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188th Wing's state firefighting mission ends after 27 years

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

Alexander Graham Bell once said, "When one door closes, another opens, but we often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door that we do not see the one which has opened for us."

On Sept. 30 2014, the 188th Wing's state fire protection mission with its fire emergency services flight ended as part of the Wing's conversion to remotely piloted aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets, concluding 27 years of excellence that the fire department provided every day.

"Throughout the years we increased training and capabilities," said Rocky Lambert, senior military firefighter for the 188th Wing. "We ran hazardous material, urban search and rescue and we did crash rescue. We covered the base, the buildings, and the airfield."

The 188th Fire Department's state mission spanned for 27 years, from Oct. 1, 1987 to Sept. 30, 2014. During that time, members of the



Airmen with the 188th Fire Emergency Services Flight conduct training at the 188th Wing during a Unit Training Assembly Feb. 11, 2012. In addition to the 188th FESF's primary mission of providing fire protection to military aircraft and installation facilities, it also responded to emergency calls for commercial and civilian aircraft as well as medical emergencies through a joint-use agreement with the Fort Smith Regional Airport for 27 years. That mission ended Sept. 30, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class John Hillier/Released)

fire department have provided fire protection both on and off base. This included furnishing fire protection for the Fort Smith Regional Airport. The firefighters provided immeasurable support and the ability to respond to numerous incidents.

"Firefighters are the first people to go in during a deployment, because without fire protection they can't land the planes," Lambert said. "The 188th Civil Engineering Squadron sets up the airfield and we set up fire protection and the pilots land planes. In a combat environment the job level was the same, just the stress level was different."

Throughout the years, the 188th Fire Department has strived for excellence and has

met the criteria multiple times. The 188th firefighters earned the Air Force Inspection Team rating of "Excellent" in 1990 and 1992, and the Chief Master Sgt. Edward W. Wolbert Award for Air National Guard Fire Department of the Year award.

Approximately 20 members who worked as state employees with the fire department transferred to Fort Chaffee Maneuver Training Center, Arkansas to stand up a Fire and Emergency Services Division (FES). Although the state mission will no longer be an asset to call upon for the 188th Wing, there will still be drill status Guardsmen (DSGs) that will remain to support the 188th Wing.

"The department will consist of 27 DSG personnel supporting the military mis-

sion and one federal military technician fire chief," said Master Sgt. Terry Edwards, 188th Wing Fire chief. "He will serve the 188th directly by establishing, executing and maintaining FES programs, determining the resources required, conducting risk assessments, advising commanders regarding risk and capability and implementing risk management actions."

The fire department has been a symbol of excellence for the wing, and the remaining members of the fire department are prepared to continue to show that distinction with its future responsibilities in the new mission.

"For 27 years, the state firefighters served the state of Ar-



Show thanks, attitude of gratitude

Commentary By Lt. Col. Tom Smith
Arkansas National Guard chaplain

Thanksgiving. Such a simple word, but oh how hard to do!

Yes, we know “thanks” implies an inward attitude, while “giving” refers to an outward action. Thus, it is the combining of these two that transforms us and blesses those around us.

Now, we know there are a lot of reasons we’re often unthankful or ungrateful.

The car breaks down on the interstate in rush hour traffic. The washing machine hose springs a leak, flooding the house and ruining the carpet. It rains every day while on vacation. You get passed over for promotion. Someone you love, or you, ends up in the hospital. The list goes on and on and on.

Yet, the Apostle Paul wrote, “In everything give thanks—for this is the Will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you” (1 Thessalonians 5:18).

Read those words once again, “In everything give thanks.”

“Impossible!” says one. “Ridiculous!” says another. “How in the world can I possibly

give thanks when everything’s falling apart?” cries a third.

Well, it’s important to notice that he didn’t say “for everything;” he said “in everything.” And, therein lies the difference.

Let’s face it, bad things happen to good people. Life’s not fair, neither is it always just. That’s why our response to our circumstances determines whether or not we’ll be victorious or defeated.

Just as the direction a plane’s nose is pointed is called its attitude, so is it with thanksgiving. If we have an upward attitude, an attitude of gratitude, regardless of what’s happening we will usually still have hope and inward peace. However, if ours is a “downward” attitude, like a plane we will end up crashing and burning, blaming everything and everyone for what’s happened.

Here’s praying we’ll use this coming Thanksgiving season to do an attitude check and see how well we’re fulfilling God’s will when it comes to thanksgiving.

Even though you may be going through a tough time right now and feel more like fretting and fuming than you do praising, give thanks anyway. Not only will you be able to better handle your problems, others will be blessed and God will be honored. Onward, upward!



'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 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 the phone number is 479-709-7440.



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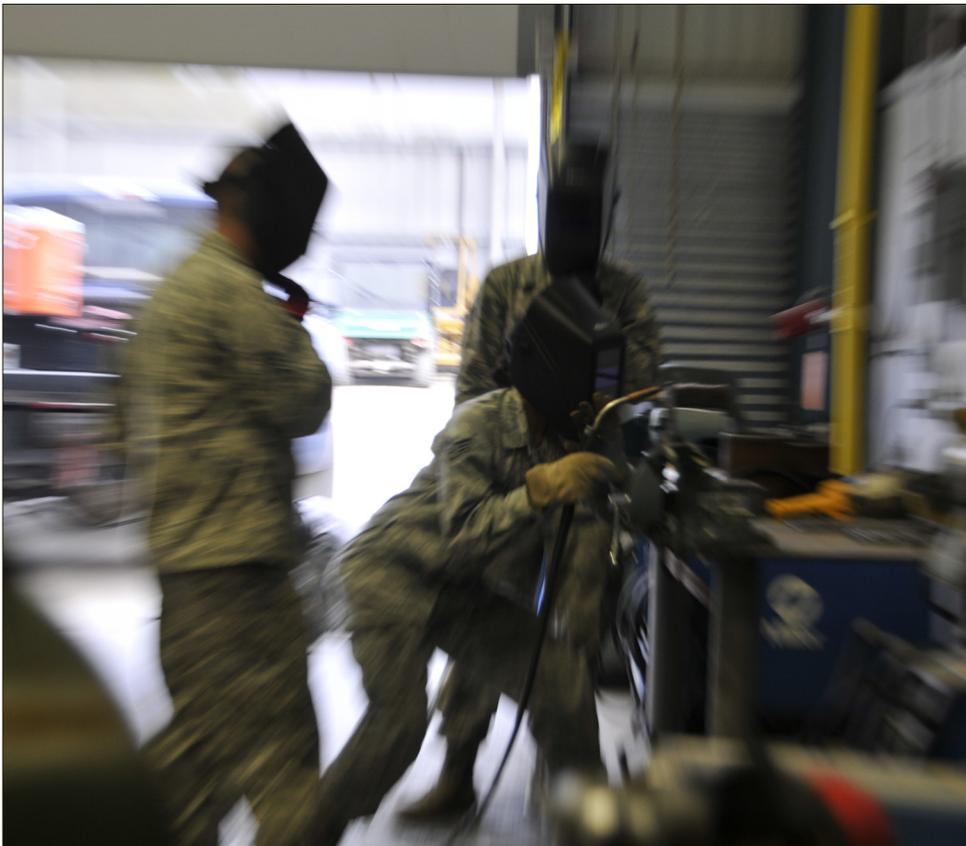
188th civil engineers spark training for New Mexico ANG



Senior Airman Sarah Greer of the 210th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (REDHORSE) Squadron, New Mexico Air National Guard, participates in a welding class held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 17, 2014. Six Airmen from the 210th REDHORSE were trained by the 188th REDHORSE members led by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sutton, 188th REDHORSE welding instructor. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Senior Airman Sarah Greer of the 210th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (REDHORSE) Squadron, New Mexico Air National Guard, participates in a welding class held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 17, 2014. Six Airmen from the 210th REDHORSE were trained by the 188th REDHORSE members led by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sutton, 188th REDHORSE welding instructor. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Senior Airman Sarah Greer welds while Senior Airman Christopher Speis and Senior Airman Michael Levison watch during a welding class held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 17, 2014. Six Airmen from the 210th REDHORSE were trained by the 188th REDHORSE members led by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sutton, 188th REDHORSE welding instructor. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/Released)



Senior Airman Tomas Martin of the 210th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (RED HORSE) Squadron welds during a welding class held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 17, 2014. Six Airmen from the 210th REDHORSE were trained by the 188th REDHORSE members led by Tech. Sgt. Bryan Sutton, 188th REDHORSE welding instructor. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/Released)

188th Honor Guard posts colors for Marshal's Museum groundbreaking



2nd Lt. Aaron Wolfe, 188th Wing Honor Guardsman, leads the way to post the colors during a ground breaking ceremony for the Marshal's Museum in Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 24, 2014, this date coincides with the 225th anniversary of the U.S. Marshal Service. The estimated 50,000-square-foot museum is projected to open in early 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Members of the 188th Wing Honor Guard bow their heads in reverence during the ceremony for the groundbreaking of the Marshal's Museum at Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 9, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/Released)



Sebastian County Sheriff's Office members gather together to celebrate the groundbreaking for the U.S. Marshals Museum along the Arkansas River in Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 24, 2014. The ceremony coincided with the 225th anniversary of the formation of the U.S. Marshals Service, and the estimated 50,000-square-foot museum is projected to open in early 2017. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



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kansas and the 188th admirably,” said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander said. “They will certainly be missed. We wish all of them well in their endeavors well as they venture on to new jobs at Fort Chaffee and the local community.”



A firefighter from the 188th Wing practices tornado exercises during Annual Training at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., July 22, 2003. (Arkansas Air National Guard Photo by Tech Sgt. (Ret.) Steven Hornsey/Released)



Maj. Gen. William Wofford, Arkansas National Guard adjutant general, tests out the 188th Fire Emergency Services Flight's crash rescue truck at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., July 15, 2013. Wofford toured the base to gain a better understanding of the effects of the 188th Wing's current mission conversion from A-10s to a remotely piloted aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/Released)



The 188th Fire Emergency Services Flight provides support for a pilot from the 184th Fighter Squadron as he conducts his ceremonial fini (final) flight at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., April 18, 2003. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Master Sgt. (Ret.) Dennis Brambl/Released)

Star spangled support



Tammy Durkee, local 188th Wing supporter, stands beside the flag she crocheted and presented to the 188th Wing at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 3, 2014. Durkee presented the flag to the 188th Wing in honor of its 60th anniversary, and it is now being displayed in the 188th Citizen Airman Dining Facility. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)

Community council executive committee visits 188th REDHORSE



Senior Master Sgt. Gary Skelton of the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) and spoke with members of the 188th Wing-Fort Chaffee Community Council's executive committee as well as wing leadership during a tour of the 188th Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (REDHORSE) facility at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 14, 2014 (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)

The Flying Razorback member spotlight

Hometown: Fort Smith

Job title: Deputy base civil engineer

Civilian job: Before becoming a full time deputy base civil engineer I worked for City of Fort Smith engineering

In the 188th since: April 2013

Education: Bachelor of science in civil engineering from United States Military Academy at West Point

Hobbies: Running, soccer, playing guitar, video games, fantasy football

Goals: Continue developing every day as a leader and civil engineer

Favorite TV show: "The Amazing Race"

Favorite actor/actress: Bruce Willis

Favorite animal: Dog

Favorite comedian: Steve Martin

Favorite movie: "Gladiator"

Favorite restaurant: Razorback Pizza

Favorite soft drink: Red Bull

Favorite foods: Lobster, ribs, ice cream

Favorite book: "The Gates of Rome"

Favorite authors: John Keegan, J.R.R. Tolkien

Favorite song: "Stairway to Heaven" by Led Zeppelin

Favorite musical groups: Foo Fighters, Joe Satriani, Led Zeppelin

Favorite word or phrase: No problem

Favorite super hero: Spiderman

Favorite U.S. President: Thomas Jefferson

Favorite historical figure: Julius Caesar, Wellington, Nathanael Greene

Favorite sport: Football

Favorite pro sports team: New Orleans Saints

Favorite sports individual: Drew Brees

Favorite college team: Army Black Knights

My worst job ever: Delivering laundry to upperclassmen at West Point during plebe year.

My dream shopping spree: Guitar Center or Best Buy

Place I'd most like to visit: Japan

Favorite cartoon character: Spongebob Squarepants

Favorite automobile: 1964 Shelby Cobra

My first car was: 1970 Ford Mustang

My worst habit: Late night eating

My pet peeves: People speeding through school zones

I am proudest of: My son and my daughter

The person I admire most: My father



Major Drew Donoho



Maj. Drew Donoho secures a tent during emergency management bivouac training, Oct. 4, 2014. Donoho is a 188th Wing Civil Engineering officer and was selected to be The Flying Razorback Spotlight for October. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)

The best day of my life: The day I married Joni

Favorite moment at the 188th: The day we were told we could start design the sensitive compartmented information facility military construction and receiving the Wingman Day trophy on behalf of 188th CES.

Combined Federal Campaign kickoff 2014

The Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) is slated for Oct. 1 through Dec. 9 2014. Support is needed for those less fortunate and those struck by tragic events. Last year the Arkansas National Guard donated more than \$160,000 in CFC contributions. Generous support of the CFC ensures that someone will be there to lend a supporting hand. Last year the 188th Wing raised \$8,148 and this year the bar has been set at \$10,000.

There are approximately 371 full-time employees, which would require each person at a minimum to donate \$30 to help lives that have been struck by a tragic event. Support the CFC and help raise the bar and exceed the minimum of \$30 to help us those that are less fortunate.





Thanksgiving Day safety key

By Senior Master Sgt. Ray Traylor
188th Weapons Safety manager

Thanksgiving is a holiday that brings friends and family together to share a good meal, conversation and laughter. But Thanksgiving also comes with several health hazards, including an increased chance of fires, food poisoning and choking.

The U.S. Fire Administration reports that on Thanksgiving Day, the average number of cooking fires doubles. In addition to installing a fire detector in the kitchen, don't leave the kitchen while frying and grilling. Use a timer and conduct kitchen checks when simmering, bak-

ing, broiling and roasting. If you are deep frying a turkey, keep the fryer outside, away from walls, fences and other structures. Also keep the fryer away from moisture to avoid burns from steam and spattering oil.

Eating undercooked turkey is another Thanksgiving health problem. If a turkey is thawed at a temperature above 40 degrees Fahrenheit, salmonella or other bacteria that cause food poisoning can grow. Safely cooking a turkey starts with correct defrosting. There are three methods for safe defrosting. The turkey can be thawed in the refrigerator, one day for every five pounds of the bird. The turkey can be submerged in water if it is in leak-proof packaging (30 minutes for every pound). The water should be changed every half hour. It's also safe to defrost a turkey in a microwave. Remove any packaging and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

Poisoning: Eating Thanksgiving leftovers that have been improperly stored can lead to food poisoning. Leftovers need to be put away within two hours after serving the food; this includes pumpkin pie. They go in the refrigerator if they are

going to be eaten within three days; otherwise, they go in the freezer. Food should be stored in shallow containers. Meat should be removed from the bone before being put away. Reheated leftovers should be cooked to 165 degrees Fahrenheit. Gravy should be brought to a vigorous boil.

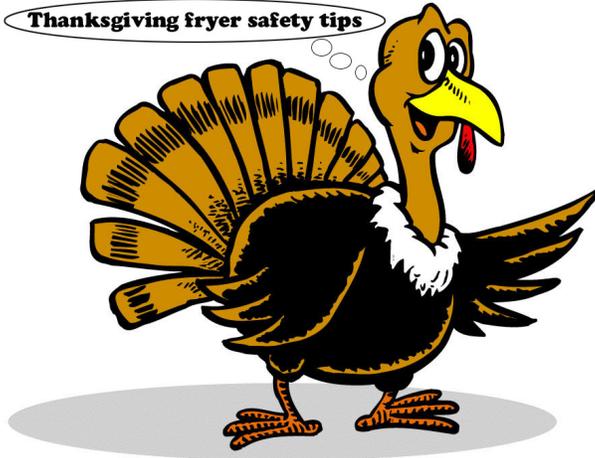
The most common cause of choking is talking while eating. If a person is unable to cough, breathe or speak, the first thing to do is call 911. Next, the Red Cross recommends a technique called five-and-five for choking victims. The first step is giving the choking victim five sharp blows on the back,

using the heel of the hand. If the obstruction is not dislodged by this move, the next step is to give the victim five quick, upward

abdominal thrusts. Some people run from the table when they start choking. It's important to stay with other people so they can give assistance. If the victim is alone, he can give himself the five abdominal thrusts using his hand or by pressing his abdomen firmly against the back of a chair.

Like all things you do use a little operational risk management, and assess the situation. The Holidays are a great time to reflect on the good things you have been blessed with throughout the year. With a little logic based, common sense you can continue making good memories that you can reflect upon year after year. The 188th Wing Safety Office wishes you a happy Thanksgiving and a safe holiday season for you to enjoy with those dearest to you.

Thanksgiving fryer safety tips



NGAA/EAANG Scholarships available

Fifty \$750 college scholarships will be awarded by National Guard Association of Arkansas (NGAA) and Enlisted National Guard Association of Arkansas (EAANG) to members and their dependents for the school year 2015-2016. The scholarships apply to full time or part time enrollment at in-state or out-of-state colleges, four-year colleges, vocational training or post graduate studies. The scholarships may be used for any and all college expenses. Members of the Arkansas National Guard, their dependents, and dependents of deceased members of the Arkansas National Guard may apply. Applicant, or his or her sponsor, must be a current member of NGAA or EAANG, must have paid dues for 2015 and must be covered under the NGAA state sponsored life insurance (SSLI) program. Scholarship applications may be completed and submitted online or downloaded from the NGAA website (www.ngaa.org). Copies are available at the NGAA office at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, AR, building 8100.

Deadline for submission of completed applications is January 15, 2015, and applications must be received or be postmarked to the National Guard Association of Arkansas Scholarship Program, P.O. Box 663, North Little Rock, AR 72115, by that date.





Safeguarding your digital footprint paramount

By Tech. Sgt. Steve Grever
Air Force Public Affairs Agency

Social media is a great resource for Airmen and their families to share information and stay connected to relatives at home and abroad.

Although many depend on these wonderful tools, recent events have encouraged us to re-evaluate our digital footprint to ensure our personal and professional information is protected from online predators and individuals who want to do us harm.

While social media use can be entertaining and informative, it poses potential operations security weaknesses, and Air Force Instruction 1-1, Air Force Standards provides guidance on appropriate social media use by Airmen.

OPSEC and personal privacy concerns should be paramount when using social media. Military members have recently been threatened on social media by terrorist organizations looking for information they can use to harm military fami-

lies and disrupt Air Force operations.

The following tips will make it more difficult for unwanted users to acquire your data through social media:

Be cautious when accepting friend requests and interacting with people online. You should never accept a friend request from someone you do not know, even if

messages.

Avoid posting work or personal schedules and travel itineraries, especially deployment information and return dates for yourself, a loved one or a unit.

If you ever hesitate before clicking 'post', reconsider the content you are about to share. Our team follows the motto: When in doubt, throw it out!

Adjust your privacy settings to ensure your posts and profile information is secured and seen only by approved audiences. This last tip applies to any social media platforms you may use, but since Facebook is the most widely used, we want to share this detailed how-to guide on how to secure your profile.

Practicing good OPSEC and helping family members follow these security measures is essential to protecting personal and mission-critical information on social media. If you ever feel you are being threatened or you notice vulnerable information online, be sure to alert the social media platform's help center and your local OPSEC manager for assistance.



they know a friend of yours.

Don't share information you don't want to become public. Remember, once you put something out there, you can't control where it goes.

Disable location-based social networking, or geotagging, on all social media platforms. Geotagging is the process of adding geographical identification to photographs, video, websites and text

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**Help
Hope
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The Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR) program has helped educate and train service members as well as respond to cases of sexual assault since 2005. The SAPR Office seal, a teal blue awareness ribbon intertwined with a pentagon, highlights the Department of Defense's commitment to the program's mission. (U.S. Air Force graphic by Airman 1st Class Brittain Crolley/Released)



188th Medical Group promotes Gonzales to chief master sergeant

By Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros
188th Wing Public Affairs

The 188th Medical Group honored Juan Gonzales with a promotion ceremony in which he was elevated to the rank of chief master sergeant at the 188th Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on Oct. 5, 2014. The ceremony was held in the 188th's Colonel Hugh B. Correll Headquarters Building in front of a packed auditorium. Chief Master Sgt. Stephen R. Bradley, 188th command chief master sergeant, read the Chief's Creed and Maj. Bridgette Scott, 188th medical administrative officer, narrated the ceremony.

"Chief Gonzales has been a

officer and a true asset to this wing," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "He has exhibited outstanding leadership while surmounting some very challenging circumstances during our mission conversion and was instrumental in the 188th conquering many of those hurdles. We're proud that he has chosen to be a part of the Flying Razorback family and we're honored to promote him to the rank of chief master sergeant. He's certainly earned it."

During his 16 years of active duty service Gonzales received numerous accolades to include Headquarters Air Force Academy Outstanding Aeromedical Airman of the Year in 2001; advance team

"He's a team player and absolutely deserving of this opportunity."

— Maj. Bridgette Scott,
188th Medical Group administrative officer

wonderful addition to the med group," Scott said. "His analytical approach allows us to manage our programs better. He designed our tracking database, which has been recognized at the National Guard Bureau level. He is able to reach back from his past experiences in the Reserve and apply them to the Guard. He's a team player and absolutely deserving of this opportunity."

Before joining the 188th in February 2013, Gonzales, 188th Medical Group superintendent, graduated Basic Military Training in April 1997 at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, and completed Aeromedical Apprentice Specialist training at Brooks Air Force Base, Texas, in July 1997. He has served in various positions in the Aerospace Medical Service career field and major command levels.

"Chief Gonzales is an exceptional senior noncommissioned

member Air Force Medical Operations Agency in 2002; advance team member Air Force Medical Operations Agency Medical Continuation in 2008; and advance team member Air Force Personnel Center Air Reserve Component Case Management Division in 2012.

He has also worked to set the tone for his Airmen by making education a priority. He earned an associate's degree in biological science and a bachelor's degree in dental laboratory sciences.

"I feel blessed and fortunate to have worked with great leadership, peers and followers throughout my career," Gonzales said. "I'm humbled for the opportunity to serve as a chief master sergeant in such a superb wing with unbelievable Airmen. I will continue to hold myself to the highest standards of the Air Force core values and I look forward to many more years with the Flying Razorbacks."



Chief Master Sgt. Juan Gonzales has his stripes put on by his son and daughter during his promotion ceremony at the Colonel Hugh B. Correll Headquarters Facility auditorium at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 5, 2014. Gonzales is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 188th Medical Group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Chief Master Sgt. Juan Gonzales addresses a gathering during his promotion ceremony at the Colonel Hugh B. Correll Headquarters Facility auditorium at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 5, 2014. Gonzales is the noncommissioned officer in charge of the 188th Medical Group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



188th Wing celebrates 61st birthday Oct. 15



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, cuts a wing birthday cake Oct. 15, 2014. The 188th celebrated its 61st birthday Oct. 15. In 1953, the 188th Wing was federally recognized as the 184th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron with 113 Airmen answering the first roll call. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/Released)



The 188th Wing celebrated its 61st birthday Oct. 15, 2014. In 1953 the 188th Wing was federally recognized as the 184th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron with 113 Airmen answering the first roll call. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)

188th Wing promotions

To Major
Kimberly Sosebee



To Captain
Holli Nelson



To Senior Master Sergeant
Brian James



To Technical Sergeant
Tracy Swanson



To Senior Airman
Justin Bauerlein
Ashley Feist
Cody Carson
Shawn Scheeler
Stephanie Smith
Joshua A. Taylor
Joshua W. Taylor



188th Med Group to hold officer board

The 188th Medical Group will hold a nursing board in January 2015. Applicants must possess a bachelor of science in nursing to be qualified for this position. Packages need to include Air Force Form 24, current passing PT score, current 422 from the clinic indicating the member is world wide qualified. The deadline for packages is close of business Dec. 8, 2014. Please contact Tech. Sgt. Eric Martin in the recruiting office at 479-573-5138 or eric.martin@ang.af.mil.





188th emergency management conducts HAZMAT exercise



Airmen from the 188th Wing Civil Engineering Squadron participate in a hazardous material exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., on Oct. 4, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/released)



Members of the 188th Wing practice identifying and cleaning up hazardous material spills during a training event at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., on Oct. 4, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)



Members of the 188th Wing practice identifying and cleaning up hazardous material spills during a training event at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., on Oct. 4, 2014.. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)



188th Wing mission conversion corner

Commentary by 2nd Lt. Bryce Cunningham
188th intelligence officer

While serving with two different services, I have deployed three times to Afghanistan where I was a small, but crucial part in a much larger mechanism. The many military layers and intertwining of the services created a complex array of goals and objectives all serving to fulfill the larger purpose set at central command. Without each piece of the military puzzle working together and building upon each other, the larger purpose could ultimately fail. Interestingly, the 188th finds itself in a similar situation during this conversion. Conversion has brought with it many new moving parts and goals that require some pieces to be in place before others. One of those pieces, which is a key to our conversion and integral part of the Air Force life overall, is physical fitness.

Our new mission, by its very nature, is driving new and unique requirements for those tasked with the 24/7 combat missions. Because one of those requirements is Airman

resiliency, particularly physical fitness, planning began for a highly accessible fitness facility. The old parachute shop became the central idea for placement because its proximity makes it ideal for the distributed ground system and remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) operators who will work nearby.

With the location pinpointed, research commenced into the required equipment. Many individuals led the effort in procuring new equipment, designing the layout and making the space operational. Prior to new equipment arrival, the 188th Operations Group provided all their equipment in the interim. Moreover, the facility was painted and various banners added, with motivational quotes and additional personal touches to come. The aim for the new facility is to become a centerpiece in the overall wellness of all 188th Wing members where more than physical fitness is achieved but also the increase of unit esprit de corps, camaraderie, mental and physical resiliency.



Pictured above is the new multi-use fitness facility located in the main hangar in the former parachute shop. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/Released)



On Oct. 9, 2014, a large part of the goal was realized when 363 pieces of fitness equipment arrived. Quickly, various wing members removed the interim equipment, and then unloaded, unpacked, arranged and tested the new equipment making it ready for use.

Believing that all members of our unit can and should benefit from the new equipment, the 188th Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR) and 188th Operations Groups have opened the multi-use fitness facility to all wing military personnel. This facility will not be open to dependents or retirees as the base gym will continue to serve their needs.

There are also four simple rules that govern the use of the new facility, by which all members must abide. The first is to wipe down the equipment after

each use. Secondly, put your weights away when finished. Third, keep your gym bags out of well traveled exercise areas. Finally, be a good wingman. The last rule includes practicing safety, watching for others who may need a spot, be considerate and polite to others and do not abuse the equipment.

The ISR and Ops Groups look forward to sharing the new equipment with all unit members, however the groups are not staffed to constantly monitor, clean and repair the facility. Therefore, if the above rules are not observed, access will be limited.

As we continue to move forward through conversion and beyond, fitness will continue to be critical, and the new multi-use fitness facility will play an integral part in improving the 188th Wing's fitness and overall wellness.



Pictured above is the new multi-use fitness facility located in the main hangar in the former parachute shop. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Maj. Heath Allen/Released)



188th engineers hone bivouac skills during exercise



Members of the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron train on multiple scenarios, including how to put up a tent, ventilation procedures and light fixtures at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 5, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Airmen assigned to the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron (CES) deconstruct a portable latrine station at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 4, 2014. The 188th CES conducted bivouac training during October's Unit Training Assembly. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/ released)



Tech. Sgt. Samuel Miller operates the front-end loader during a bivouac training exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 4, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)



Staff Sgt. Tobee Chandler, Staff Sgt. Grant Baskette and Senior Airman David Swearingen assemble a lighting unit at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 5, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



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Members of the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron work to erect a tent during a bivouac training exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 4, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/Released)

Make a hole: 188th CES conducts crater training



Senior Airman Ethan Robinson, Senior Airman Anthony Anderson and Airman Zach Mitchell operate the Volvo front-end loader, the JCB front-end loader and the Volvo excavator during an exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 5, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Members of the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron inspect a crater they made using heavy machinery during an exercise held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Oct. 5, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/Released)



Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu



Saturday, Nov. 1 - Jerry Neel's

Sliced brisket, chicken breast, chopped pork, twice baked potato casserole, baked beans, potato salad, assorted cobbler and tea

Sunday, Nov. 2 - Western Sizzlin

Chopped sirloin, mashed potatoes with gravy, tossed salad, green beans, roll, assorted cobbler and tea

Short-order line

Same as main line.

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

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.



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

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 Unit Training Assembly news



UTA pay dates

November 12

December 17



Flying Razorback Flashback

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



In this image, the 184th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Fire Department is under construction in conjunction with the aircraft hangar shown to the right. The building was completed in 1954 and still stands with multiple additions built into it. (Courtesy photo/released)

GTIP applications due

The next available Guard Tuition Incentive Program (GTIP) application period is Nov. 1 through Dec. 15 for the spring semester. No early or late GTIP applications will be processed. In order to process GTIP applications completely ensure that all required documents are attached to the GTIP applications at the time of submission like an unofficial transcript if GTIP has been previously received. Incomplete GTIP applications will not be processed.

GTIP eligibility: 15 years or less time in service; 50 or higher AFQT score; enrolled as a full-time student at an Arkansas-approved school; current drilling member and in good standing in the Arkansas National Guard; undergraduate degrees only

Please come by the office and pick up an application and return it to the 188th Base Education and Training Office (BETO) in the headquarters building no later than Dec. 12, 2014. Members who have any questions, can contact the BETO at 479-573-5330. The GTIP regulation and Forms can be found at: <http://www.arguard.org/Education/GTIP.htm>

New tobacco policy takes effect December 2014

Beginning December, the 188th Wing will begin decreasing the number of designated tobacco areas (DTAs) on base from 14 to 8. The ultimate goal is a tobacco-free Air Force and the instruction's intent is designed to minimize the adverse impact of tobacco use on health, mission readiness and unit performance.

Tobacco use on the installation is restricted to DTAs. Tobacco use outside of DTAs, including while walking to and from, is prohibited.

This includes, but is not limited to, cigars, cigarettes, electronic-cigarettes (e-cigarettes), stem pipes, water pipes, hookahs and smokeless products that are chewed, dipped or sniffed.

Additional information on the locations of the DTAs and responsibilities on maintaining the areas will be provided in December by unit leadership and facility managers.