying that we all have bad judgment skills, but we have all had a time in our lives when we have not used our best decision making abilities.

So, now we know that off duty time is where we are most likely to be injured, right? Why is that? Shouldn't we be having fun and enjoying our time away from work rather than spending time at the emergency room or doctor's office? We can probably contribute some off duty mishaps to intoxication or influence of other substances but what about risk management?

If everyone used a little risk management in their decision making processes, would we have as many off duty mishaps? I can hear many of you saying: "My off time is none of the Guard's business!" There is some truth to that statement, however, it has to be the Guard's business to try and help you make good choices in your off duty activities.

If you are injured off duty and can't work, who suffers the consequences? Well, you of course, but also your family, your co-workers, your significant other, maybe your kids; hey, even your pet may suffer because you didn't closely work out the fun to hurt equation. What is the fun to hurt equation you ask? It is a high level mathematical equation that anyone can do in their head. Just ask yourself: How fun is this activity going to be if everything goes ok, versus, how bad is this going to hurt if something goes wrong?

During the 101 Critical Days of Summer, I encourage you to practice sound risk management principles in your off duty activities whether it's planning a relaxing weekend at the lake or an extreme sky diving adventure. Take time to consider the risk involved and make an alternate plan in case things go wrong.

Be safe out there!





## Airmen & family fun



Airmen with the 188th Fighter Wing along with unit family members and retirees participated in the 2nd annual Hawg Jawg 5K at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 3, 2014. Following the race, the wing hosted a fishing derby on base for 188th families. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/Released)



Chief Master Sgt. Mark McDaniel shows participants the race route at the second annual Hawg Jawg, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas May 3, 2014. The 188th Fighter Wing held the race to promote fitness and camaraderie, during the May Unit Training Assembly (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/Released)



Airmen and the families of the 188th Fighter Wing participate in the 2nd annual Hawg Jawg at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 3, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/Released)



Staff Sgt. Rachel Ponder crosses the finish line at the 2nd annual Hawg Jawg at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas May 3, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/Released)



Airmen with the 188th Fighter Wing along their family members participated in the inaugural youth fishing derby following the wing's 2nd annual Hawg Jawg 5K at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 3, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/Released)



Capt. Robert A Moudy and his son show off a fish they caught during the fishing tournament at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas May 3, 2014. . During the cookout, the wing held a fishing tournament for unit members' children. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin/Released)

## Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

### Thursday, June 5

- Spaghetti with Noodles
- Green Beans
- Corn on the Cob
- Texas Toast
- Assorted Crisps
- Ice Cream
- Coffee/Tea/Milk

### Saturday, June 7

- Turkey and Ham Sandwiches
- Chips
- Cookies
- Tea and Lemonade

### Friday, June 6

- Chicken Fried Steak
- Mashed Potatoes with Gravy
- Carrots
- Broccoli with Cheese
- Rolls
- Brownies/Ice Cream
- Coffee/Tea/Milk

### Sunday, June 8

- Beef and Mushrooms with Egg Noodles
- Asparagus
- Corn
- Rolls
- Assorted Cobblers
- Ice Cream
- Coffee/Tea/Milk

### Short Order line

#### Thursday and Friday, June 5 and 6

- Hamburger / Cheeseburger
- Hot Dog / Chili Dog
- Baked Beans
- Chips
- Salad Bar

### Short Order line

#### Sunday Only, June 8

- 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.



## SGLI Premium Adjustment

**By Tech. Sgt. Patrick Crumby**  
Personnel Systems Manager

Effective July 1, 2014, the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance program will adjust the SGLI monthly premium rate from 6.5 cents to 7 cents per \$1,000 of insurance. This means, for example, a premium increase from \$26 to \$28 a month for Servicemembers with the maximum \$400,000 of life insurance. All Servicemembers will continue to pay an additional \$1 for traumatic injury protection coverage. Please visit [www.benefits.va.gov/insurance](http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance) to view a table of the new rates for all coverage amounts and learn more about the premium change.

The Department of Veterans Affairs manages the SGLI program and always strives to keep SGLI premiums as low as possible while also ensuring that the program remains financially strong and competitive. However, due to the combination of the 2008 SGLI premium reduction and decreases in interest

rates, SGLI reserve funds have decreased significantly, and it is now necessary to adjust the monthly premium rate by a half cent per \$1,000 of insurance.

The new premium rate will take effect on July 1, 2014. Servicemembers with SGLI coverage can expect to see the adjusted premium rate reflected in their Aug. 1, 2014 Leave and Earning Statement. Members drilling for points towards retirement, or not receiving pay for other reasons, will be billed by their service for the higher premium on the regular billing schedule.

If you have any questions regarding the new rates or your SGLI coverage, please contact your military personnel section or visit [www.benefits.va.gov/insurance](http://www.benefits.va.gov/insurance).

If you have any questions about this please feel free to check out SGLI Information on the VA Website or contact the Military Personnel Section at 573-5761.

## Help your employer support you

**By Lt. Col. Judith Mathewson**  
Deputy 188th Mission Support Group Commander

Tell your boss that you appreciate him or her! It's easy and only takes about five minutes.

Go to [www.esgr.mil](http://www.esgr.mil) and fill out the form. This is how you can recognize your supervisor or employer for his/her support of your military service:

Tell them why your boss deserves the Patriot Award. This award recognizes supervisors and bosses nominated by a Guardsman or Reservist employee for support provided directly to the nominator.

Spouses of Servicemembers are also eligible to nominate their supportive supervisor.

An ESGR representative will come to your workplace and present the award with you, your colleagues, and your boss. What a great way to begin a new mission and thank your workplace for their support during the past mission.

Master Sgt. Brian Anible and I will be available during the June UTA to assist anyone who would like to participate in this project. Thanks for your support, and thank your civilian workplace for supporting you at the 188th.

## Razorback in the community

**By the 188th Public Affairs Office**

On April 25, 2014, Tech Sgt. Franklin Petray, a drill status Guardsman with the 188th Security Forces Squadron, responded to a house fire call in Van Buren, Arkansas.

Petray, during the week is a Van Buren police officer. Upon arrival he met a fellow Van Buren officer, Lt. Brent Grill; they noticed smoke was billowing from the home. Both officers ran to the door and opened it. Once the door was open they could not see inside due to the thick smoke. They called out to see if there was anyone inside the home and no response was received from

within the home. The officers low crawled inside the home and Grill observed a woman lying on the floor. Grill yelled to Petray. The two officers grabbed the woman by her arms and dragged her out of the burning home. Petray then felt for a pulse and saw that she was breathing slightly, although she had a significant amount of black substance coming from her nose and mouth. After a short time, firefighters and emergency medical services showed up and took her to the hospital for treatment.

Contribution by the Southwest Times Record.

## Save the date: Wingman Day

### Wingman day olympics

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

**Where:** 188th track

**Who:** Entire wing

**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. All members are expected to participate, whether as a competitor in the various events or in a supportive role. At 0730 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 in the Citizen Airman Dining Hall from 1100-1230 hours. The wing commander will present the awards to the squadron/group that wins the competition at commander's call. 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.

# Boss Hawg: 188th Flying Razorbacks' commander conducts final training mission



Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, is greeted by local community member and 188th supporter Dave Burns, as Anderson returns from his final training mission in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog", at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 12, 2014. The ceremonial "fini" flight was Anderson's final sortie until he flies the last A-10 out of Ebbing ANG Base June 7, 2014, following the wing's conversion ceremony. (Courtesy photo by Nick Thomas/released)



Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, flies his final training mission in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog", at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 12, 2014. The ceremonial "fini" flight was Anderson's final sortie until he flies the last A-10 out of Ebbing ANG Base June 7, 2014, following the wing's conversion ceremony. The 188th will convert from a fighter mission to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers), targeting, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, flies his final training mission in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog", at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 12, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, poses for a photo with a group of family, friends and coworkers following his final training mission in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, May 12, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



Col. Brian T. Burger, 188th Operations Group commander, conducted his ceremonial final training flight in the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" (Tail No. 646) at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., May 15, 2014. Burger has flown the Warthog longer than any 188th Fighter Wing pilot. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/Released)



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# Final approach

## 188th Operations Group commander Burger logs A-10 Warthog fini flight



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## 188th family past and present invited to wing picnic, A-10 farewell

Current members, Old Guard members and their families are cordially invited to the 188th Wing family picnic at 12 p.m. Live performance of the Craw Daddies band, a magician, the Batmobile, the Incredible Hulk, Captain America, kid's fishing derby, bounce house and laser

tag for children. There will also be a smoke house from the Fort Smith Fire Department, dunk tank and fun for all! A free lunch will be provided! Please bring your military I.D., lawn chair or blanket! Help us wish our A-10s a safe journey and embrace our future mission.

## Re-enlistment bonus information

**By Master Sgt. Keith Freeman**  
188th Retention Office Manager

In accordance with the Fiscal Year 2014 Air National Guard Incentive Program, the 188th is only authorized to give a reenlistment bonus to a member who already holds a three-level or higher for the Air Force Specialty Code in which they are re-enlisting if it's on the bonus list.

If you have a member that has moved into a new AFSC that is on the current bonus list and they do not have a 3 level on the day of re-enlisting, then I will not be able to offer them a bonus. Members need to have less than 16 years of service, based on pay date, to qualify for this benefit as well.

If your member is affected by this, then they may want to re-enlist for a shorter period in hopes of their AFSC being on the bonus list again at a later time. They must complete their 3 level requirements by then.

The 2096 is the authorizing source for this benefit and is included with each bonus package. Please forward this information to any of your members that might be affected. The bonus list is posted in the base paper each month and National Guard Bureau reviews the bonus list each quarter to determine if changes need to be made.

If you have questions contact Master Sgt. Keith Freeman at Commercial 479-573-5360.

## Ebbing Air National Guard Base Pool to open

**By MSgt. Mark Allen**  
Pool private organization officer

Ebbing Air National Guard Base Pool is now open.

### SUMMER PASS INFO

FREE for All Current 188th (DSG, full-time, state and base civilian employees) Family

pass: \$20 to include immediate family members; guests of members must pay daily use rate

### RETIREE MEMBERSHIP SEASON PASS

ALL RETIRED ENLISTED: \$20 per member plus \$10 for immediate family

ALL RETIRED OFFICERS: \$40 per member plus \$10 for immediate family

(Guests of members must

pay daily use rate)

### NORMAL HOURS OF OPERATION

Monday – Saturday 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sunday – 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### DAILY USE RATES (Without season pass/membership)

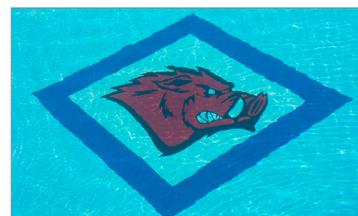
Infant to 5 years old FREE (with paying adult)

Children 6-12 years old: \$2  
Children 13 years and up: \$2.50

### POOL PARTIES

Available daily: 7-9 p.m.  
For members: \$50 plus \$10 per hour for lifeguard  
Parties must be reserved in advance.

\*Lifeguards are required any time the base pool is open\*



## Click images for video



Check out the Arkansas National Guard's year-in-review video on the 188th's YouTube channel.



Check out the story at the link above on the 188th's YouTube channel on the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron's annual training in Guatemala in support of Beyond the Horizon.



Check out this video on the 188th's YouTube channel on the 188th's F-16s previously hosted here at Ebbing ANG Base.



## One last lock and load



Senior Airman Dustin Flaspohler, left, and Tech Sgt. Charley Parker, both weapons specialists with the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, load BDU-33s on an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" May 4, 2014, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. This was the final BDU load at the 188th Fighter Wing. (Courtesy photo/released)

## Tank busting



What remains of an M60 Main Battle Tank sits at 188th Fighter Wing's Detachment 1 Razorback Range located at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas. The M60 is a bombing range target for the 188th's A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs". The 188th fired its final 30mm Gatling gun training rounds at this target May 16, 2014. This image depicts the level of damage the 30mm training rounds produce. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Doug Davis/released)

# Gatling done

## 188th Fighter Wing logs final A-10 Warthog 30mm gun load



Weapons loaders from the 188th Fighter Wing, recently conducted the last 30mm download on an, A-10C Thunderbolt II aircraft at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



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# Flying Razorback Flashback

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



126th Air Refuel Wing, Illinois Air National Guard, KC-97 “Stratotanker”, refuels a 188th Tactical Reconnaissance Group RF-84F. The 188th had the RF-84F from August of 1957 until December of 1970. In August of 1964 the RF-84F and the KC-97 were both used in Operation "READY GO", which marked the first time the Air National Guard planes deployed overseas for training. The operation proved the capability of the Guard to deploy anywhere in the world. The unit transitioned from the RF-84F to the RF-101C/F “Voodoo” in December of 1970. In April 1972 the unit converted again from the RF-101C/F, losing the reconnaissance mission and changing to a fighter mission with the arrival of the F-100D/F “Super Sabre”. The unit change designation from the 188th Tactical Reconnaissance Group to the 188th Fighter Group. The 188th is currently in transition from a fighter mission back to a reconnaissance-focused mission. The unit will be accomplishing a remotely piloted aircraft and intelligence mission, which will include a space-focused targeting squadron. (Courtesy photo/released)

## 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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| 1C5X1 | COMMAND AND CONTROL                     | 2F0X1 | FUELS                     |
| 1N2X1 | COMMUNICATION SIGNALS 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                   | 3D0X2 | CYBER SYSTEMS OPERATIONS  |
| 2A6X1 | AEROSPACE PROPULSION                    | 3D1X2 | CYBER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS   |
| 2A6X2 | AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT              | 3D1X3 | RF TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS   |
| 2A6X4 | AIRCRAFT FUEL SYSTEMS                   | 3M0X1 | SERVICES                  |
| 2A6X5 | AIRCRAFT HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS              | 3P0X1 | SECURITY FORCES           |
| 2A6X6 | AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SYS | 4N0X1 | AEROSPACE MEDICAL SERICE  |