



The Flying Razorback

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Conversion Day



Tech Sgt. Jean Schnauffer, right, unfurls the new 188th Wing flag as Staff Sgt. Caressa Soriano furls the 188th Fighter Wing flag as 188th Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bradley looks on during a Conversion Day ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014. The ceremony recognized the many changes occurring at the wing as a result of its conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. The 188th Fighter Wing was redesignated as the 188th Wing during the event. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

New 188th Wing inactivates maintenance group, stands up new intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance units

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Ark. — The 188th paid proper homage to its illustrious and proud heritage while launching into a new era during its Conversion Day event held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base June 7, 2014. The function featured myriad ceremonial changes to the wing's structure as a result of the conversion to remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) and intelligence, surveillance and recon-

naissance (ISR) missions.

The most monumental change was the re-branding of the wing. The shift in platform from a fighter role to multiple primary mission sets (ISR/RPA) prompted the redesignation of the 188th Fighter Wing to the 188th Wing.

A packed hangar of more than 1,000 attendants gathered together to bid one mission a fond farewell while welcoming the future with the activation of the new ISR units.

"It was a bittersweet day," said Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Wing commander, who flew one of the last two A-10s out of Fort Smith. "This wing has definitely made its mark in both recon and fighter platforms in the past 60 years. But now we

go back to our reconnaissance roots with the ISR and RPA mission sets. It's a cutting edge mission and we certainly have an exciting future ahead of us. While we won't rest on the laurels of our remarkable past achievements, we will never forget the hard work and dedication it took to be the best. We will take that approach into the new mission and I have no doubt we will be successful."

The ceremony began with a somber commemoration of the wing's manned flying mission, which officially concluded with the departure of the 188th's final two A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs". Their final farewell capped the June 7

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Fireworks accidents easy to prevent

Commentary by Staff Sgts. Kyle Moore and Eric Davey
188th Fire and Emergency Service

Fireworks displays are not without danger, as the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that more than 200 people go to emergency rooms each day in July. You can help prevent firework injuries by taking a few simple precautions.

Have a ready source of water close by. This can be any fire extinguisher, water supply, hose or bucket nearby for emergencies. A connected hose is the best water source.

During any fireworks shoot, there should always be one individual assigned as the fireman, whose sole job is to be alert and at the ready with a water source in case of emergencies.

Having a fireman at the ready is especially important during dry conditions or when there is any dried grass or brush in close proximity to the shooting site.

Be cautious when lighting any fireworks during strong wind conditions. Fireworks should be lit with the prevailing wind blowing away from spectators.

If there is a significant wind shift while you are lighting the fireworks, re-arrange the shooting site to accommodate the wind shift or stop shooting until the windy conditions subside.

Use care in handling fireworks. Do not carry fireworks in your pocket. It is preferable to keep the products in a closed container before ignition.

Always be careful in handling fireworks to prevent dropping them. Never smoke when handling fireworks. Never use fireworks as a weapon and don't aim, point or throw any fireworks at another person or at any property.

Store and dispose of fireworks properly. Store fireworks in a cool, dry place and always dispose of them properly.

Children should never handle, play with or light any fireworks. Fireworks are great family fun, but they burn very hot and are intended to be handled only by adults.

For more fireworks safety tips, go to www.fireworkssafety.org or contact the 188th Fire and Emergency Services at 573-5217.



Fireworks light up the evening sky above RAF Feltwell during the annual 4th of July celebration. The festivities included games, rides, contests and food booths. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Thomas Trower/released)



End of an era a time to relish past while welcoming new beginnings

Commentary By Lt. Col. Thomas Smith
188th Wing chaplain

Sixty years. That's a long time. Threescore years, over half a century, longer than all but three current members of our unit have been alive. But, to all of us in the 188th, our conversion to the intelligence, reconnaissance and remote piloted aircraft missions represents the end of an era and the beginning of a new undertaking.

No one needs to tell us this isn't easy. Change never is; neither is it painless. Some of us who've been in the unit for quite a while, some more than 30 years, are feeling grief. We remember all of the memories at summer camps in Gulfport, the Chiefs' golf tournament, overseas' deployments and many other times of what used to be, but times have changed.

That is the nature of life. A series of ebbs and flows, ups and downs, joys and sorrows. With such changes come challenges. As someone once said, "No one ever said it would be easy," and it's not.

So, we must decide how we'll respond to the changes. We can hold onto the past and keep looking back,

like Lot's family in the Bible when they were fleeing from Sodom and Gomorrah and his wife turned into a pillar of salt by looking back (*Genesis 19:26*). Or, we can accept the changes and move forward while ourselves to the same level of excellence we've demonstrated in the past.

Thankfully, in the midst of such changes and uncertainties, we can give thanks that we're not alone in it all. Thankfully the same One who created us in our mothers' wombs knows everything about us and has promised to supply our needs. As Mother Theresa put it, "It's never wrong to trust an unknown future to a known God."

I pray each one of us will use this time to give thanks for the past and ask almighty God to guide us in the days ahead. May we rest in the assurance that he is a sparrow-watching, hair-counting and tear-catching God who specializes in new beginnings.

With his help and our commitment to excellence in the days ahead, we can rest assured that the next 60 years will be just as good, if not better, than the past 60 years. Let us pray, strive and hope to that end. God bless you.

188th Fighter Wing promotions

To Technical Sergeant

- Ben Higginbotham
- James Currier
- Aaron Green
- Lowell Mckenzie



To Staff Sergeant

- Stewart Lewis
- Kristopher Roy



To Senior Airman

- Johnathan Lovell
- Vincent Fine
- Mason Redding
- James Mullens
- Tim Koenigseder
- Anthony Anderson
- Nicholas Mahaney
- Ethan Robinson



To Airman First Class

- Ellen Underwood
- Tyler Price



To Airman

- Daron Robertson



188th ISR Group commander's call

There will be a 188th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group Commander's call Saturday, Aug. 2, Unit Training Assembly at 2 p.m. 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, 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 Airman Matthew Bugg, financial management technician, works on travel pay orders for members at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas July 1, 2014. He was selected as The Flying Razorback spotlight for the July-August edition.

Hometown: Pleasant View, Arkansas.
Job title: Financial management technician
Civilian job: 188th Comptroller Flight.
In the 188th: 2009.
Education: Working towards my bachelor's degree.
Hobbies: Golf, hiking, fishing, duck hunting.
Goals: Finish my bachelor's degree and make E-8.
Favorite TV show: "The Office".
Favorite actor: Brad Pitt.
Favorite animal: Labrador retriever.
Favorite comedian: Kevin Hart.
Favorite movie: Secondhand Lions.
Favorite restaurant: Carraba's.
Favorite soft drink: Cherry Dr. Pepper.
Favorite foods: Hibachi steak with rice and vegetables.

Senior Airman Matthew Bugg



Favorite book: The Art of Racing in the Rain.
Favorite author: Garth Stein
Favorite song: Long Hot Summer Day.
Favorite musical group or musician/singer: Turnpike Troubadours.
Favorite word or phrase: Take 'em.
Favorite historical figure: Phil Robertson.
Favorite sport: Basketball.
Favorite pro sports team: The Duckmen of Louisiana.
Favorite sports individual: Michael Jordan.
Favorite college team: North Carolina Tar Heels.
My worst job ever: Hauling square bales.
Hobbies: Waterfowl hunting.
My dream shopping spree: Mack's Prairie Wings.
Place I'd most like to visit: New Zealand.
Favorite cartoon character: Johnny Bravo.
Favorite automobile: 1971 Chevrolet Chevelle.
My first car was: 1985 Chevrolet Silverado.
My worst habit: Overthinking and giving my dog Cale chips.
My pet peeves: Someone chewing or talking with their mouth full.
I am proudest of: My grandmother Patsy Williams.
What scares me the most: Spiders and bad drivers.
The person I admire most: My grandfather Paul Williams.
The best day of my life: March 19, 1987.
Favorite moment at the 188th: Flying out of Bagram Airfield

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ceremony.

During Anderson's ceremony speech, he paid reverence to the fallen 188th members and lauded the exceptional achievements of both the 188th Maintenance Group and 188th Operations Group for their prowess in the execution of both reconnaissance and fighter mission sets since the first aircraft arrived on station in 1954.

"We cherish this proud aviation heritage our Airmen have worked so hard to build," Anderson said. "Our pilots, maintainers and aviation support personnel have performed admirably over the years despite many challenging circumstances and amid a high operations tempo. I commend all of them for their service to our country."

The 188th Wing began as the 184th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Oct. 15, 1953. In 60-plus years of manned aviation, the 188th has logged more than 263,000 flight hours and conducted more than 1,100 complex phase maintenance inspections on 16 different aircraft, nine of which were primary mission aircraft.

"I can tell you with complete confidence that we are exiting the manned flying mission at the top of our game," said Col. Brian Burger, 188th Operations Group commander. "We have always been focused on the mission, prepared to fight and have never failed to answer our nation's call in time of war."

That focus was evident in the 188th's last three aviation package Air Expeditionary Forces deployments, which were the largest in unit history. The 188th deployed 276 Airmen and 12 F-16C Falcon fighters to Balad Air Base, Iraq in 2005. In 2010, the 188th deployed nearly 300 Airmen and 10 Warthogs to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan.

And in 2012, the 188th registered its largest deployment in history with nearly 400 Airmen and 12 A-10s deploying to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan. While at Bagram, the 188th's combat production soared to an all-time high with more than 7,600 combat hours flown on 1,850-plus combat sorties. The wing set deployment records with more than 65,000 30mm rounds fired, more than 250 bombs dropped and 250-

plus rockets employed. These actions helped saved countless coalition lives in nearly 500 troops-in-contact missions while maintaining a 100 percent air tasking order completion rate.

"We achieved some pretty amazing feats in the A-10 in a very short time," Anderson said. "It's an outstanding close-air support aircraft and we're certainly going to miss having them on the ramp."

The end of the manned flying mission also spelled the end of the 188th Maintenance Group and its subordinate units. The 188th's maintainers have established a legacy of success renown around the world. The 188th Maintenance Group was a quick study in the A-10 and promptly took the lead in many of the metrics used to gauge maintenance efficiency across



Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Wing Detachment 1 commander, taxis an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft, during a previous conversion ceremony. At the conclusion of the ceremony, state leadership, former and current members, family, and friends, watched as the last two A-10s departed from the base in route to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona for modifications. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore /released)

the gamut. In the 188th's last full year flying a regular schedule, 2012, the wing ascended to the top on seven of the 10 maintenance tracking categories.

"Across the years at home station, our men and women have exceeded established mission capable, and fully mission capable rates on a regular basis making the 188th Maintenance Group the powerhouse of aircraft maintenance units," said Lt. Col. Anderson Neal, who relinquished command of the 188th Maintenance Group during the ceremony. "No doubt A-10 units around the world will be breathing a sigh of relief as they move up a notch on the maintenance tracking charts. I was proud to report that for the very last time, our fully mission capable rate was 100 percent."

Following their inactivation, the 188th Maintenance Group, 188th Maintenance Squadron, 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and 188th Maintenance Operations Flight stood at attention with heads held high and proudly filed element by element from their formations, marching to the cadence and quickly assimilating into their new units in preparation for the activation of the new 188th ISR Group, 153rd Intelligence Squadron, 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron and the 288th Operations Support Squadron. The 188th also welcomed the already-established 123rd Intelligence Squadron into its wing under the 188th ISR Group.

Each new squadron and group also conducted assumptions of command. Lt. Col. Robert Kinney assumed command of the 188th ISR Group. Lt. Col. John Easley was named commander of the 223rd ISS. Maj. Sara Stigler took command of the 153rd IS and Maj. Paul Needham assumed command of 288th OSS.

Kinney applauded the labor and toil that has already transpired and is fueling the wing's conversion progression as rapidly as possible. Kinney also conveyed his ambition for the new group.

"We are about to embark on a journey where we will be more directly involved in real time combat operations than you ever thought imaginable," Kinney said. "My vision is to be the ISR Center of Excellence that others seek to emulate."

Part of that vision will include the 184th Fighter Squadron, which was redesignated as the 184th Attack Squadron as a result of the change from a fighter mission to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reaper) platform.

"Today the Air Force has entrusted us with some groundbreaking mission sets," Anderson said. "These missions will directly support the same customer, the combatant soldier. For the first time in Air Force history, the intelligence analysts of the distributed common ground system and the remotely piloted aircraft crew will conduct combat and training missions side-by-side. The 188th is the lead Air Force unit in this symbiotic pairing. With the anticipated construction of a new state-of-the-art combined top secret facility and eventual addition of the MQ-9 aircraft, we will become the Arkansas Reconnaissance Center of Excellence."



Pride in dress and appearance

Commentary by Master Sgt. Brian Anible
188th Mission Support Group 1st Sgt.

Recently, unit members had an opportunity to rate and express their comments on the unit climate survey. The area of dress and appearance rated low around the unit. As a unit, we are failing to adhere to regulations found in Air Force Instruction (AFI) 36-2903, Dress and Personal Appearance of Air Force Personnel.

Several survey comments mentioned inappropriate nail polish color, hair length and color, uniform combinations and proper wear, and other sub-standard issues.

AFI 36-2903 states, "Pride in one's personal appearance and wearing the uniform greatly enhances the esprit de corps essential to an effective military force.



Therefore, it is most important for all Airmen to maintain a high standard of dress and personal appearance. The five elements of this standard are neatness, cleanliness, safety, uniformity and military image. Appearance in uniform is an important part of military image. The American public and its elected representatives draw certain conclusions on military effectiveness based on the image Airmen present. The image must instill public confidence and leave no doubt that Airmen live by a common standard and respond to military order and discipline."

Adherence starts with each one of us. We initially learn about dress and appearance regulations in basic training, but as we mature and

gain experience we need to actively be aware of noncompliance.

By actively addressing issues, we demonstrate our pride for our image. Be a vigilant wingman and help each other with respectful corrections. Supervisors are expected to lead and also set the mark for their Airmen.

AFI 36-2903 states, "Supervisors must be knowledgeable of uniform and personal grooming and appearance standards (regardless of gender of subordinate) and set the example of acceptable standards."

Leaders can perform random uniform inspections to ensure their Airmen meet standards and take appropriate action when they do not meet those standards.

With less than one percent of the U.S. population serving in the military, we are a selective and distinguished few and more importantly, we volunteer to serve our country.

When you wear the uniform, it should be displayed with pride, dignity and worn correctly with no exceptions. The public doesn't see one Airman; it sees the entire Air Force. The example you set today with your professional military image will be remembered tomorrow.

Whether it is the base commander or a newly arrived Airman, we are all expected to be in compliance with dress and appearance. Our wing leadership expects all members to follow standards, yet at the same time everyone has a duty to ourselves to represent who we are as professional Airmen in our United States Air Force.

Stay tuned: New wing tobacco policy on the way

By Maj. Bridgette Scott

188th medical administrative officer

Are you aware that the Air Force has a tobacco-use policy? Air Force Instruction 40-102, Tobacco Use in the Air Force, was published on March 26, 2012. Since its introduction, the wing has not been in compliance.

That will soon change. In accordance with the instruction, Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, will enforce the policy on the use of tobacco products. Col. Misty Zelk, 188th Medical Group commander will help establish these guidelines to protect the health of members, employees and visitors. The 188th Civil Engineering Squadron will provide designated tobacco areas (DTA) at the 188th's Ebbing Air National Guard Base with the goal of minimizing the number of DTAs. Additional actions will also be taken.

Soon, the 188th Wing will implement an additional tobacco-use policy that will give guidance on the DTAs. This guidance will apply to both smoking and smokeless tobacco. More information concerning the wing tobacco policy and its effective dates of enforcement will be provided in the next edition of The Flying Razorback. This information will also be e-mailed to every member on base.

Vacancy announcements: Two chief positions open

The 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group currently has two chief master sergeants positions vacant and will be holding interviews for eligible members. The positions are for the ISR Group and 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron superintendent.

Interested applicants, please submit a resume, RIP, and fitness assessment to Senior Airman Samantha White. The package must be submitted no later than

close of business Aug. 27, 2014.

Promotable senior master sergeants and current chief master sergeants assigned to the 188th Wing are eligible.

Interviews will be held Sept. 7, 2014 in the ISRG conference room in building 200, room 212.

Dress for the interview will be the Airman Battle Uniform.



A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warhog" aircraft, tail no. 638, sits at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 3, 2014. The A-10 was transferred to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia as part of the 188th Wing's conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and targeting mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



1st Lt. Kyle Adkison puts on his mask in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warhog" aircraft, tail no. 638, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 3, 2014. The pilot took the A-10 to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia as part of the 188th Wing's conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and targeting mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warhog" aircraft, tail no. 638, awaits departure at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 3, 2014. The A-10 was transferred to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia as part of the 188th Wing's conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and targeting mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

Conversion continuation: Then there were two

Tail No. 638 departs for Moody Air Force Base, Georgia



Master Sgt Mike Kolb, 188th Wing crew chief, marshals 1st Lt. Kyle Adkison, who is piloting the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warhog" aircraft, tail no. 638, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 3, 2014. The pilot took the A-10 to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



1st Lt. Kyle Adkison takes off in an A-10C Thunderbird II "Warhog" aircraft, tail no. 638 at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas June 3, 2014. The pilot took the A-10 to Moody Air Force Base, Georgia as part of the 188th's Wing's conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence and targeting mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Wingman Day Olympic Games

Wingman Day Olympics

When: 7:30 a.m., Aug. 2, 2014

Where: 188th track

Who: Entire wing

Purpose: To build teamwork and resiliency among wing members as the new mission begins and new squadrons are established.

The first Wingman Olympics for the 188th Wing will be held on Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014, during the unit training assembly. A total of 19 teams are entered for the various events, which will be held at designated areas on base.

Roll call will be at 7 a.m. that morning, followed by a gathering of all unit members outside the main hangar on the flight line at 7:30 a.m. New squadron morale t-shirts will be worn, along with exercise shorts; otherwise, the official Air Force physical training gear will be the uniform for the morning.

After a few, brief remarks by Col. Anderson, runners from the various squadrons will compete in the inaugural 1.5 mile Official Base Run. The names and times of the winning male and female runners will be inscribed on a plaque which will hang in the headquarters building.

Following the run, teams will disperse to their various events and locations.



Scoring for each event is as follows: First place (25 pts), second place (15 pts) and third place (5 pts). The squadron trophy and 1.5 mile plaque will be awarded during the Commander's Call on Sunday afternoon of drill.

Resiliency training for each squadron will be held on Saturday afternoon of the August drill, beginning at 1:30 p.m. Each squadron commander is responsible for the material and training.



Events and locations

Mile Relay (8 person teams)—base track.
Volleyball (6 person teams)—infield of base track.
Golf chipping—grassy area on left side of the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron headquarters.

Casting contest—base pond.
Horseshoes three two-person teams)—next to pavilion.
Freethrows—fire station.
Obstacle course—in front of the REDHORSE Training Site building.

Conversion Corner: Fitness and tough love

Commentary by 2nd Lt. Andrew Dodd
123rd Intel Squadron

“Sorry, we’re going to have to let you go because you have not met the Air Force fitness standards.” This is a line no one wants to hear and one of the worst ways to lose a job. With the conversion, passing the Air Force Fitness Assessment (FA) and performing Physical Training (PT) is more important than ever. Not only do you have to be in a current and passing status in order to go to technical training, but if you are a full-time member you must pass within twelve months of being hired or you could be terminated.

Additionally, while you are at technical school, you will be required to participate in mandatory PT. The importance of PT is not just so you can keep your job at the 188th Wing; it will also help you be prepared for working our future operations.

The Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency performed an occupational stress study in 2013 that assessed Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance personnel in the Distributed Common Ground System. Individuals suffered high amounts of stress due to shift work, operations workload and long work hours. Studies prove that a regular exercise regimen improves physical and mental resiliency.

“Practice how you play” is sound

motto by which to live. The run portion of the assessment accounts for the largest amount of points, so I spend the majority of my workout running on the track, treadmill or a personally mapped-out trail. I also incorporate push-ups and sit-ups in my workout routine; these exercises take little time to perform and help build stamina for the FA.

Other exercise programs can help you pass the run, but getting out there and putting miles on your shoes is a guaranteed way to get a passing run score. The best way to prevent injury from running is to start slow and gradually increase the number of miles you run each week.

Don’t rush your training. The strategy of starting preparation for your fitness test the month before you are due is rife with failure. This strategy can easily cause injury, especially if you have old hip, knee, back or ankle issues. You don’t have to run non-stop to reach your running goals. Start out by doing a run or walk training plan until you feel you are ready for a non-stop run.

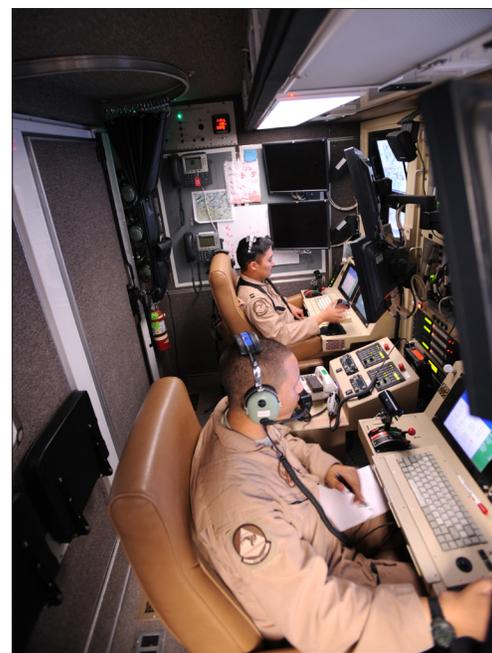
Also, running the same pace for your entire workout can get boring and can hurt your motivation to get a faster run time. In fact, a more versatile training routine can do wonders for your motivation and run time. The real key to success is to maintain your fitness year-round because you could be asked to perform your Air Force FA at any time.



An MQ-9 Reaper sits on the flightline at Creech Air Force Base, Nev. June 19, 2008. The Reaper is capable of carrying both precision-guided bombs and air-to-ground missiles. (U.S. Air Force photo by Lance Cheung/released)



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./released)



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)



Kinney takes reins as first 188th ISR Group commander

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — Conversion Day's somber start was a slow beginning to the roller coaster ride of emotions that ensued June 7, 2014.

Along with the redesignation of the 188th Fighter Wing to the 188th Wing, a critical crescendo in the ceremony was the activation of the new 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) Group and the assumption of command of its inaugural commander, Lt. Col. Robert I. Kinney. He takes the reins of a new group starting from scratch. Kinney said his goals are lofty for the new 188th ISR Group.

"My vision is to be the ISR Center of Excellence that others seek to emulate," Kinney said. "To that end, we will find more efficiencies in operations, we will develop new tactics, techniques and procedures that do not exist today."

Kinney, who has been on station since July 2013, said he was appreciative, humbled and honored for the opportunity the 188th Wing has offered him. Kinney, who has vast experience in a number of diverse assignments, including National Guard Bureau, has been laboring to help the 188th speed up the pace with the objective of achieving initial operationally capable and fully operationally capable status at the earliest possible date.

Kinney will command 347 Airmen in four squadrons, including the 123rd Intelligence Squadron, 153rd Intelligence Squadron, 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron and the 288th Operations Support Squadron. Three of the four squadrons recognized new commanders and the Little Rock Air Force Base-located 123rd IS was welcomed under the new 188th Wing flag. The 123rd will move to the 188th's Ebbing Air National Guard Base over the next few years. Nearly 100 of his group's Airmen are full-time personnel.

Kinney exhibited confidence that his new group can attain the high standards he set as its new boss.

"We will create new operating and training paradigms as a result of the synergies and improved communications we'll enjoy on this combined floor," he said. "But most important of all, we'll be incredibly effective at what we do."

The unique aspect of the 188th ISR Group is the symbiotic pairing with the 188th Operations Group, which plusses up its personnel numbers from approximately 80 to 210 Airmen with the addition of the MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft mission. The targeteers, Distrib-

uted Common Ground System intelligence analysts, sensor operators and pilots will all be on the same installation on the same operations floor conducting real-time combat ops downrange in the area of responsibility.

"I share Lt. Col. Kinney's goal of making this a center of excellence for reconnaissance," said Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "We will be a one-of-the-kind facility with all facets of the ISR and RPA mission right there on the same floor working

together side by side engaged in combat ops from right here in Fort Smith, Arkansas. The Air Force has entrusted us with a cutting-edge opportunity and we're excited to continue the 188th's legacy of greatness in this new mission."

while building a new group from the ground up.

Kinney began his journey to the 188th when enlisted in the Air National Guard in 1990 at Bangor, Maine. He is a career intelligence officer and has deployed around the world in support of contingency operations in Kosovo, Iraq, Afghanistan, and the homeland.

In 1996, he was assigned to 101st Air Refueling Wing, Bangor, Maine as a drill status Guardsman. During this time he served

as a police officer and sheriff's deputy at four area departments.

In 1997, Kinney joined the Kansas Air National Guard's 184th Bomb Wing, McConnell Air Force Base (AFB), Kansas where he served as the chief of



Lt. Col. Robert I. Kinney, right, assumed command of the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group during a Conversion Day ceremony at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

"My vision is to be the ISR Center of Excellence that others seek to emulate,"
— Lt. Col. Robert I. Kinney, 188th ISR Group commander

The 188th ISR Group features a space-focused targeting mission and also operates the AN/GSQ-272 "SENTINEL" weapon system at Distributed Ground Station-Arkansas (DGS-AR) as part of the Air Force's Distributed Common Ground System (DCGS). The 188th ISR Group's mission sets include near-real time processing, exploitation, analysis and dissemination of information and data from a number of sources.

The unit creates decision quality actionable intelligence that is disseminated to air, ground, and naval force component commanders, around the world, for use in the planning and execution of military operations across the spectrum of conflict.

Kinney totes a wealth of ISR credentials, experience that he will no doubt lean heavily upon

intelligence, supporting B-1B flying operations. In 2000, he was assigned to First Air Force, CONUS NORAD Region Headquarters, Tyndall AFB, Florida where he served as the chief of counterdrug analysis in the intelligence directorate.

In 2001, Kinney was assigned to the Air and Marine Operations Center, March Air Reserve Base, California serving as an Air Force liaison officer to the United States Customs Service. In 2002, he returned to New England and served as an intelligence officer on the newly created Anti-Terrorism Task Force (ATTF), United States Attorney's Office, Boston, Massachusetts and he also joined the Massachusetts Air National Guard as a drill status Guardsman serving at Joint Force Headquarters, Massachusetts.

During his assignment on the ATTF, Kinney led the establishment of a first of its kind intelligence network comprised of local, county, state, and federal agencies from throughout New England. The network focused on establishing trust, sharing



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information, preventing future attacks, and national security prosecutions.

In 2005, he returned to active duty to serve at the National Guard Bureau, ISR Directorate at Arlington, Virginia. There he specialized in the conversion of legacy flying units to new ISR missions, as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and

Closure Commission's recommendations, where he was instrumental in the stand-up of 25 new ANG ISR units.

In 2008, he returned to Massachusetts to serve as the director of operations at the 102nd Intelligence Wing, Otis Air National Guard (ANG) Base, Massachusetts supporting DGS operations. During this time, Kinney was honored to serve in the Middle East as the first Senior DGS LNO from the ANG at the 609th Combined Air Operations Center.

In 2010, he was again honored to serve as the first-ever ISR mission coordinator at DGS-2, Beale

AFB, California during Operation Moshtarak, the invasion of Marja, Helmand Province, Afghanistan. During this operation, he led a team of nearly 200 ISR Airmen on a combined operations floor conducting overwatch and collection operations with remotely piloted aircraft, the U-2 Dragon Lady, and the RQ-4 Global Hawk.

In 2012, Kinney returned to the National Guard Bureau, Andrews AFB, Maryland to serve as chief of ISR Plans and Integration where he led the planning for more than 20 new ANG ISR units affecting more than 2,000 Airmen.

Conversion Day at a glance



Tech Sgt. Jean Schnauffer, 188th Honor Guard, unfurls the new 188th Wing flag during a Conversion Day ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014. The ceremony recognized the change of mission to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore/released)



Members of the 188th Wing stand at parade rest during the wing's conversion ceremony at the hangar on Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas June 7, 2014. During the ceremony, the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group and its associated squadrons stood up. As part of the conversion, the last two A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft of the wing were flown off base to Davis-Moahan Air Force Base (AFB), Arizona for modifications before being sent to Moody AFB, Georgia. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore/released)



The Fort Smith Southside High School choir accompanied by Mr. Dave Burns performs "America the Beautiful" during a Conversion Day ceremony at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore/released)



Lt. Col. John Easley, right, assumed command of the newly activated 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron during a Conversion Day ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014. The 188th Fighter Wing was redesignated as the 188th Wing during the event. The ceremony also recognized the many changes occurring at the wing as a result of its conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. At the conclusion of the ceremony, state government leadership, old and current members, family, and friends, watched as the last two A-10C, Thunderbolt II, "Warthogs" departed permanently from the base in route to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona for modifications. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore /released)

Easley takes command of 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — Lt. Col. John C. Easley was the last to march from formation following the inactivation of the 188th Maintenance Group and its subordinate units during the newly redesignated 188th Wing's Conversion Day ceremony June 7, 2014.

Easley, a lifelong maintainer both as an enlisted Airman and commissioned maintenance officer, said it was an emotional moment as he marched off the

floor as the commander of troops in the final 188th Maintenance Group formation.

"For me the day was a roller coaster of emotion," Easley said. "I started the ceremony standing in the last 188th Maintenance Group formation and I was the last member marching off the hangar floor with tears in my eyes after hearing [former 188th Maintenance Group commander] Lt. Col. Anderson Neal reporting 100 percent fully mission capable and giving the final salute."

Those sentiments were bittersweet for Easley, who had to set those feel-

"Lt. Col. Easley is an outstanding officer with exceptional leadership skillset. I have no doubt that he will help lead us to our objective of being a reconnaissance center of excellence."

— Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing Commander

ings aside for a new task as the first commander of the newly activated 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron. Easley assumed command of the 223rd during the ceremony.

"This feeling was quickly replaced with pride as I stepped in formation leading the 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron onto the floor, answering the first call to report and assuming command," Easley said. "These were moments which built with great anticipation, and passed by in a flash."

Easley served as the 188th Maintenance Group deputy commander for the last two years and has been in maintenance since he joined the active duty Air Force in 1985.

Easley was also an enlisted armament systems specialist and airborne gunner during assignments at the 33rd Tactical Fighter Wing, Eglin Air Force Base, Florida, and the 1st Special Operations Wing, Hurlburt Field, Florida.

As the 223rd's inaugural commander, Easley will lead 50 dedicated Airmen. The 223rd's primary mission will feature the development and training of cyber systems professionals.

The squadron will also provide critical cyberspace and communication services for the 188th Wing's global and state missions.

The 223rd will furnish operational ready communications equipment and personnel in support of the daily operations of the new 188th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group to include voice, network, computer, and data communications.

The 223rd will supply communications equipment capable for Intelligence professionals to create decision quality actionable intelligence of high value to air, ground, and naval force component commanders, around the world.

Easley has deployed in support of Operations Decisive Edge, Southern Watch,

and Katrina. He deployed twice in support Operation Enduring Freedom where he served as the commander of Detachment 1, 8th Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and the officer in charge of the 455th A-10 Expeditionary Aircraft Maintenance Squadron respectively.

"Lt. Col. Easley is an outstanding officer with an exceptional leadership skillset," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "I have no doubt that he will help lead us to our objective of being a reconnaissance center of excellence."





Lt. Col. Tina Lipscomb, 123rd Intel Squadron commander, stands in front of members of her squadron during the 188th Wing conversion ceremony at the hangar on Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas June 7, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore/released)

123rd Intel Squadron finds new home with redesignated 188th Wing

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — Home is where the heart is. The newly redesignated 188th Wing opened up a place in its heart and now the 123rd Intel Squadron will have a new place to hang its hat.

The Arkansas Air National Guard's 123rd is a combat unit currently physically located at Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas, where it operates and maintains an Air National Guard component of the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System gained by the Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Agency.

The 123rd moved under the 188th Wing April 1 and the realignment was ceremonially recognized June 7 as part of the wing's Conversion Day event. The 123rd's transition is a critical piece to the 188th's conversion to ISR and remotely piloted aircraft. Prior to the 123rd falling under the new 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, the squadron was administratively serviced by the Arkansas ANG's 189th Airlift Wing at Little Rock AFB.

"I am very excited about the 123rd's move under the 188th," said Lt. Col. Tina Lipscomb,

123rd commander. "It will be the first time in 62 years that we will have a parent wing to lead and support our squadron. I'm proud to be the 123rd commander and I know that the current squadron members are motivated and enthusiastic to make the move to the Fort Smith area."

In addition to the upcoming physical move to Ebbing Air National Guard Base, the 123rd experienced a 50 percent boost in personnel. The 123rd is now comprised of 120 Airmen. The physical move will happen over the next two years as the 188th moves toward achieving initial operationally capable status.

"As we transition to the 188th Wing, we are eager to get started," Lipscomb said. "We have top notch personnel and training and we will continue to produce world class intelligence. We have a great opportunity to lead the way in our new mission as the center of ISR excellence for the Air National Guard."

That ISR Center of Excellence concept is highlighted by the collaboration of multiple facets of the ISR mission on the same installation operating within the same facility. The 188th will be the first to feature distributed common ground station, targeting and remotely piloted aircraft mission sets on the same operations floor.

"We're going to be the first unit to have those agencies working side by side," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "We think that's going to be a huge benefit to our warfighters and the taxpayer. We think there's going to be some efficiencies there and we're going to be on the leading edge of developing some very unique, groundbreaking tactics, techniques and procedures by having those elements under the same roof."

The 123rd operates the AN/GSQ-272 "SENTINEL" weapon system and is responsible for conducting near real-time exploitation of imagery intelligence data, collected by ISR platforms and provides actionable, multisource combat intelligence to combatant commanders and war fighting forces across the spectrum of conflict as well as incident awareness and assessment (IAA) for the homeland.

From 1952-2001 the 123rd was an intelligence and photographic reproduction unit providing imagery to support headquarters war planning efforts. The unit has logged a litany of mobilizations, including Operations Allied Force/Noble Anvil, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom and New Dawn.

The 123rd commonly supports the MQ-1 Predator and the MQ-9 Reaper but has sup-

ported the RQ-4 Global Hawk and the U-2 Dragon Lady in past operation. Since the unit achieved operational status at home station in December 2006, the Airman assigned to the 123rd have amassed more than 50,000 hours of full motion video exploitation and generated more than 14,000 products which have directly aided Coalition forces engaged in combat operations throughout the world.

The 123rd also features a domestic operations mission along with supporting the National Guard Counterdrug program. In addition to providing first responders, local, state, and federal authorities with situational awareness in the event of a natural or man-made disaster, the 123rd also boasts unique domestic capability.

The IAA PAD (processing, analysis, and dissemination) trailer, dubbed the RAZORback PAD, was constructed to function as a mobile platform to capture data from a collection platform, process that data, allow for the analysis of the data and then to disseminate that data in the form of finished IAA to local, state and federal entities to aid in the event of a disaster.

The RAZORback Pad is equipped with six workstations, computers, radios, and telephones, to set up in remote conditions and fuse intelligence products and customize them to suit the diverse customer base.

"The 123rd brings some very unique mission sets and expertise and we're excited they're now a part of the 188th family," Anderson said. "We're looking forward to making history as the ISR Center of Excellence. The 123rd will undoubtedly play a critical role in achieving that goal."





Maj. Sara A. Stigler, commander of the 153rd Intelligence Squadron, right, receives the 153rd guideon from the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group commander, Lt. Col. Robert I. Kinney, during an assumption of command at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 7. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

Stigler grabs reins of new 153rd Intelligence Squadron

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — The newly activated 153rd Intelligence Squadron has a familiar face taking over as its inaugural commander. Maj. Sara Stigler assumed command of the 153rd during a Conversion Day ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014.

The ceremony also recognized the myriad changes occurring at the 188th Wing as a result of its conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers) and Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) mission. The 188th Fighter Wing was redesignated as the 188th Wing during the event as well. The 153rd will fall under the newly activated 188th ISR Group of the 188th Wing.

Stigler will be charged with the task of leading 107 dedicated Airmen in a first-of-its-kind space-focused targeting mission. Once it achieves operationally capable status, the 153rd will be responsible for

providing targeting production capability, consisting of the processing, exploitation, analysis and dissemination of targeting intelligence and data from a number of sources.

"Maj. Stigler is an exceptional officer and leader and we have a great deal of confidence in her," said Mark W. Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "She is an expert in the Intel field and will no doubt make an outstanding squadron commander. She will be leading a brand new mission and treading uncharted territory. I know she will work tremendously hard to help us achieve our vision of an ISR Center of Excellence."

The 153rd's mission sets include precision point mensuration, target graphics production, target system analysis and weaponeering. The unit creates decision

In 2002, she deployed to the Middle East in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 41st Expeditionary Airlift Squadron. Upon her return in November 2002, she was selected as the chief of Intelligence for the 41st Airlift Squadron.

In 2003, she deployed to various Middle East locations in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. During this deployment, Stigler was hand-picked to forward deploy in support of the 82nd Airborne Division where she provided time-critical intelligence to tactical airlift operations.

In 2004, she was reassigned to Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea as chief of the Intelligence Surveillance Reconnaissance Operations Element at the 607th Air Intelligence Squadron. In Korea, she furnished

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quality, actionable intelligence that is disseminated to air, ground, and naval force component commanders, around the world, for use in the planning and execution of military operations across the spectrum of conflict.

Stigler, a United States Air Force Academy graduate, is a career intelligence officer. She has served worldwide in a variety of positions at the tactical, operational and strategic levels.

Her journey to the 188th began October 2010 when she joined the Arkansas Air National Guard as an intelligence officer in the 188th Operations Support Flight. From June 2012 to October 2012, Stigler deployed with the 184th Fighter Squadron to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan in support of A-10C Thunderbolt II operations and Operation Enduring Freedom. She was 188th chief of wing Intelligence before assuming command of the 153rd.

In 2001, upon graduation from Intelligence Officer's School at Goodfellow Air Force Base (AFB), Texas, Stigler was assigned to the 43rd Operational Support Squadron at Pope AFB, North Carolina. While serving at Pope, she provided intelligence support to the 43rd Airlift Wing and its C-130 flying operations.

near real time intelligence reporting to the air component commander in charge of military air operations over the Korean Peninsula.

In 2005, Stigler was selected as the 607th Air Intelligence Group executive officer. In 2006, she was reassigned to Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona at the 12th Information Operations Flight serving as the chief of influence operations before becoming their chief of training.





Maj. Paul J. Needham, commander of the 288th Operations Support Squadron, receives the 288th guidon from the commander of the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, Lt. Col. Robert I. Kinney, during an assumption of command at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 7, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

Needham assumes command of 288th Operations Support Squadron

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — Maj. Paul Needham has spent the majority of his career as an intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance professional and has supported contingency operations around the world.

Needham will put that ISR pedigree to good use as the inaugural commander of the newly activated 288th Operations Support Squadron. Needham assumed command of the 288th OSS during the newly redesignated 188th Wing's Conversion Day ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014.

"I am honored and humbled to be given the opportunity to lead some of the finest Airmen I have encountered in my 22-year career," Needham said. "I look forward to challenges that will be faced and the successes that will be earned by the Airmen of the 288th Operations Support Squadron. I will encourage the Airmen of the 288th OSS to strive to be the finest intelligence operators in the Air National Guard and U.S. Air Force."

Needham will be laboring to build squadron cohesion from scratch. Many of his Airmen will

be retraining from a maintenance background. Some members of his squadron were transferred from the 123rd Intelligence Squadron, which moved under the 188th Wing's flag as part of the wing's mission conversion from fighters to ISR and remotely piloted aircraft mission sets.

The 288th is composed of 52 dedicated Airmen and is one of three squadrons that comprises Distributed Common Ground Station - Arkansas, a combat unit operating and maintaining an Air National Guard component of the Air Force Distributed Common Ground System. The 288th falls under the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group (ISR) of the 188th Wing. The 288th will provide support to the daily operations of the 188th ISR Group, including training, plans, mission management, and weapons and tactics functions for the AN/GSQ-272

"Maj. Needham is a seasoned intelligence officer and an outstanding choice to stand up a brand new squadron."

— Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing Commander

SENTINEL weapon system.

Needham expressed excitement concerning the ISR Center of Excellence concept the 188th will be striving to achieve with the Distributed Common Ground Station, targeting and remotely piloted aircraft pieces to the mission all on the same base on the same operations floor. This will allow the 188th to conduct real-time combat ops from Fort Smith, Arkansas.

"Together we will develop new tactics, techniques and procedures on a combined DCGS and RPA operations floor," Needham said. "We will also work to strengthen existing intelligence training programs and manage the DCGS weapons system and missions assigned to DGS-AR. Together we will work to provide first class actionable intelligence to warfighters, planners, and senior leaders."

Needham began his career in the Arkansas ANG as an enlisted member in January 1994 after serving a two-year tour in the U.S. Army. He began his intelligence career as a photographic interpretation analyst, eventually progressing to a flight superintendent.

He was commissioned as an officer in 2004 before earning his intelligence officer's badge in 2005. In 2006, he served as a flight commander to the director of operations at the 123rd Intelligence Squadron, Little Rock Air Force Base, Arkansas.

In 2007, he progressed to assistant director of operations at the 123rd before serving in the role of detachment commander in 2008 when he commanded personnel and conducted DGS operations in support of Operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. In 2009, Needham became the director of operations for the 123rd leading the effort to procure a first of its kind domestic emergency response trailer which provides real time images to first responders in the event of a domestic disaster.

He has been mobilized six times, three of which were deployments to other locations around the world. Needham has been qualified in the SENTINEL weapon system since 2002, having accrued more than 4,500 hours of mission time both as an enlisted crew member and mission operations commander. He also possesses

both an instructor qualification and intelligence evaluator certification on the SENTINEL weapon system.

"Maj. Needham is a seasoned intelligence officer and an outstanding choice to stand up a brand new squadron," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "His leadership and extensive experience in a number of operations will be invaluable to our wing as we strive to become an ISR Center of Excellence."





'Dave the flag guy' furnishes taste of 188th's top-notch community support

By Airman 1st Class Cody Martin
188th Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — The Fourth of July holiday is a time to reflect on our independence. While free citizens participated in barbecues, patriotic concerts and fireworks, everyone at some point during the day likely thought about the significance of this special date. The Fourth of July is the nation's birthday. Instrumental in the original thirteen colonies codifying their independence was the early citizen soldier or the colonial militia, which later became the National Guard.

"Every citizen should be a soldier," Thomas Jefferson said. "This was the case with the Greeks and Romans, and must be that of every free state."

Without the brave soldiers during the American Revolution, the United States would

undoubtedly look very different now. The soldiers of the time needed their communities to support them just as the 188th Wing needs them now. The local community has been exemplary in its efforts to showcase their unwavering support.

In 2005, the Base Realignment and Closure Committee recommended the closure of the then-188th Fighter Wing and the removal of its F-16C Falcons. The outstanding support from the community helped surmount this obstacle, securing the A-10 Thunderbolt II "Wart-hog" follow-on mission.

The community later exhibited its exceptional support again, lining the streets during a visit from Gen. Mark A. Welsh III, Air Force Chief of Staff, January 2013.

"I expected to see an outstanding fighter wing that does a great service to our nation and that's exactly what I've seen," Welsh said during a 2013 press conference following his tour. "They have a great installation here. There's a great range complex that they train on. They are

from operations all around the world.

One of those strong community supporters is Dave Burns, known commonly as "Dave the Flag Guy." Burns epitomizes the support shown to the 188th by the Arkansas River Valley and surrounding communities.

"Mr. Burns is a true patriot who takes pride in his country and his community," said Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "To taxi by after a challenging training mission or when you're returning from a tough combat deployment and then to see him waving his American flag in such a dignified way, makes you feel truly honored and humbled. It makes you feel proud to have the opportunity to serve such a great nation and it reminds you that you're not doing it alone. There's a lot of support for the military and there's no better military community than right here."

Burns, who shows up to wave his American flag at most wing deployments and events, is one of those integral members of the community showing his



Dave Burns holds a United States flag and a "Thank you" sign to show his support at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 12, 2012. Mr. Burns came out when members of the 188th Fighter Wing came back from a deployment to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/ released)

year goes by I get more proud. It keeps building up where I don't think I can get any higher with it and then there's another wedge to climb."

Although Burns has been inspired by the military since

" Just driving by and seeing the base always filled me with a sense of pride," Burns said. "To think that my own group in my city is taking care of and doing so much for the nation always made me so proud. "

— *David Burns, community supporter*

immersed in the mission of our Air Force, and I got to see that this morning."

The community's positive outpouring of support never waned. Packed crowds surrounded the flightline at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas for multiple deployments and homecomings

support for the 188th and its Airmen.

"Just driving by and seeing the base always filled me with a sense of pride," Burns said. "To think that my own group in my city is taking care of and doing so much for the nation always made me so proud. I'm so proud of the 188th and as each

he was six years old, it was the Explorers group that he was a part of at the age of 15 that truly helped pave the way for his future involvement with the 188th.

Burns said the group had a positive impact on him for years to come.

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Dave Burns holds a United States flag and a "Thank you" sign to show his support at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., July 2, 2012. Mr. Burns came out when members of the 188th Fighter Wing were being deployed to Bagram Air Base, Afghanistan. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Hannah Landeros/ released)

Doctor, doctor

Medical documentation key for worldwide duty qualification

By Maj. Bridgette Scott

188th medical administrative officer

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — It is imperative that you turn in your medical documentation to the 188th Medical Group, to include all prescriptions for medications. When you submit prescriptions for medication, ensure you have the name, reason, dose, route, quantity, number of refills and date of last refill. This information is especially important for controlled drugs. In Air Force Instruction (AFI) 48-123, members, supervisors and commanders ensure members are medically qualified for worldwide duty. Commanders and supervisors notify the servicing medical facility when they become aware of any changes in a member's medical status.

Reporting a change in your medical status allows the 188th Medical Group to update your qualification status, Air Force form 422, annually. This form is included in your packet when applying for a job. You may also require a duty limiting condition report, Air Force form 469, which is used to document your restrictions as they may relate to duty, mobility or fitness.

It is a misconception that once you report a change in your medical status that your military career is over. Mem-

bers should not be informed by their leadership that they are disqualified when medical documentation is submitted to the medical group. This is not

always the case. Once your documentation has been reviewed by a military provider, a disposition will be given to you.

If you have a medical condition that has been deemed as disqualifying, you will be

informed in a formal setting with the military provider during a unit training assembly weekend or by the full-time medical administrative officer or health systems specialist/

health systems technician. At that time you may be told, "In accordance with AFI 48-123, you have a potentially disqualifying medical condition and here are the options suited for you." There is always the possibility that you may qualify for a waiver and continue your military service. If this is not the case, we will work to ensure you are afforded every entitlement that applies to you.

The 188th Medical Group is here to serve every member during the good times and the bad times. We are true supporters in our service to you and will do everything we can to ensure you have a continued successful military career. We need your support as well and communicating with us when there is a change in your medical status is the first step.



Dave Burns waves the American flag after the last two A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft departed Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas June 7, 2014. The aircraft departed as part of a Conversion Day ceremony held at the 188th Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore/ released)

Flag guy

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"It impressed me because I didn't just see what you guys were doing physically, but they took us into places that a lot of people didn't get to go," Burns said. "I saw how organized everything was, how clean everything was and how professionally you did things. Instead of wondering, I actually saw and it was impressive."

This experience has grown into a true respect for the military. So much so that Burns hands out flags to anyone in uniform he meets, or offers to wave a large flag every time a member of the military takes off from the ramp at Ebbing ANG Base. Burns, though, said he

finds it most gratifying to wave the flag for the members from his own town in Fort Smith.

"It was so gratifying to flag my own guys," Burns said. "I'd flag everybody, but to get to flag my unit was a real honor."

Support from members of the local community like Burns is what makes the 188th Wing what it is today. With the 188th's conversion to a new intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance/remotely piloted aircraft mission that support becomes even more critical.

"It's because of the sacrifices you've made and the foresight that you guys at the 188th and our military have that we've got all of these wonderful blessings," Burns said. "The passion that I have for you guys out here will never fade."



Existing tools help users reduce PII Breaches

By 1st Lt. Meredith Hein
24th Air Force Public Affairs

Members of 24th Air Force are refurbishing an old email tool to help Air Force users reduce breaches of personally identifiable information, or PII.

The Digital Signature Enforcement Tool, or DSET, which currently prompts users to provide a digital signature when an email contains an active hyperlink or attachment, is being reconfigured to scan emails and attachments for PII. DSET was first introduced to Microsoft Outlook in 2009 by the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center.

“DSET was originally designed to mitigate risk from socially engineered email or phishing attacks. Now, it provides some protection of messages transmitting PII,” said Alonzo Pugh, a cyberbusiness system analyst for 24th Air Force. “The tool provides awareness for users of risks before the email leaves the workstation, giving users the chance to correct the identified risk.”

PII includes items such as an individual’s social security number, driver’s license information and financial information. Breaches occur when this information is inadvertently released. User awareness is one of the biggest issues associated with PII breaches, Pugh said.

“When users release PII that is not protected, that puts information at risk for being intercepted by adversaries,” he said. “These adversaries can then use that information to target users to gain access the network. Air Force network users must do their due diligence when sending an e-mail containing PII. They need to make sure the information is protected.”

DSET capability should encourage users to be more involved in the process of preventing PII breaches, Pugh said. “The user is afforded the ability to take action in checking their emails to make sure they are not inadvertently releasing PII, and given the opportunity to protect it. DSET makes users more aware that they need to double check their emails and ensure that they are in accordance with policy; the responsibility for preventing breaches ultimately falls on them.”

The tool itself is straightforward to use, Pugh said, and will give users simple prompts to follow in sending emails. In addition, there is a function allowing information which was falsely identified as PII to still be sent.

“While our software solution will support the Air Force’s efforts to reduce PII breaches, it is still important for personnel to be aware and vigilant with their handling of documents containing PII,” said Col. Eric Oliver, the 24th Air Force director of cyber systems.

The tool’s new usage is still in its initial stage, focusing on social security numbers. Developers hope that DSET will ultimately be able to scan for a variety of PII to prevent future breaches.

“It is imperative that we protect one another as we move each Air Force mission forward,” said Maj. Gen. J. Kevin McLaughlin, the 24th Air Force commander. “Avoiding the release of PII is part of being a good wingman, but it is also part of protecting the network and accomplishing the Air Force mission.”

In preparation for the release of DSET, you can access training for the new tool using the following link: https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/assets/files/OE-15-40-064_QRG-DSET_v0001.pdf

Additional training on how to encrypt Microsoft Office documents can be accessed at: <http://www.24af.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-140701-064.pdf>

Users have multiple tools at their disposal to protect PII if encrypting e-mail is not feasible, but if electronic transmission of sensitive PII is operationally required, users can leverage approved Department of Defense file exchange services at: <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/>



'Ask the commander' now available

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

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

Arkansas National Guard Mission, Vision and Values

MISSION

To provide trained, ready professionals and units responsive to the needs of the nation, state and community.

VISION

Arkansas National Guard military and civilian professionals, working as a team, building the finest reserve military organization serving the nation, state and community.

VALUES

Integrity

(Honesty, Candor, Ethics, Morals, Accountability).

Commitment

(Loyalty, Caring, Trust, Teamwork).

Professionalism

(Selfless Service, Empowerment, Stewardship, Excellence in all we do).

Warrior Spirit

(I will always place the mission first. I will never accept defeat. I will never quit. I will never leave a fallen comrade).

Going through a phase



A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft Tail No. 621 sits in the hangar at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas March 5, 2014. It was the second to last aircraft to receive a phase inspection. After 60 years of a flying mission, the 188th Wing is converting to a remote piloted aircraft/intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



(Left) A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft Tail No. 621 sits in the Phase hangar at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas March 5, 2014. It was the second to last aircraft to receive a phase inspection. The 188th Wing is converting to a remote piloted aircraft/intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/released)



(Left) Senior Airman Sean Liggett and Tech. Sgt. Shawn Thorne, both 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron members, remove panels from A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft, Tail No. 586 to accomplish phase work cards. The purpose of the phase inspection is to ensure the aircraft's reliability and to prevent future issues. This aircraft was the last phase accomplished at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Recently, the wing held a conversion ceremony changing from a manned flying mission to a remotely piloted aircraft/intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



(Above) Tech. Sgt. Billy Bull and Master Sgt. Hayden Kry, both 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron members, accomplish phase cards on an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog", Tail No. 586. This aircraft was the last phase accomplished at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Recently the wing held a conversion ceremony changing from a manned flying mission to a remotely piloted aircraft, intel, and reconnaissance mission. The unit currently doesn't have any aircraft assigned. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



Flying Razorbacks bid bittersweet farewell to A-10s

By Maj. Heath Allen
188th Wing executive officer

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — It was a somber sendoff for the newly redesignated 188th Wing which exchanged a fond farewell with its last two remaining A-10C Thunderbolt II “Warthogs” during a ceremonial final salutation June 7.

The departure capped the wing’s Conversion Day event held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base and marks the first time in more than 60 years the 188th will have no assigned aircraft. The ceremony featured myriad changes to the wing’s structure as a result of the conversion to remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) missions.

Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, and Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, flew the final two Warthogs from Ebbing ANG Base. Anderson and Davis piloted tails 188 and 646, respectively. The two aviators transported the Warthogs to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona for modifications before flying back to the 188th commercially. The two A-10s were later delivered to their new owners, the 23rd Wing at Moody Air Force Base, Georgia.

“It was a solemn moment taking off and seeing the crowd of supporters below,” Anderson said. “The A-10 is an exceptional close-air support aircraft and we’re going to miss it tremendously. While we’re undoubtedly going to miss flying over the best military community in the world, the future looks extremely bright for our wing and its Airmen.”

The wing’s on-going mission conversion was prompted by the 2013 Defense National Appropriation Act (NDAA). The 188th was one of five Air National Guard wings that flew the rugged A-10,



A-10C, Thunderbolt II, “Warthog,” Tail No. 646 taxis for the last time on Ebbing Air National Guard Base before taking off. The aircraft, one of two, was piloted by Maj. Doug Davis. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman First Class Cody Martin /released)



Tech. Sgt. Orion Stell, crew chief, crews A-10C, Thunderbolt II, “Warthog” Tail No. 188, as it departs from Ebbing Air National Guard Base for the last time. Aircraft 188 was piloted by Col. Mark Anderson. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. Preston Chasteen /released)



The last two A-10C, Thunderbolt II, “Warthogs,” piloted by Col. Mark Anderson and Maj. Doug Davis, depart from Ebbing Air National Guard Base in route to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona for modifications. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Matt Pelkey /released)



Former and current members, family, and friends, watched as the last two A-10C, Thunderbolt II, “Warthogs” departed from Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas in route to Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona for modifications. Col. Mark Anderson and Maj. Doug Davis piloted these last two aircraft for the final time. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore /released)

an inveterate close-air support workhorse for the Air Force for more than 30 years. But as part of the NDAA, the 188th was the only outfit of those five ANG wings slated to lose its A-10s.

The first two A-10s left Sept. 10, 2013, as part of the conversion divestiture. Approximately two Warthogs departed per month until the finale in June.

The 188th flew the A-10 for just seven years but achieved new heights in combat action since it received the aircraft April 7, 2007. The 188th quickly upgraded its A-10As to A-10Cs and later deployed nearly 300 Airmen and

10 Warthogs to Kandahar Air Base, Afghanistan in 2010. Two years later, the 188th ventured to Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan for its largest deployment in unit history with 12 A-10s and almost 400 Airmen trekking to the area of responsibility in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 188th’s combat production soared to an all-time high with more than 7,600 combat hours flown on 1,850-plus combat sorties while in Bagram. The wing logged deployment records with more than 250 bombs dropped, 250-plus rockets employed and more than 65,000 30mm rounds fired. These actions helped saved countless

coalition lives in nearly 500 troops-in-contact missions while maintaining a 100 percent air tasking order completion rate.

“We saved a lot of lives in the A-10 and we accomplished amazing feats in some pretty austere conditions,” Davis said. “We sent a lot of ground troops back home safely to their families. A lot of that was a result of the outstanding training we received here at the 188th. Flying the last sortie out of Fort Smith was an emotional moment. It really set in as we’re flying over the base and I realized that this is it. This is the last time we’re going to fly A-10s off this installation.”

Breaking down the barriers



Members of the Tulsa-based 138th Fighter Wing of the Oklahoma Air National Guard along with members of the 188th Wing re-certify the flightline's barrier cable, May 28, 2014, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The barrier cable is used to catch tailhook-equipped aircraft if a hazardous situation exists and the aircraft is unable to slow down on its own. While the 188th Wing no longer uses the barrier due to a change in mission, the 138th and other units with tailhook equipped aircraft can use Ebbing as an alternate landing location for aircraft emergencies. In the recertification, an F-16C Fighting Falcon from the 138th was used to test the cable. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Maj. Heath Allen/released)





188th Med Group members' swift actions save child

By Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis
188th Wing Public Affairs Office

FORT SMITH, Arkansas — The 188th Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas is currently transitioning from a manned flying mission to an intelligence, reconnaissance, surveillance and remotely piloted mission. During the consolidated June and July Unit Training Assembly the wing held a conversion ceremony, on June 7, 2014, inactivating the 188th Maintenance Group and standing up the new ISR Group and subordinate squadrons. More than 1,000 people attended the ceremony.

At the end of the ceremony, a two-year-old child was held up by his mother. The mother stated that he was choking. Tech. Sgt. Alison Gleason, 188th Medical Group administrator, was the first to respond and immediately jumped into action providing American Heart Association Foreign Body Airway Obstruction

procedures.

“His face was kind of turning purple so I grabbed the child by the front of the collar, turned him over and gave him two blows between the shoulder blades,” Gleason said.

Master Sgt. Che Kinnard, 188th Public Health technician, arrived shortly after to assist. He took the child and administered more back blows. Kinnard, who is also a cardio pulmonary resuscitation instructor, continued upward thrust maneuvers until the object was expelled from the child.

“I continued until he took in a deep breath, so he had some air exchange, said Kinnard. I waited to make sure he was breathing then handed him over to Doctor Hayes.”

Lt. Col. William Hayes, 188th chief of aerospace medicine, examined the child and determined a hard candy was lodged in the airway. “The child’s respirations were back at baseline and he was no longer in distress,” Hayes said.



Tech. Sgt. Alison Gleason, 188th medical administrator, poses for her 60th Anniversary history book photo. (Courtesy photo/released)



Master Sgt. Che Kinnard, 188th medical administrator, poses for his 60th Anniversary history book photo. (Courtesy photo/released)

After Hayes determined the child could be returned to his mother, Col. Misty Zelk, 188th Medical Group commander, followed up with the family later and the child was acting normal. He was even able to enjoy in the family day picnic, which was held after the ceremony.

The 188th Medical Group is made up of highly trained dedicated members. During a normal UTA the 188th Medical Group conducts training and

accomplishes a multitude of required medical checks for unit members. Cardio pulmonary resuscitation is required for wing medical group personnel.

“It’s your typical lifesaving general course, but there are three levels of the course,” Gleason said. “I’m an elementary teacher and we’re not required to have CPR, but because I am here, [188th Medical Group], we have to and thankfully that helped.”

Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

Saturday, August 2

Chick-Fil-A

Sunday, August 3

Baked ham, potato wedges, carrots, pinto beans with onion, corn bread, assorted cobblers, brownies, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk

Sunday, August 3, Short Order line (Sunday only)

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.



Gassed: 188th Warthogs log last aerial refuel



A pair of A-10 Thunderbolt II "Warthog" aircraft from the 188th Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas piloted by Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, and Maj. Doug Davis fly in formation behind a KC-135 Stratotanker from McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas operated by a 931st Air Refueling Group aircrew, June 7, 2014. The fighters were the final two A-10s to depart Fort Smith as the 188th transitions from a fighter mission to an intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance/remotely piloted aircraft mission. (U.S. Air Force photos by Senior Airman Sierra Dopfel/released)





Flying Razorback Flashback

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



Col. Bill Strang, then-188th Tactical Fighter Group commander, left, and Maj. Gen. James A. Ryan, then the Arkansas National Guard adjutant general, pose for a photo with the first F-16 Falcon to be delivered to the 188th's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1988. The 188th flew the F-16A/B models until 2001. The unit changed to the F-16C "Fighting Falcon", in 2001 until 2007 when the unit received the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog". (Courtesy photo/released)



Col. Bill Strang, then-188th Tactical Fighter Group commander, left, and Maj. Gen. James A. Ryan, then the Arkansas National Guard adjutant general, shake hands in front of the first F-16 Falcon to be delivered to the 188th's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, in 1988. The 188th flew the F-16A/B models until 2001. The unit changed to the F-16C "Fighting Falcon", in 2001 until 2007 when the unit received the A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog". (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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1N2X1	COMMUNICATION SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE
1N1X1	GEOSPATIAL INTELLIGENCE
1P0X1	AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIPMENT
2A3X3	TACTICAL AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE
2A5X1	AEROSPACE MAINTENANCE
2A6X1	AEROSPACE PROPULSION
2A6X2	AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIPMENT
2A6X4	AIRCRAFT FUEL SYSTEMS
2A6X5	AIRCRAFT HYDRAULIC SYSTEMS
2A6X6	AIRCRAFT ELECTRICAL & ENVIRONMENTAL SYS

2F0X1	FUELS
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2T2X1	AIR TRANSPORTATION
2W0X1	MUNITIONS SYSTEMS
2W1X1	AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT SYSTEMS
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3D1X2	CYBER TRANSPORT SYSTEMS
3D1X3	RF TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS
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3P0X1	SECURITY FORCES
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