



# The Flying Razorback

188th Wing Arkansas Air National Guard

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## Razorback Range turns 40

188th Wing's Detachment 1 Razorback Range celebrates 40 years of operations 2



# At home on the range

## Razorback Range still going strong after 40 years

By Staff Sgt. John Suleski  
188th Wing Public Affairs

About 25 minutes away from Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas is a range full of grass and deer coexisting with inhabitants of other types: tan military vehicles riddled with large holes, shipping containers arranged to resemble buildings and blue inert bombs resting next to their targets.

This is the 188th Wing's Detachment 1 Razorback Range, which marks its 40th anniversary this year.

Since its opening in 1974, the range has grown from one strafing pit and one bombing circle on 177 acres to more than 60 targets and facilities on 1,000 acres. It has also expanded from only training pilots to enhancing coordination between air support and those on the ground.

Despite the 188th's conversion from a fighter mission to remotely pilot aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets, Razorback Range is open for business and will continue to support training events ranging from close-air support to combat search and rescue with several unique capabilities that help provide the best and most diverse combat training experiences possible.

"Razorback Range is a staple of the 188th Wing and is an outstanding training range for a number of different aircraft," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander.

"It's not only important for the public to understand that our range is still open for business but it's also critical for units seeking unique, quality training opportunities to know that Razorback Range is here to meet their needs."

One of those unique capabilities includes face-to-face briefs and debriefs between air and ground personnel, said Maj. Doug Davis, Detachment 1 commander. Razorback Range is only a 25-minute drive from Ebbing ANG Base



A US M-60 tank sits at the 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range on Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas, July 14, 2014. Razorback Range provides varying types of training to military units from around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)

and gives units the opportunity to get a more comprehensive review of what went right or wrong with an in-person mission pre-brief and post-mission debriefs at the 188th Wing.

"You can go not just to the surface, but

specialized training if a unit calls ahead. This includes breach-and-clear exercises using explosives approved for range use and modified shipping containers fitted with doors.

These shipping containers that populate the range have several uses, including being utilized as targets. While they aren't high-fidelity objects constructed to closely replicate a tower or mosque, the buildings furnish structural similarities

sufficient to conduct authentic close-air support scenarios from thousands of feet above ground.

"Whenever you get up to 5,000 feet in the air, you don't see the box itself," Davis said. "You see the entire structure."

Davis also said Detachment 1 focuses on efficient use of taxpayer resources by utilizing shipping containers and vehicular targets that were re-purposed assets

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down five or six layers and find the root cause of the error," Davis said. "It's an incredible learning experience."

Additionally, Razorback Range can host every kind of training event necessary for a Joint Terminal Attack Controller (JTAC) to stay current on his qualifications, from close-air support to laser guidance of ordnance, said Tech. Sgt. Robert Ellis, Detachment 1 JTAC liaison and evaluator.

The range can also support scheduled

## Stay in your lane during political season

By Lt. Col. Jenny Johnson  
188th Wing judge advocate general

With the election season lurking around the corner, there are a few things service members must remember during this upcoming political season. When you joined the military or became a federal employee, you did so with the knowledge that this decision came with some sacrifice. Everyone is encouraged to register to vote, research candidates and vote for the candidates. However, for this representative democracy to function properly, civil servants and military professionals cannot be seen as partisans.

Both military members, including Air National Guard, and federal employees work for the government, and in doing so they must support elected officials regardless of whether or not they voted for or against particular candidates. For this reason, getting a paycheck directly from the federal government necessarily limits a person's ability to participate in some aspects of the political process.

Department of Defense (DOD) Directive 1344.10, "Political Activities by Members of the Armed Forces on Active Duty," and Air Force Instruction (AFI) 51-902, "Political Activities by Members of the U.S. Air Force," outline permitted and restricted political actions for active military members. Service members who violate these rules may face punishment under the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

There are some reoccurring issues surrounding prohibited political activities. A frequent issue is whether or not an individual can display a large political sign on his or her car or truck. Displaying a large political sign on your automobile is prohibited. However, members are allowed to display a political bumper sticker on

their vehicle assuming it is in good taste (no profanity, disrespect, etc.).

Military members are prohibited from using official authority to influence an election or solicit votes for a specific candidate or issue. Military members are limited in their involvement in the political process off duty as well. This includes being a candidate for, or holding, political office, except in those circumstances authorized by the AFI. Military members should reference AFI 51-902 when they have any questions regarding the legality of their political activities.

Rules governing political activities by government civilians are found in a federal law known as the Hatch Act. DOD civilians who violate the Hatch Act face adverse personnel actions, including suspensions and employment termination. Most restrictions surrounding the Hatch Act are centered on the prevention of supervisors influencing subordinates to participate in or contribute to partisan groups or candidates. Federal employees may not display partisan political campaign materials in the workplace.

While federal employees may express opinions about candidates and issues when off duty, when on duty, in uniform, in a federal building or in a federally owned or leased vehicle, federal employees may not express opinions directed at the success or failure of a political party, candidate for partisan political office or partisan political group.

There are three important things to remember during the upcoming political season. First, regardless of status, using command influence to sway subordinates to vote for a particular party, candidate or issue is prohibited by law or directive. Second, when you receive a paycheck from the federal government, some aspects of your political freedom are limited. Third, if you are unsure whether or not a political activity is approved, reference AFI 51-902 or contact your base legal office.



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## Observing fundraising, endorsement regs while in uniform essential for Airmen

By Lt. Col. Jenny Johnson  
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Most Airmen have all likely seen the videos and photos where a person takes a bucket of ice water and dumps it over their head. The act is followed by much cheering and fanfare. Most of these challenges are meant to raise awareness for a worthy cause. This, along with what appears to be an online fad that is growing in popularity, may motivate many service members to participate. However well-intentioned this participation may appear, it is an impermissible endorsement of a non-federal entity if done in a military uniform.



The Standards of Conduct and the Joint Ethics Regulation (JER) are clear concerning this type of activity. A military member or employee may not use his or her government position or title in a manner that could reasonably imply that the government endorses the employee's personal activities.

An employee is also prohibited from using his or her government position or title to endorse any product, service or enterprise or to engage in fundraising for a nonprofit organization in an official capacity. The JER, at paragraph 3-210, makes it clear that (with very limited exceptions) Department of Defense employees will not officially endorse membership drives or fundraising for any non-federal entity.

The bottom line for National Guard members is to steer clear of these kinds of endorsements while in a military uniform. Participating in your personal capacity and not in uniform, without any reference to your National Guard affiliation is perfectly acceptable. If you are unsure, you may always seek guidance from your chain of command and/or the base legal office before participating in this type of activity.

## Find that face-to-face connection

Commentary By Maj. Shane Pair  
188th Wing chaplain

Over the past several months I have been keenly aware of all the social media stuff, and as I have thought about it the question that keeps coming back to me is: "Why? Why is this social media stuff so prevalent and important in our society today?" I remember the days that when I wanted to talk to someone I picked up the phone or went to their house. Today, although we have phones in our pockets, many would rather send a text versus talking on the phone. One of my greatest frustrations as a parent is that I can call one of my children and they won't answer the phone, but I can turn around and text them and they answer immediately wanting to carry on a conversation. This still baffles me.

I look at Facebook, Instagram, Google groups, LinkedIn and the list goes on and on, and I see people working to connect. Each of us from the beginning of all things were created to have a connection. Not just any connection, but a connection to other people. In the Jewish Torah and the Christian Old Testament, in the book of Genesis 2:18-20 the writer says "Then the Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner. So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them, and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field, but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner.'"

The text goes on to tell how God caused a deep sleep to come upon the man and took out a rib and created another human named Eve (meaning to come after). I find it interesting that out of all that is created, humanity did not find a suitable companion until another human was created.

We as humans are created for one an-

other. We as humans need other human relationships, and I am not just talking about marriage. Marriage is great, but not for everyone. However, we all need friendships. We need people in our lives to help keep us accountable. We need people to encourage us. We need people with whom to bounce around ideas. We even need other humans to care for us (a dog, cat, hamster, fish or other pet cannot do this regardless of our affection for them). Not only does the biblical text indicate this, but our use and dependence on social media supports this idea as well. When was the last time you Facebooked or texted your pet? I know I've gone to the absurd.

In the Air Force and Air National Guard, we understand the importance of human relationships. That is why, when you enter basic training, you are assigned a bunk-mate. When we arrive at our bases we are assigned and encouraged to use our Wingman. This is done because we realize none of us can go this life alone. In the Christian New Testament Bible, when Jesus sent out his followers, he sent them out two by two (Mark 5:7). This was done, not only for protection, but for accountability and encouragement.

I encourage you, in this media age, to continue to connect in that way, but don't overlook the innate desire within us all to connect personally, face to face, with one another. Take time to get to know one another because we were not created to travel the journey of this life alone. As we continue our conversion more and more new faces will be seen. Take time to get to know them. Take time to invite them to lunch or perhaps an event where there are other people present. Take time yourself to throw back to the old days and have face-to-face conversations. I think you will be surprised by the benefit of taking time out of your life to talk and visit someone in the flesh. I think the greatest reward will be a realization that in this world you are not alone. As always, know I pray daily for each of you, as members and family of the 188th.

# 188th's Wood honors supervisors, University of Arkansas with Patriot Award

**By Maj. Heath Allen**  
188th Wing executive officer

The Air National Guard cannot succeed without civilian employer support of its drill status Guardsmen. One 188th Wing Airman recognized her employer for exhibiting exceptional support of her ANG career for more than a decade.

Maj. Danielle Wood, 188th Wing Equal Opportunity chief, honored her supervisors at the University of Arkansas (UA) with a Department of Defense Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award during a presentation ceremony held at the UA Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education Sept. 19.

Dr. Wood is also the UA Office of Equal Opportunity & Compliance director in her civilian capacity.

Wood specifically recognized Dr. G. David Gearhart, UA chancellor, and Dr. Charles F. Robinson, UA vice chancellor for diversity and communication.

"The University of Arkansas

has been very supportive of my career at the 188th Wing," Wood said. "I'm proud to work for an institution that values military service and affords me the honor and privilege of serving my country in the Air National Guard."

Kyle Fisher with Arkansas ESGR presented the accolades and Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Wing commander, addressed the gathering.

"Our drill status Guardsmen are essential to the 188th Wing's success," Anderson said. "These members often have to leave their civilian jobs to help the wing complete its mission."

Anderson said many times civilian employers have to fill workload shortfalls when their employees are on duty with the 188th serving their country.

"We want the University of Arkansas and all civilian employers of our members to know how much we appreciate their support," Anderson said. "We couldn't do the mission without



Dr. G. David Gearhart, University of Arkansas (UA) chancellor, left; Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, middle; and Dr. Charles F. Robinson, UA vice chancellor for diversity and communication, pose for a photo following an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award presentation held at the UA Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Sept. 19, 2014. Maj. Danielle Wood, 188th Wing Equal Opportunity chief, recognized the UA, Gearhart and Robinson for their support of her Air National Guard career during the event. Dr. Wood is also the UA Office of Equal Opportunity & Compliance director. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/Released)

the support of organizations like the University of Arkansas and strong leaders and patriots like Dr. Gearhart and Dr. Robinson. When your nation calls, it's so

important to have an employer that supports your ability to serve your country, knowing that you're going to be able to come back to your job."

## 188th ISRG to hold officer board

The 188th Wing will hold an Intelligence officer board during the November Unit Training Assembly. The deadline for applications will be Oct. 17, 2014. These will be drill status officer positions within the new mission areas. Please contact Tech Sgt. Jeff Mathews or Master Sgt. Craig Gardner in recruiting at 479-806-5191 or 479-573-5147 with questions about package requirements. Members who need to take the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFOQT) should contact Master Sgt. Lindsey Mott in the 188th Force Support Squadron at 479-573-5762 to schedule the test. Minimum requirements to apply are as follows: Bachelor's degree by December 2014; passing AFOQT scores; current passing Air Force Physical Training score; no medical issues or profiles; and under the age of 35 (some age waivers may be considered).



Maj. Danielle Wood, 188th Wing Equal Opportunity chief, addresses a gathering during an Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Patriot Award presentation held at the University of Arkansas Center for Multicultural and Diversity Education in Fayetteville, Arkansas, Sept. 19, 2014. Wood recognized her employer and supervisors for their support of her Air National Guard career during the event. Dr. Wood is also the UA Office of Equal Opportunity & Compliance director. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/Released)



# The Flying Razorback member spotlight

## Airman 1st Class Cody Hixson



Airman First Class Cody Hixson conducts an ear checkup with Airman 1st Class Michael Wilkinson at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sept. 6, 2014. Hixson was selected as The Flying Razorback spotlight for October 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)

**Hometown:** Paris, Arkansas

**Job title:** Public health technician

**Civilian job:** Full time student

**In the 188th:** March 2012

**Education:** Currently enrolled at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith

**Hobbies:** My fraternity, movies, concerts, watching sports and hanging out with friends and family

**Goals:** Graduate college and become an officer

**Favorite actor:** Chris Pratt

**Favorite animal:** German sheppard

**Favorite comedian:** Kevin Hart

**Favorite movie:** All of the James Bond movies

**Favorite restaurant:** La Huerta

**Favorite soft drink:** Dr. Pepper

**Favorite foods:** Mexican food

**Favorite book:** "Lone Survivor" by Marcus Luttrell

**Favorite song:** "People are crazy" by Billy

Currington

**Favorite musician:** Billy Currington

**Favorite word or phrase:** Your food will be out in a second

**Favorite super hero:** Flash

**Favorite U.S. President:** Bill Clinton

**Favorite historical figure:** Abraham Lincoln

**Favorite sports:** Soccer and baseball

**Favorite pro sports team:** St. Louis Cardinals

**Favorite sports individual:** Kobe Bryant

**Favorite college team:** Arkansas Razorbacks

**My worst job ever:** Car hop

**My dream shopping spree:** Ralph Lauren

**Place I'd most like to visit:** Cancun, Mexico

**Favorite cartoon character:** Scooby Doo

**Favorite automobile:** Dodge Viper

**My first car was:** 2003 GMC Sierra

**My worst habit:** Eating junk food

**My pet peeves:** People not turning fast enough

**I am proudest of:** Keeping my grades up in college

**What scares me the most:** Trapped in a car under water

**The people I admire most:** My parents

**The best day of my life:** Any time I'm on a beach

**Favorite moment at the 188th:** Making it home from training and realizing I'm finally a part of the 188th Wing

### 188th Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office

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## 188th Diversity Day event celebrates strength in differences

By Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros  
188th Wing Public Affairs

Throughout history, diversity has played a vital role in forming the United States, ranging from President Abraham Lincoln during the Civil War to U.S. Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Doris Miller and the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. Without important leaders, such as President Lincoln and Martin Luther King Jr., the United States might look very different today.

Martin Luther King Jr. said of the importance of leadership, "A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus, but a molder of consensus."

On Sept. 7 the 188th Wing Equal Opportunity Office held a diversity day

event, change and leadership.

Johnson, also a retired Rear Admiral from the U.S. Navy, explained diversity comes in many forms and is defined as differences and varieties.

"We are a wide variety of races, colors, ethnicities, nationalities, genders, education levels, ranks, careers fields, ages, cultures, subcultures and an endless list of other uniquely descriptive characteristics," Johnson said.

During his speech, Johnson emphasized that diversity is much like the uniformed services and that Guardsmen must be committed to each other just as they are committed to the oath of office. He also challenged Airmen to focus on people, to value and cherish the diversity



Mr. Michael Johnson, associate vice chancellor for Facilities at the University of Arkansas, speaks to Arkansas National Guardsmen from the 188th Wing about diversity in equality, behavior, change and leadership at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sept. 7, 2014. During his speech, Johnson challenged Airmen to focus on people and to value and cherish the diversity at the 188th Wing. Johnson is also a retired active duty rear admiral from the U.S. Navy. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/released)

event. Mr. Michael Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities at the University of Arkansas, spoke to Arkansas National Guardsmen from the 188th Wing about diversity in equality, behav-

ior, change and leadership.

Johnson also quoted Maj. Gen. William Wofford, Arkansas National Guard adjutant general. Wofford is a strong proponent of diversity and the strengths

it brings to an organization.

"Maj. Gen. Wofford once said 'diversity is recognized as a strategic imperative. A workplace that encourages trust, fairness, opportunity and open communication among all members is a concept we strive to achieve daily.'" Johnson said. "I truly believe that."

Johnson highlighted his overall message, stating that leadership is people focused, and that it is important to create an environment for every individual to realize everyone is different. The environment it creates is essential for each individual to reach their full humanly possible potential.

"People are our core, our heart and soul, our basic building blocks," Johnson said. "They are our foundation of our team at every level."

Reflecting on Johnson's message, Maj. Danielle Wood, 188th Wing Equal Opportunity chief, echoed his sentiments that recognizing the differences within the unit helps create a positive environment. Promotion of diversity by providing special observance programs and events is critical to achieving that positive workplace atmosphere.

"I hope that members continue to support diversity by attending the special observance programs," Wood said. "These programs are created to increase diversity education and cultural awareness to bring the best out of our members."



## Range

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from the Defense Logistics Agency. Davis said the targets were acquired for much less than the cost of new equipment.

The range personnel re-purposed more than \$1 million of equipment last year and \$3.1 million of items from 2011-2012.

With a theme of getting more bang for the buck, Ellis said there is a Forward Operating Base (FOB) on Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center near the range that visiting units can utilize for free instead of more expensive options.

Fort Chaffee also offers 65,000 acres of additional training areas. When ground units are not using Razorback Range they can conduct land navigation, firearms training and call for artillery at the neighboring training areas.

With these sundry capabilities, Razorback Range can help service members achieve a diverse array of training requirements.

The range no longer has a primary user because the 188th Wing no longer operates its squadron of A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs". Davis said the range can support more squadrons because of this.

Ellis said JTACs are always available for joint training because they always need to fulfill currency requirements, especially with many fighter squadrons losing aircraft.

He said squadrons interested in joint training can simply call Razorback Range and he will arrange for JTACs to train with them.

Due to the lack of training opportunities, there is a push within the JTAC community to be able to qualify on simulators, Ellis said. However, he said it would not be the same.

"I can teach my 10-year-old daughter to read a 9-line but getting her out on a range to do it in person is a whole different deal," Ellis said. "It's the same thing with the new guys. The place to learn is on the range."

For more information on Razorback Range or to schedule training, call Detachment 1 at 479-573-5171 or DSN 778-5171.



A US M-60 tank sits at 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas on July 14, 2014. The range is maintained by 188th Wing Detachment 1 and provides varying types of training to military units from around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



Inert ordnance hits a target at 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas. Razorback Range provides varying types of training to military units from around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/released)



A US M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier sits at 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas July 14, 2014. Razorback Range provides varying types of training to military units from around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)



The entrance to the 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas is pictured above. Razorback Range provides varying types of training to military units from around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/released)



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A US M-113 Armored Personnel Carrier sits with Potato Hill in the background at the 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range at Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas. Razorback Range provides varying types of training to military units from around the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)

## 'Sick call' procedures: What Airmen need to know

The 188th Medical Group (MDG) is not a military treatment facility; there isn't a traditional sick call on base. If unit members report to MDG with an injury or illness questions will be asked to determine the best care for the costumer. Injuries or illnesses that occurred prior to Unit Training Assembly will be advised to go speak with a supervisor and the supervisor will make the decision if further treatment is needed. If further medical treatment is necessary, documentation will be turned into MDG for medical records.

For injury or illness that occurs on duty, members may receive the instructions to go to Sparks Preferred Medical located in the Central Mall or the emergency room, if they desire. Please be advised that going to Sparks or the emergency room does not mean members have a line of duty and treatment or any pending treatments will be covered by the military. This is to get treatment for injuries or illnesses and members may receive the bill for payment if the injury or illness is determined non-duty related.

After members receive treatment, they're encouraged to bring their medical documents to MDG to be reviewed by a wing provider and to be placed in their medical records. This is particularly important if it has been determined that the injury or illness is in the line of duty. Members must also report to their chain of command with the findings from the medical visit.

The hours of operation for Sparks Preferred Medical are: Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1-6 p.m. The address is 5111 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903 and phone number 479-709-7440.





# Services before self : 188th Wing commander dishes out lunch at Citizen Airman Dining Hall



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, right, serves a "surf-n-turf" lunch meal to Senior Master Sgt. Nicholas DeGuire at Citizen Airman Dining Hall during a unit training assembly at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sept. 7, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, right, serves a "surf-n-turf" lunch meal to Airman 1st Class Parker Dunn at the Citizen Airman Dining Hall during a unit training assembly at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sept. 7, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)

## Calendar year 2015 premium rates established for Tricare Reserve Select, Tricare Retired Reserve

Tricare Reserve Select (TRS) premium rates are established annually on a calendar year (CY) basis in accordance with Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), Section (Sec.) 1076d and Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Part 199.24. The TRS monthly premiums for CY 2015 shall be the rates listed in the table below:

Type of Coverage	2014 TRS Monthly Rate	2015 TRS Monthly Rate	Change
TRS Member-only	\$51.68	\$50.75	-1.8%
TRS Member & family	\$204.29	\$205.62	+0.7%

Tricare Retired Reserve (TRR) premium rates are established annually on a CY basis in accordance with Title 10, U.S.C., Sec. 1076e and Title 32, CFR, Part 199.25. The TRR monthly premiums for CY 2015 shall be the rates listed in the table below:

Type of Coverage	2014 TRR Monthly Rate	2015 TRR Monthly Rate	Change
TRR Member-only	\$390.99	\$390.89	-0.03%
TRR Member & family	\$956.65	\$961.35	+5.0%



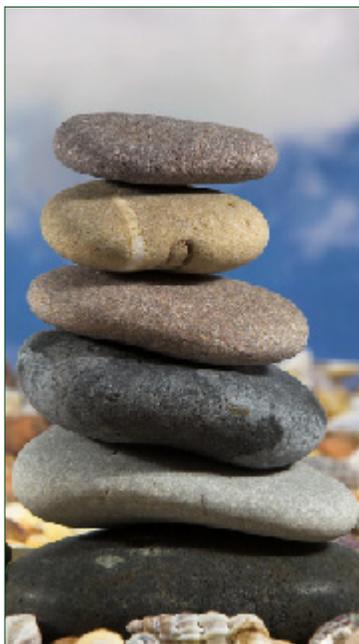
# VHSO is Now Offering Yoga for our Veterans

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

Veterans Health Care System of the Ozarks (VHSO) is now offering yoga for our Veterans! Yoga is a Mind-Body practice that combines physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation for relaxation and overall well-being. People use yoga for a variety of conditions. Studies of Veterans and civilians alike show that yoga may be beneficial for back pain, while newer research is confirming the potential benefits for insomnia and post-traumatic stress disorder.

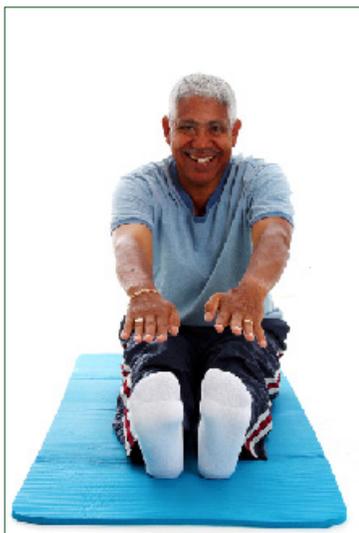
People who practice yoga describe how it improves mood and sense of well-being, counteracts stress, and helps with conditions such as anxiety and depression.

At this time, VHSO will be offering one-hour yoga classes in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Our target is helping patients with chronic pain whose condition might be



improved with yoga. In order to participate, Veterans must be referred by their medical provider. Veterans who are referred and accepted will be asked to attend one hour per week for six weeks.

The classes will be small, with a maximum of 10 participants per class, to allow for individual attention. They will be taught by Jessica Minton. Ms. Minton is a licensed clinical social worker in practice at VHSO and she is a registered yoga teacher with over 200 hours of yoga teacher training and more than 100 hours of teaching experience. She has a passion for teaching Veterans the healing power of self-care through mind-body skills such as yoga, breathing, meditation, guided imagery, mindfulness, drawing, journaling and movement.



# 188th Wing goals

### Inspire our Airmen

Institute a standard of integrity, respect, empowerment and accountability. Promote a culture of recognition and appreciation.

### Communicate effectively at all levels

Ensure our Airmen receive the feedback and mentoring they deserve. Publicize 188th strengths.

### Ensure the 188th leads

Match 188th capabilities and goals with military needs. Capitalize on opportunities to be the first.

### Successfully transition to the new mission sets/careers

Meet operational readiness dates. Build an ISR center of excellence.

# 188th Wing promotions

### To Lieutenant Colonel

Herbert Hodde  
Jeremiah Gentry



### To Chief Master Sergeant

Juan Gonzales



### To Senior Master Sergeant

John Petersen  
Lynn Slaughter



### To Master Sergeant

Joshua Jones





# Fight club

## 188th Security Forces Squadron conducts combative training



Senior Airman Mason Redding, 188th Security Forces Squadron (left), practices a combative technique on another member of the squadron in a training event held on Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas on Sept. 6, 2014. The event, held during a unit training assembly, strengthened the squadron's mission readiness. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)



Master Sgt. Chad D. West shows Tech. Sgt. Aaron P. Weisenfels and Staff Sgt. Cody McConnell how to use proper form on a move used during combatives training at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sept. 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Members of the 188th Security Forces Squadron go through combatives training at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas on Sept. 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



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Senior Airman Cody Choumany, right, practices a combative technique on Senior Airman Tyler Sixkiller in a training event held on Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Arkansas on Sept. 6, 2014. Both Airmen are 188th Security Forces Squadron members. The event, held during a unit training assembly, strengthened the squadron's mission readiness. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)

# 188th Wing mission conversion corner

By Lt. Col. Sonny Stefancic

223rd Intelligence Support Squadron commander

Members of the 188th Wing, it is my pleasure to serve as the new conversion officer. I want to thank everyone that has helped me to get settled as a new member of the wing and also assisted me as I quickly got up to speed on the conversion process. I am a native Floridian and bring 23 years of enlisted and officer intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) experience with me. I have been assigned to fighter, airlift and bomber units at the tactical level, worked at AFNORTH at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida at the operational level and spent the last five years at the Air National Guard Readiness Center at Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland and the National Guard Bureau Joint Staff at Arlington Hall Station, Virginia.

While assigned to NGB/A2 I was an ISR programmer and it is ironic for me to look back and realize that fiscal programming work I did a couple of years ago for our ISR group (when I had no idea that I would be in the Arkansas Air National Guard) is now being realized as the Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15) President's Budget and I find myself as a member of this truly outstanding unit. This is a very important time for the entire wing and I could not be happier to be here and be a part of it.

The first thing I want to discuss is to praise the success of all of the training managers, the 188th Force Support Squadron and the Medical Group for their exemplary efforts to get training line numbers for as many 188th members as possible in the early stages of the conversion. I also want to say a special thanks to all of the fitness monitors, our special security office and the 188th Security Forces Squadron and supervisors who worked so hard to resolve issues that were precluding members from being eligible to apply for training.

I cannot express enough how much of an impact every single member who is going to training in FY15 will have. Our initial operating capability (IOC) is absolutely dependent upon having trained members in place as our facilities are renovated and constructed and our new mission equipment arrives. Our work to get all of our members retrained is far from over.

Some of our members still have issues

to resolve before they can apply for a training slot. I want to encourage and motivate those Airmen to continue to work hard to resolve those issues. The 188th absolutely needs every member to obtain the necessary training as soon as possible. The 188th is no longer within the timeframe where it is afforded priority for training slots. Please continue to support our fellow wing members as they work diligently to qualify for training slots.

Additionally, work on IOC and full operational capability (FOC) equipment and facilities is progressing. Building 216 renovation is on-going and includes the remodeling of restrooms and upgrades to the power, alarm and communications infrastructure.

Currently the electrical contractors are working on the power upgrade and the engineering and installation team from the Tennessee Air National Guard completed their work with the assistance of our very own cyber warriors from the 188th ISR Group and 188th Operations Group.

Intelligence members of the 188th Operations Support Squadron will be working in building 216 until the remodel of building 220 is complete. Demolition of building 220 is ongoing and is estimated to be completed within 60 days.

At press time, the source selection team convened to consider bids for the construction of the modular remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) sensitive compartmented information facility (SCIF) that will be housed in the hangar. Finally, design work continues for the FOC, RPA and distributed common ground system (DCGS) facility.

The last topic that I would like to discuss is the fact that many of our Wing members



A student pilot and sensor operator man the controls of a MQ-9 Reaper in a ground-based cockpit during a training mission flown from Hancock Field Air National Guard Base, Syracuse, New York. The 174th Attack Wing is the only Air National Guard unit in the country to operate a MQ-9 Formal Training Unit to train aircrews from the active duty Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech Sgt Ricky Best/Released)

have already departed for retraining and a significant portion of the wing is preparing to depart for retraining immediately following the holidays. We will support and stay in touch with our fellow Flying Razorbacks who are already away for training and also assist those who are preparing to depart for training.

If you are preparing to leave for retraining be sure to get some information from those 188th Wing members who are already in the classes ahead of you so that you can be as prepared as possible and have a soft landing when you get to your training location. If there is assistance of any kind you need as you prepare to depart for retraining please reach out to your supervisors and fellow Flying Razorback wingmen.

For many of us it has been a while since we have been away from home to complete a long training course. Reach out for any assistance you need to have your family looked after when you are away and also to ensure your success in your training so that you can come back home on time and continue to assist the wing as we quickly approach our IOC and FOC milestones.

Thanks to everyone for your efforts towards our successful conversion. If you have any questions or recommendations for me I look forward to discussing them with you.



## 188th to administer Air Force Officer Qualification Test

188th Force Support Squadron

The 188th Wing will be administering the Air Force Officer Qualification Test (AFO-QT) Tuesday, Oct. 7 beginning at 7:30 a.m. Members interested in testing should contact Master Sgt. Lindsey Mott with the 188th Force Support Squadron at 479-573-5762 (DSN 778-5762) or email her at [Lindsey.mott@ang.af.mil](mailto:Lindsey.mott@ang.af.mil).

## Undergraduate pilot training board

The 188th Wing will conduct an Undergraduate pilot training (UPT) board for individuals wishing to become Remotely Piloted Aircraft (18X) pilots. Minimum requirements include United States citizenship, bachelor's degree or on track to graduate in December 2014, passing scores on the Air Force Officer Qualification Test, the ability to pass a Flying Class II physical and be younger than 30 years old.

The upcoming UPT Board will meet Dec. 6-7, 2014. The deadline for applications is Friday, Nov. 14, 2014. For a complete list of requirements or additional information, please call 479-806-5191 or email the following individuals: Tech Sgt. Jeff Mathews at [william.mathews@ang.af.mil](mailto:william.mathews@ang.af.mil) or Master Sgt. Craig Gardner at [terry.gardner@ang.af.mil](mailto:terry.gardner@ang.af.mil)



Air Staff officials will institutionalize the remotely piloted aircraft pilot career field by establishing undergraduate RPA training. (U.S. Air Force graphic/Nick Medrano)

## 288th Operations Support Squadron first sergeant vacancy

The 288th Operation Support Squadron has a vacancy for the position of first sergeant. This is a master sergeant position that could be filled by any technical sergeant who can be promoted to master sergeant or any current master sergeant who possesses the qualifications listed below. The qualifying requirements for this position are: technical sergeants have two years time in grade, have completed the Noncommissioned Officer (NCO) Academy course, are promoted to master sergeant prior to attending the First Sergeants Academy (FSA), have a minimum Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery score of 41 administrative or 62 general, have a minimum of three years retain ability upon completion of the FSA and must complete the Senior NCO Academy course by in-residence or online course within 18 months after graduating the FSA. The selected individual must have a physical fitness test score of at least 90 or have scored 80 or above on the previous two Air Force Physical Training assessments. This position is open to any Air Force Specialty Code. Upon completion of the FSA, the candidate will be placed in the 8F000 Special Duty Identifi-



fier, and will be paid an additional \$150 per month when in active duty status. Those interested should provide a letter of intent, resume, current physical fitness score and RIP to Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bradley, 188th Wing command chief. This advertisement will close Oct. 5 2014, and we will convene the recommendation board during the November 2014 Unit Training Assembly. For more information on the first sergeant's career field, research Air Force Instruction 36-2113, or ask any first sergeant.

## Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

### Saturday, Oct. 4

Fajitas, Spanish rice, refried beans, brownies, pie, cobbler, ice cream, coffee, tea and milk

### Sunday, Oct. 5

Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn on the cob, green beans, Texas toast, apple crisp, cookies, ice cream, coffee, tea and milk

### Short-order line

Hamburger, cheeseburger, burrito, hot dog, chili dog, baked beans and chips

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





# Flying Razorback Flashback

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



An aerial view of Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas when it had a recreational area between the hangar and the pool. Since then, the recreational area has been replaced by the 188th Medical Group/188th Communications Flight building. (Courtesy photo)

## Join the 188th 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.

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 SYSTEMS	4N0X1	AEROSPACE MEDICAL SERICE