



The Flying Razorback

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Director of the Air National Guard visits
Airmen of the 188th Wing

Air National Guard director visits 188th Wing

By Airman 1st Class Cody Martin
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Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, director of the Air National Guard, visited Airmen of the 188th Wing at Ebbing Air National Guard Base Dec. 5, 2014. The objective of the visit was to gain a better understanding of the 188th's Airmen, mission and capabilities.

"As the director of the ANG I have to have visibility on what the units are doing out there so we know how well we are supporting them from the National Guard Bureau," Clarke said. "Visiting a unit like this gets me eyes on their facilities, people and the mission, and then I can take that back to the National Guard Bureau and do my job better."

Clarke's arrival comes shortly after the 188th recently began a mission conversion to remotely piloted aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets. Clarke's visit afforded Airmen of the 188th an opportunity to showcase the wing's capabilities in their respective career fields over the day-long visit.

"We were certainly appreciative that Lt. Gen. Clarke took the time to visit the 188th," said Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Wing commander.

"This visit allowed us the opportunity to showcase our exceptional Airmen as well as the unique and phenomenal capabilities we have at the 188th."

After arriving at Ebbing ANGB, Clarke was briefed on the new mission and additional key capabilities of the 188th by members of senior leadership. Subsequently, Clarke was taken



A group of Airmen from the 188th Wing join Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, director of the Air National Guard, for lunch at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Dec. 5, 2014. Clarke engaged with Airmen of all levels and learned of their outstanding contributions to the mission at the 188th Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

on a tour of the facilities the Flying Razorbacks utilize each day to accomplish the ANG mission.

"The leadership is spot on with this conversion over to the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission, doing a great job getting the Airmen focused in the right direction and keeping them upbeat about the

won major awards or logged significant achievements during their military careers or in their respective communities. Clarke coined each Airman for their efforts.

Clarke was also given demonstrations at the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron's urban search and rescue facility and a ground

tour at Detachment 1 Razorback Range. At the USAR facility, the director observed demos on USAR, rapid engineer deployable heavy op-

erational repair squadron engineer equipment and the remote air, zonal operations, reach-back processing assessment and dissemination. The USAR facility, RED HORSE equipment staging and RAZORback PAD are all unique 188th assets available

for training and use by the entire ANG. The RAZORback PAD, an asset of the 188th Wing's 123rd Intelligence Squadron, provides a unique domestic operations capability by linking real-time data from aerial assets and converting it to valuable information and video on the ground

When the capabilities exhibitions were completed, Clarke was taken to Razorback Range. Upon arrival, the director was given a ground tour of the range, took part in two briefings and a joint terminal attack controller simulation depicting the capabilities and effectiveness of the Razorback Range's proximity for training opportunities for the Total Force.

The tour of the range also captured the 188th's critical partnerships and close working relationships with Fort Chaffee

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director of the Air National Guard

new mission," Clarke remarked. "This mission is not only important to the National Guard and the Air Force, it is important to the nation."

While at the 188th, Clarke also had lunch with 19 Flying Razorbacks who have recently

188th Honor Guard pays respect



Airmen from the 188th Wing Honor Guard post the colors during the annual Christmas Honors wreath ceremony at the U.S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 13, 2014. In 2009, the Fort Smith Regional Chamber of Commerce held the first Christmas Honors inspired by the Wreaths Across America program. Wreaths Across America was founded by Morrill Worcester to remember the fallen, honor those who served and teach children the value of freedom. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Landeros/released)



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Arkansas Air National Guard announces upcoming 188th wing change of command, names successor

Arkansas National Guard Public Affairs

The following is from the Office of the Arkansas Air National Guard commander, Brig. Gen. Dwight Balch:

The Arkansas Air National Guard announced Dec. 7 that the 188th Wing will undergo a change of command in January. Balch, Arkansas Air National Guard commander, made the announcement to 188th Airmen during a commander's call gathering at Ebbing Air National Guard Base.

Balch announced that Col. Bobbi Doorenbos will succeed Col. Mark Anderson as the new 188th Wing commander. This change is slated for Jan. 11. More information on the change of command ceremony will be released as it becomes available. Anderson has served as the 188th Wing commander since April 14, 2012.

"It has been an honor to serve as commander for the amazing men and women of the 188th over the past two and a half years," Anderson said. "We've endured some of the most monumental challenges in unit history. We've overcome some arduous obstacles and I continue to be impressed by the hard work, dedication and sacrifice made by our Airmen and their families to ensure our success. The wing is truly a family and it was a privilege to be a member of the Flying Razorbacks."

The 188th Wing is currently converting from a fighter mission to remotely piloted aircraft and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets, which will also feature a space-focused targeting squadron. Doorenbos' experience will be critical to the success of the 188th's on-going mission conversion, which is the most complex in unit history.

"Col. Doorenbos has impeccable creden-

tials and the experience necessary to excel as the new 188th Wing commander," Balch said. "We believe her leadership and diverse skill-sets will continue to fuel a bright future for the 188th as it works to achieve operational status in its new missions."

Doorenbos brings with her a wealth of operational experience in RPA and ISR mission sets. She previously served as the commander of the 214th Reconnaissance Group, located at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Arizona. As 214th commander, she is responsible for providing combat-qualified MQ-1 Predator aircrews in support of contingency operations overseas, and domestic incident awareness and assessment capabilities in the United States.

"The 188th has an exceptional reputation, and I'm honored that I will have the opportunity to lead such outstanding Airmen," Doorenbos said. "The 188th is resilient and has had some amazing achievements throughout its history. I'm excited about this incredible opportunity and I hope to continue the Flying Razorbacks' legacy of excellence."



Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, will take command of the 188th Wing Jan. 11, 2015, it was announced Dec. 7, 2014. (Courtesy photo)



Brig. Gen. Dwight Balch, commander of the Arkansas Air National Guard, speaks to Airmen at the 188th Wing Dec. 7, 2014. Balch announced that Col. Bobbi Doorenbos was tabbed as the future 188th commander. Doorenbos is scheduled to take command of the 188th Jan. 11, 2015. Doorenbos was most recently assigned to the Arizona ANG where she served as the 214th Reconnaissance Group commander. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



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Joint Maneuver Training Center and Special Forces operators.

“As a part of the visit I got the chance to see the joint training capabilities that are found at Fort Chaffee and Razorback Range,” Clarke stated. “I got to see how in the future we would use a remotely piloted aircraft to support the joint training. I got comments from several joint partners about how much value they get out of the training that is provided and how the 188th plays into that.”

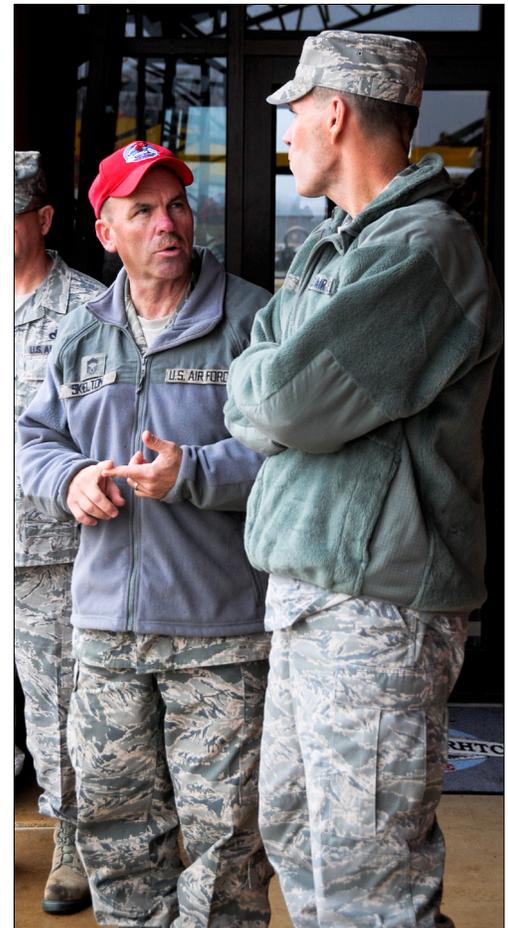
Upon conclusion of the range tour, Clarke met with Fort Smith city officials. The 188th has immeasurable support in the local area and to showcase it, Clarke met with multiple leaders from across the community and thanked them for their support to the wing and the Air National Guard.

After meeting with city officials, Clarke departed Fort Smith for Little Rock Air Force Base. There, he participated in a street dedication and medal presentation for fallen fellow Arkansas ANG member, Master Sgt. Dan Wassom, who lost his life shielding his daughter during a tornado in April 2014.

“My takeaway from this visit is that the 188th is going in a great direction,” Clarke said. “In the future, I think it’s going to be well received by all of our mission partners.”



Tech. Sgt. Robert Ellis, Detachment 1 joint terminal attack controller liaison and evaluator, briefs Lt. Gen Stanley E. Clarke III, director of the Air National Guard, and representatives from the 188th Wing and U.S. Navy on close-air support training capabilities afforded by Razorback Range’s proximity to the 188th Dec. 5, 2014. The range is maintained by the 188th and provides varying types of training to military units from around the world that includes close-air support training with JTACs. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Chief Master Sgt. Gary Skelton, 188th Civil Engineer Squadron, discusses the capabilities of rapid engineer deployable heavy operational repair squadron engineer at Ebbing Air National Guard Base with Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III, director of the Air National Guard, Dec. 5, 2014. Clarke toured the 188th Wing’s facilities, spoke with Airmen, and learned about the unit’s mission and contributions to the ANG on his day-long visit. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Col. Mark Anderson briefs Lt. Gen. Stanley E. Clarke III on the capabilities of the units assigned under the 188th Wing, Dec. 5, 2014. Clarke toured the 188th’s facilities, spoke with Airmen, and learned about the unit’s mission and contributions to the Air National Guard on his day-long visit. Anderson is the 188th Wing commander and Clarke is the director of the ANG. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



188th Wing showcases ISR Center of Excellence strategy during 25th Air Force commander visit

By Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson
188th Wing Public Affairs

Maj. Gen. John N.T. “Jack” Shanahan, commander of the 25th Air Force, based at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, visited Airmen at the 188th Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Dec. 11.

Upon arrival at the Fort Smith Regional Airport, Shanahan was greeted by 188th Wing leaders and shuttled to Ebbing ANG Base. While on base, Col. Mark W. Anderson, commander of the 188th Wing, briefed the 25th Air Force commander on the new 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group under the wing as well as the wing’s additional capabilities.

The 25th Air Force, which was redesignated Sept. 29 from its former nomenclature Air Force Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Agency, still focuses on ISR mission sets. Shanahan was briefed on myriad synergies that the 188th is focused on achieving with its remotely piloted aircraft, ISR and space-focused target-

ing mission sets all operating in the same building on the same operations floor.

“The 188th is certainly on the right path for success,” Shanahan said. “The possibilities are endless on what they will be able to do. Their future is extremely bright and I am very proud of what the unit is doing now and I can’t wait to see where they are in 18 to 24 months.”

After the missions brief, the distinguished guest ventured on a base tour in which he viewed rapid engineer deployable heavy operational repair squadron engineer equipment and observed the new facilities that will house the 188th’s new ISR mission.

Shanahan later ate lunch with a group of 188th superior performers who have recently won major awards or logged signifi-

cant achievements during their military careers or in their respective communities.

Following lunch, Shanahan and 188th senior leadership boarded a UH-60 Black Hawk from the Arkansas Army National Guard’s 77th Theater Aviation Brigade to take an aerial tour of Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center and

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— Maj. Gen. John N.T. “Jack” Shanahan,
25th Air Force commander

188th Wing’s Detachment 1 Razorback Range. The team from Razorback Range showcased the air space, close range proximity, Special Operations partnerships, remote air, zonal operations, reach back-processing assessment and dissemination, or RAZORback PAD, a joint terminal attack controller simulation and a briefing from Maj. Doug Davis, Det. 1 commander.

The RAZORback PAD, a mobile asset of the 188th Wing’s 123rd Intelligence Squadron, was a key stop during the tour of the range. The PAD provides a unique domestic operations capability by linking real-time data from aerial assets and converting it to valuable information and video on the ground. Lakotas, also from the 77th TAB, based at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas, provided downlink footage from Fort Chaffee, that Shanahan viewed from the PAD, which was stationed at Razorback Range for the capabilities demonstration.

Once the range tour concluded, Shanahan loaded back onto a Black Hawk and flew back to Ebbing ANG Base. Shanahan completed his visit by sitting down with 188th leadership and Fort Smith city officials to discuss the Flying Razorbacks’ vast community support.

“Our objective at the 188th is to create an ISR Center of Excellence,” Anderson said. “By having the distributed ground station, targeting and RPA on the same mission floor, the 188th will be on



Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, commander of the 25th Air Force at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, and Col. Mark Anderson, commander of the 188th Wing, look out of the window of a UH-60 Black Hawk over Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11, 2014. Shanahan came to see how the wing’s new mission aligns with the 25th AF. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

New chief among us: Skelton promoted to chief master sergeant

By Capt. Holli Nelson
188th Wing Public Affairs

The 188th Civil Engineer Squadron honored Gary Skelton Dec. 7, 2014, with a promotion ceremony to the rank of chief master sergeant at the 188th Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas. The ceremony was held in the Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer Training Center in front of a crowd of fellow Airmen, family and friends. Chief Master Sgt. Ron Redding, 188th Wing installation emergency manager, read the Chief's Creed and narrated the ceremony.

"Chief Skelton is an exceptional senior NCO and a trailblazer within the Air National Guard RED HORSE community," said Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander. "He has achieved some amazing feats by bringing the 188th Wing to

the forefront of the RED HORSE training mission. He has gone above and beyond to help the wing showcase that amazing capability to the community as well as ANG, state leadership and our Arkansas Army National Guard partners. He's truly an asset to this wing and certainly deserving of this promotion."

Skelton joined the ANG in 1979 and has been a member of the Flying Razorback community for more than 35 years. He has served in multiple roles within the 188th's Civil Engineer community and currently holds the role of chief of operations for the RED HORSE Training Center. Additionally, he has deployed in support of Operation Beyond the Horizon in Guatemala, Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Southern Watch, Operation Noble Eagle and served as a liaison for multiple National Guard Bureau and civil engineer



contingency training missions.

During the ceremony, Skelton took time to acknowledge his family and friends who have supported him throughout his career. He personally recognized and coined three men who impacted his quest to become a chief master sergeant and thanked them for their inspiring mentorship and continued support throughout the years of his service.

"Everyone talks about the Air Force Core Values and in my life and career I have embodied those and added a few of my own," said Skelton. "God, family and country are the most important values to me and I am so blessed to have people in my life who have helped me along the way and that I get to serve in the greatest country, the one I love. If I had to do it all over again, even if I didn't get to make chief, I would in a heartbeat."

Before the ceremony concluded, Skelton took the time to discuss the importance of mentoring and serving alongside the Airmen of the future.

"I am a part of the one percent that serves, but if it wasn't for the other 99 percent, that includes all of these young Airmen in this room, I wouldn't be where I'm at in my career," Skelton added. "I had always looked up to my chiefs during my career and I want to have other Airmen look up to me throughout their career."

Friends and family joined Skelton after the ceremony to congratulate him and welcome him to the illustrious rank of chief master sergeant and wish him continued luck in his efforts at the 188th Wing.

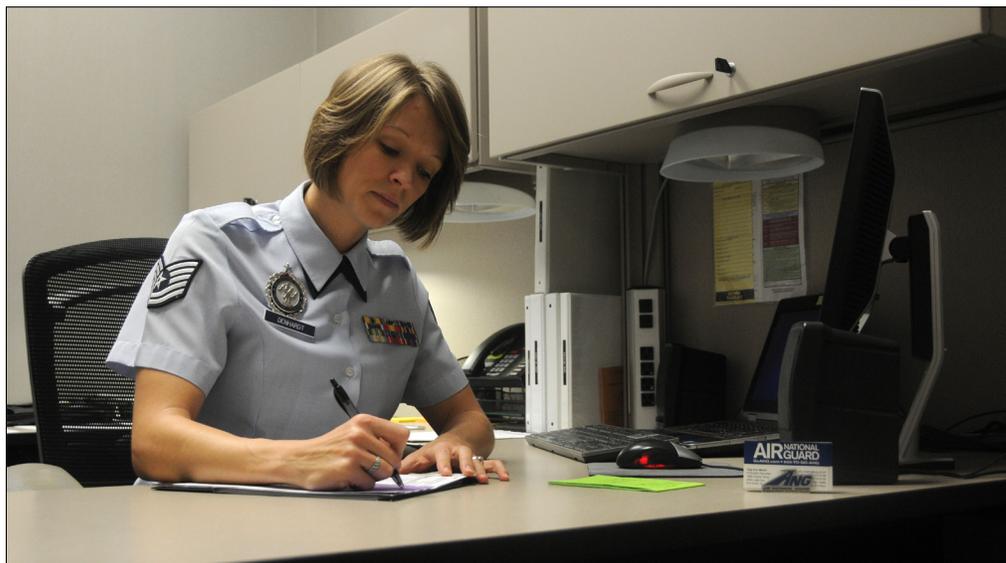


Members of the 188th Wing gather together for the promotion ceremony of Chief Master Sgt. Gary Skelton, chief of operations for the Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer Training Center, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. Skelton has served 35 years in the Air National Guard and the 188th Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



The Flying Razorback member spotlight

Tech. Sgt. Mandy Denhardt



Tech Sgt. Mandy Denhardt, Arkansas Air National Guard recruiter, works at her desk at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 6, 2014. Denhardt was selected for The Flying Razorback spotlight for the month of January. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

Hometown: Omaha, Neb.

Job title: Recruiter

Education: Associate of Science in human resource management and a Bachelor of Science in criminal justice

Hobbies: Working out and playing with my three children

Goals: To make chief master sergeant, retire and then join the health and nutrition field working with the elderly and children

Favorite TV shows: "Sharktank" and "Sons of Anarchy"

Favorite actor/actress: Dwayne "The Rock" Johnson and Sandra Bullock

Favorite animal: My French bulldog, Wesley

Favorite comedian: Louis CK and Dane Cook

Favorite movie: Any comedy

Favorite restaurant: Longhorn Steakhouse

Favorite soft drink: Dr. Pepper, even though it's not healthy

Favorite foods: Steak and Italian

Favorite author: Patricia Cornwell

Favorite musical group: Rascal Flatts

Favorite word or phrase: "Everything happens for a reason"

Favorite super hero: Ironman

Favorite sport: Gymnastics

Favorite pro sport: Ultimate fighting champion

Favorite sports individual: Mary Lou Retton

Favorite college team: None, but I was raised to



be a Nebraska Cornhuskers fan

My worst job ever: Membership sales representative for a gym

Hobbies: Working out, watching movies with my family and playing with my dog

My dream shopping spree: Having someone shop for a new wardrobe for me; I hate shopping

Place I'd most like to visit: Australia

Favorite cartoon character: Spongebob Squarepants

Favorite automobile: Dodge Charger

My first car was: A 1981 Chevy Malibu named Barbie

My worst habit: Starting too many things at once and not finishing any of them

My pet peeves: Loud noises and the toilet seat being left up

I am proudest of: Being able to provide for my family

What scares me the most: Losing someone that I love

The person I admire most: My mother, Denise

The best day of my life: All three birthdays of my children

Favorite moment at the 188th: Being invited to a tactical air control party training site and getting to go repelling and run through their obstacle course

Fort Smith Marathon set for February

The inaugural Fort Smith Marathon will take place on Sunday, Feb. 8, beginning at 8 a.m. The event includes a full marathon, half marathon and four-person relay. Members who wish to participate

or volunteer may be excused from the first period of unit training assembly. In order to run the race in UTA status, members must pay their own entry fee, wear Air Force PT gear and return to work promptly after the race ends.

For more information about the marathon visit: www.fortsmithmarathon.com or for questions regarding UTA status, contact Maj. Jim Garvey via email at james.garvey@ang.af.mil or at 573-5760.



188th recognizes 2014 Airmen of the Year award winners

By Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson
188th Wing Public Affairs

The 188th Wing announced its annual Outstanding Airmen of the Year award winners during a commander's call at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas Dec. 6. The 188th Wing commander, Col. Mark Anderson, presented trophies to the AOY Award winners. Second and third places received Outstanding Service Award plaques and the remaining nominees earned Outstanding Service Certificates during the ceremony.

"This year the board had some difficult decisions because the competition was fierce," Anderson said. "Having so many exceptional Airmen nominated is a good problem to have. All the candidates were outstanding. We're proud of each of them and congratulate them for all their hard work and for making the 188th Wing the best unit in the Air National Guard."

Senior Airman Shawn Scheeler from the 123rd Intelligence Squadron took home the Airman of the Year award while Master Sgt. Jean Schnauffer, a technical sergeant during the award period, of the 188th Force Support Squadron was named the wing's Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Master Sgt. Mark Strang of the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron won the Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award and Master Sgt. John Ashworth of the 188th Medical Group nabbed the First Sergeant of the Year accolade.

Senior Airman Ashley Feist from the 123rd IS was named the Honor Guard Member of the Year and Maj. Drew Donoho with the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron was the recipient of the wing's Officer of the Year award.

"Thanks to all the supervisors and commanders who spent the time to recognize the efforts of their Airmen," said Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bradley, 188th command chief. "It took a lot of hard work and preparation to compile the awards packages and put together the board but it was worth every second to ensure our Airmen know how much we appreciate what they do for the 188th and this nation."

The Qualls family was awarded the 188th Family of the Year. Master Sgt. Gregg Qualls was on hand to receive the award. Shirley Bearden was recognized as the 188th Volunteer of the Year and Savannah Sosebee earned the 188th Youth Volunteer of the Year. The 188th

Airman and Family Readiness Office also recognized Jody Bergstrom of Camp Alliance with a Community Purple Award for her support of the wing during the 60th anniversary and Con-

version Day events.

Each of the Airmen of the Year Award winners will compete at the state level Jan. 10-11.



Senior Airman Shawn Scheeler poses with his 188th Wing Airman of the Year trophy. Scheeler is assigned to the 123rd Intelligence Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple/released)



Senior Airman Ashley Feist poses with her 188th Wing Honor Guard Member of the Year trophy. Feist is assigned to the 123rd Intelligence Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple/released)



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, presents the 188th Outstanding Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award to Master Sgt. Jean Schnauffer, a technical sergeant during the award period, during a commander's call presentation at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. Schnauffer is assigned to the 188th Force Support Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, presents the 188th First Sergeant of the Year award to Master Sgt. John Ashworth during a commander's call presentation at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. Ashworth is assigned to the 188th Medical Group. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, presents the 188th Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year award to Master Sgt. Mark Strang during a commander's call presentation at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. Strang is assigned to the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, presents the 188th Outstanding Officer of the Year award to Maj. Drew Donoho during a commander's call presentation at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. Donoho is assigned to the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)



Former 188th Wing member Berry named new Arkansas National Guard adjutant general

Arkansas National Guard Public Affairs

CAMP JOSEPH T. ROBINSON, Ark. - Arkansas governor-elect Asa Hutchinson announced Dec. 17 that Brig. Gen. Mark Berry, former 188th Maintenance Group commander and current Arkansas Air National Guard chief of staff, will be the Arkansas National Guard's next adjutant general.

"I have had the opportunity to work with Brig. Gen. Berry over the years and I congratulate him on his selection as our next adjutant general," said Maj. Gen. William

Wofford, Arkansas National Guard adjutant general. "Brig. Gen. Berry has a wealth of experience serving 40 years in the Air Force, with over 20 of those years in the Arkansas National Guard."

Berry will be the first Arkansas National Guard adjutant general from the ANG since 1966. Berry also served as 188th public affairs officer, 188th Communications Flight commander and 188th Mission Support Group commander during his time at the 188th Wing.

"He will do Arkansas a great job," Wofford said. "I look forward to working with Brig. Gen. Berry during our transition; his years of service and experience will continue to move our great organization in the right direction."

The change of command is tentatively scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7 at Militia Hall located on the Professional Education Center campus at Camp Joseph T. Robinson, North Little Rock, Arkansas.



Arkansas governor-elect Asa Hutchinson announced Dec. 17 that Brig. Gen. Mark Berry, former 188th Maintenance Group commander and current Arkansas Air National Guard chief of staff, will be the Arkansas National Guard's next adjutant general. (Photo by Arkansas National Guard Public Affairs)



188th Wing Honor Guard posts colors



Members of the 188th Wing Honor Guard post the colors during a naturalization ceremony at the U.S. District Court at Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 12, 2014. During the ceremony, people take the Oath of Allegiance to complete the process of becoming a U.S. citizen. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

188th to hold public affairs officer selection board

The 188th Wing will hold a selection board to hire an additional public affairs officer (35PX). This position is a traditional officer drill status Guardsman position and an O-4 billet. Applicants must have qualifying Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores and have passing Air Force physical training scores.

In addition, applicants must possess a bachelor's degree. Key responsibilities of the public affairs officer position include, but are not limited to: Media and community relations representative, drafting press releases and speeches, conducting press conferences, writing articles and serving as an advisor to the commander.

Please contact Tech. Sgt. Eric Martin, 188th Wing Recruiting Office, with questions concerning the application process at 479-573-5138. To be considered for the upcoming selection board, submit packages no later than Feb. 27, 2015. A selection board will be scheduled at a later date. Packages must include an AF Form 24, AF Form 422, Current PT Test, Letters of Recommendation, AFO-QT Scores and current resume.



2014: A year in photos

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



Firefighter equipment is neatly piled together on the last day of the 188th Wing state firefighter mission at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 30, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Members of the 188th Fighter Wing Honor Guard posts the colors during the 188th's conversion ceremony at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., June 7, 2014. The ceremony included standing down their Maintenance Group and standing up the new Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group, along with standing up four associated squadrons. During the ceremony the 188th changed designation from the 188th Fighter Wing to the 188th Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore/released)



Two 188th Wing A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthogs" piloted by Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Wing commander, and Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Detachment 1 commander, take off from Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, June 7, 2014. This sortie marked the wing's final A-10 departure and capped the 188th's Conversion Day ceremony, which 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. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Mark Moore)



Members of the 188th Fighter Wing come together for Master Sgt. Jake Harrell's posthumous promotion and memorial at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., March 1, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



Guatemalan, U.S. Army and Air Force Engineers meet with school children in El Robles, Guatemala, April 7, 2014 during Beyond the Horizons. Beyond the Horizons is a U.S. partnership with the government of Guatemala conducting various medical, dental and civic actions programs and providing focused humanitarian assistance. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. 1st Class Marcus J. Quarterman/released)

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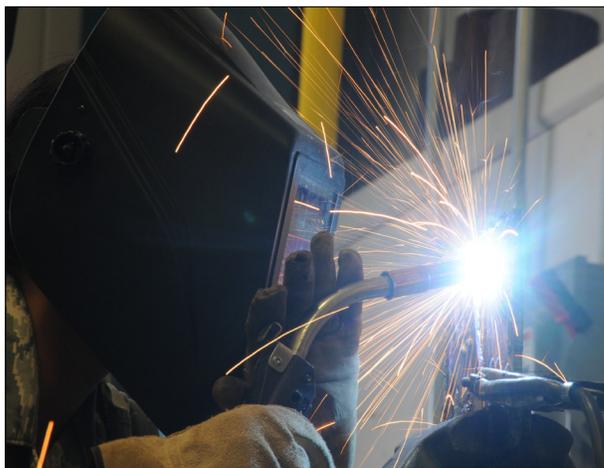


Command Chief Master Sgt. of the Air National Guard James Hotaling speaks with joint terminal attack controller trainees during a visit to the 188th Fighter Wing's Det. 1 Razorback Range April 5, 2014. Hotaling, a former combat controller, met with JTACs to understand the unique training opportunities available at Razorback Range. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/released)



Members of the 188th Wing participate in a 1.5-mile run as part of a Wingman Day held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Aug. 2. Events included volleyball, a free throw contest, a 1.5-mile run, fishing pole casting contest, golf chipping contest, golf cart driving course, and multiple fitness stations competition. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Hannah Landeros/released)

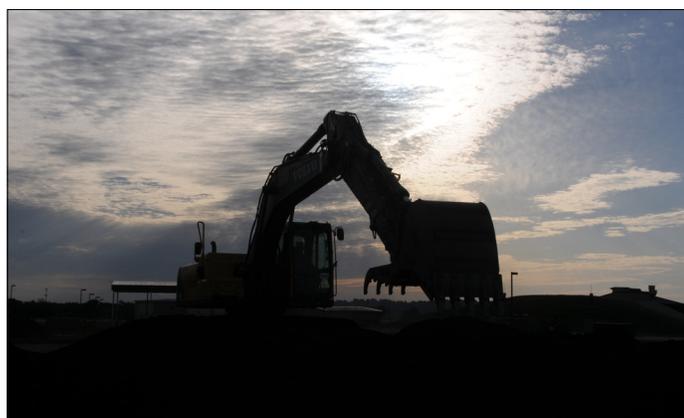
Senior Airman Sarah Greer of the 210th rapid engineer deployable heavy operational repair squadron engineer squadron, New Mexico Air National Guard, participates in a welding class held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 17, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Col. Mark W. Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, is greeted by local community member and 188th supporter Dave Burns, as Anderson returns from his final training mission in an A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog", at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., May 12, 2014. The ceremonial "fini" flight was Anderson's final sortie until he flew the last A-10 out of Ebbing ANG Base June 7, 2014, following the wing's conversion ceremony. The 188th will convert from a fighter mission to a remotely piloted aircraft (MQ-9 Reapers), targeting, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets. (Courtesy photo by Nick Thomas/released)



Members of the 188th Fighter Wing gather together to celebrate the life of Senior Master Sgt. Jim Love at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., April 6, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Tech. Sgt. Jeff Crowder, a 188th Civil Engineer Squadron member, operates a 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)

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Tail No. 188, piloted by Lt. Col. Patric Coggin, is parked on the ramp at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Jan. 29, 2014, following a historic final night-flying mission for the 188th Fighter Wing. June marked the first time in the unit's 60-year history that no assigned military aircraft will be parked on the flight line at Ebbing ANGB. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Joshua Lewis/released)



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

Members of the 567th Rapid Engineers Deployable Heavy Operations Repair Squadron Engineers Squadron repair a concrete parking lot at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 6, 2014. The 567th RHS Airmen came to Ebbing ANGB to retrain on their RED HORSE capabilities with the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Arkansas Air National Guard A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warhogs", from the 188th Fighter Wing, conduct a final formation flight over the state of Arkansas, Dec. 30, 2013. The Warhogs have been assigned to the 184th Fighter Squadron, since 2007 and have been deployed twice to Afghanistan. The final formation flight was conducted before the 188th's conversion to a remotely piloted aircraft, targeting and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission sets. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Matthew Bruch/released)



The 188th Wing lands the cover of National Guard Magazine and an eight page spread. Cover photo provided by the 188th Wing Public Affairs office. (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., Oct. 4, 2014. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)

Shanahan visit

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the forefront of the Air Force ISR mission. With these unique synergies, we will be able to establish cutting-edge new tactics, techniques and procedures that will make the ANG and the Air Force a much more effective tool to commanders and decision makers so they have the best chance to counter our nation's threats. We still have a lot of work to do but I have full confidence the 188th can attain those goals."



Maj. Doug Davis, 188th Wing Detachment 1 Razorback Range commander, shows Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, 25th Air Force commander, the man-portable aircraft survivability trainer at Det. 1 Razorback Range, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11, 2014. Shanahan came to see how the wing's new mission aligns with the 25th AF. The MAST is a live-training device used to train aircrews to react to surface-to-air missile threats during live-training exercises. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, 25th Air Force commander, is briefed by a member of the 184th Attack Squadron at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11, 2014. Shanahan came to see how the wing's new mission aligns with the 25th AF (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Tech Sgt. Robert Ellis, joint terminal attack controller trainer, speaks with Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, commander of the 25th Air Force, at the 188th Wing's Detachment 1 Razorback Range, Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center, Ark., Dec. 11, 2014. Shanahan came to see how the wing's new mission aligns with the 25th AF. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Maj. Gen. John Shanahan, commander of the 25th Air Force at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas, speaks with members of the 188th Wing during lunch at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 11, 2014. Shanahan came to see how the wing's new mission aligns with the 25th AF. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Maj. Gen. John N.T. "Jack" Shanahan, commander of the 25th Air Force, based at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, speaks with Col. Mark Anderson and Fort Smith mayor Sandy Sanders Dec. 11, 2014, at the Fort Smith Regional Airport in Fort Smith, Ark. Shanahan thanked Sanders and other city officials for their support of the 188th Wing after he toured the 188th Wing's facilities, spoke with Airmen, and learned about the unit's mission and contributions to the Air National Guard and Air Force during his day-long visit. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/released)

188th Airmen boost readiness in expeditionary skills rodeo

By Staff Sgt. John Suleski
188th Wing Public Affairs

Silent as the grave, Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Ruehle, 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron cyber system specialist, lied down on a stretcher as his fellow wingmen secured him for transport. The "unconscious" Airman did not move a muscle as they strapped his arms, as per their instructor's guidance. When the task was done, the instructor lectured on the correct way to carry the loaded stretcher.

This scene was one of many different lessons learned as approximately 80 members of the 188th Wing participated in an expeditionary skills rodeo held on Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Arkansas, Dec. 7.

The event consisted of required training including chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosives survival and self-aid buddy care, said Chief Master Sgt. Ronald W. Redding, 188th Civil Engineer Squadron installation emergency manager. With Airman needing this training every three years, the goal of the rodeo was to refresh those skills necessary for a deployment

anywhere in the world.

The SABC portion of the event was held in the hangar with eight individual stations set up to educate Airmen, said Capt. Susan Pelz, 188th Medical Group chief nurse administrator. These stations included airway management, patient transport and traumatic brain injury scenarios used to simulate real-world situations.

Each of the eight stations were set up with videos introducing the different aspects and medical equipment, such as tourniquets, to allow the participants to practice utilizing those skills, either on themselves or on mannequins.

The organization of the separate stations, as opposed to a single setting with an avalanche of information, improved the flow and retention of the information by breaking it up into smaller sections, said Ruelhe.

"It was interesting and a good refresher for medical [skills]," he said.

The CBRNE survival portion of the rodeo featured classroom instruction in the RED HORSE Training Center as well as hands-on training outside under the pavilion.

Senior Airman Keenan Wallace, 188th CES emergency management specialist, said an important part of the training was making sure the Airmen knew how to don and doff the new M-50 gas mask. According to several students, including Senior Airman Tyler Sixkiller, 188th Security Forces specialist, the newer gas mask is much easier to put on and is more comfortable.

"That was the best part about this training," Sixkiller said.

Other skills reviewed in the rodeo included chemical detection, cordoning unexploded ordnance and cleaning off mission oriented protective posture gear from foreign contaminants, Wallace said.

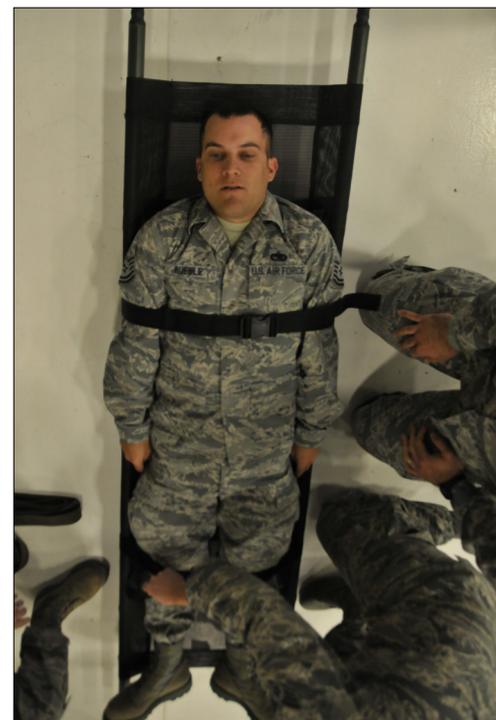
"This training can and will save lives if needed one day," Redding said. "It should be that automatic reflex that comes from training, practicing and exercising."

The rodeo is scheduled to be held quarterly to refresh the skills of approximately 80 people per event. By training approximately 320 personnel per year, the wing will keep all its members fully qualified in a three-year time period.



Airmen assigned to the 188th Wing cordon a simulated unexploded ordnance during an expeditionary skills rodeo at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. An ESR will be conducted quarterly to ensure Airmen maintain current on self-aid and buddy care training and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/released)

Tech. Sgt. Phyllis Wright and Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Slaughter review a map before conducting a simulated post attack reconnaissance sweep during an expeditionary skills rodeo at Ebbing Air National Guard Base Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. An ESR will be conducted quarterly to ensure Airmen maintain currency on self-aid and buddy care training and chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear training. Wright and Slaughter are assigned to the 188th Force Support Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/released)



Tech. Sgt. Jeremy Ruehle lies down on a stretcher as fellow Airmen from the 188th Wing secure him with straps during an expeditionary skills rodeo at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 7, 2014. The goal of the event was to refresh the 188th members' chemical survival and self-aid buddy care skills. Ruehle is assigned to the 223rd Intelligence Support Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. John Suleski/released)

Safety preparation critical to weathering winter

**Commentary by Airman 1st Class
Greggorey Brewer**
188th Emergency Management Flight

With the winter months approaching, it is very important that you plan and prepare for the upcoming cold weather to make sure you keep you and your family safe from the elements. Here are some cold weather tips, as well as some resources, that will prove beneficial when dealing with the winter weather.

Prepare your home for winter by listening to weather forecasts, checking and restocking your emergency supplies, having your chimney inspected every year, weather proof your home and bring your pets indoors during the winter if at all possible. If not, then be sure to provide an adequate warm shelter. Also, if you are using a fire place or wood stove for emergency heat, be sure to install a smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector and test the batteries every month.

Prepare your car for winter by keeping your vehicle fueled and making sure it is running prop-

erly and have an emergency supply kit stored in your vehicle that is separate from the one used for your home. Be sure to check your antifreeze, windshield wiper fluid, winter time mixture, heater, defroster, brakes and brake fluid, tires (air pressure and wear), oil, battery and radiator.

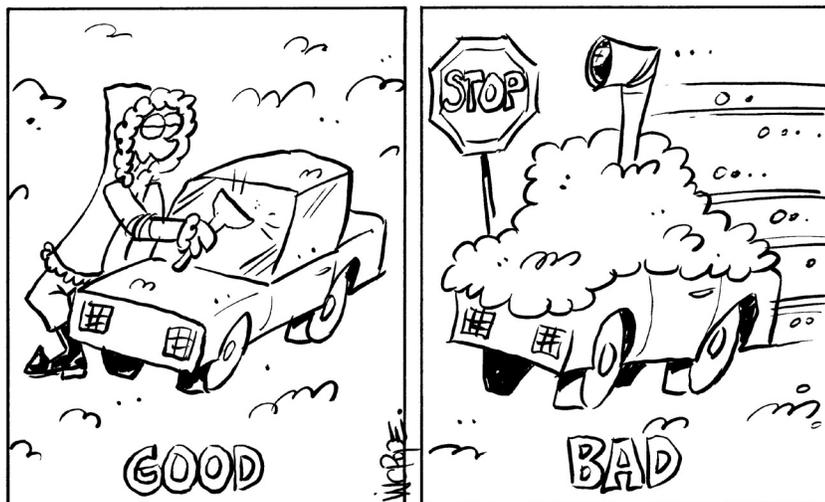
Useful weather resources include www.beready.af.mil (Air Force "Be Ready"), www.redcross.org (Red Cross), www.ready.gov/winter (federal emergency management agency) and www.nws.noaa.gov/om/winter (National Weather Service).

You may also use the Air Force emergency management "Be Ready" mobile app and the winter survival kit smartphone app. The Air Force emergency management "Be Ready" mobile app was designed as an on-the-go source for emergency hazard information and preparation guides. It has a family evacuation plan

that you can tailor to your needs. It's pre-loaded with emergency numbers and sites like the Federal Emergency Management Agency and Red Cross. You can also add your own emergency contacts and local agencies. The winter survival kit smartphone app will help you find your current location, call 911, notify your friends and family, calculate how long you can run your engine to keep warm and stay safe from carbon monoxide poison-

ing. The app is available for free on Google Play and the iTunes App Store.

Please remember to plan and prepare for the winter months ahead. You don't want it to be you or your family that is stranded without supplies or any idea of what to do during a winter emergency. Hopefully the information above has made you more aware and confident on how to be prepared this winter.



For safety sake, scrape and clean all of your vehicles windows for 100 percent visibility. (U.S. Air Force cartoon)

NGAA/EAANG Scholarships available

Fifty \$750 college scholarships will be awarded by National Guard Association of Arkansas and Enlisted National Guard Association of Arkansas 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 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 Jan. 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.





New recruiting storefront opens in Fort Smith

By Capt. Holli Nelson
188th Wing Public Affairs

Recruiters from the Arkansas Air National Guard Joint Force Headquarters enhanced their presence in the area with the grand opening of their newest recruiting office Dec. 4, 2014, at the Green Point shopping center in downtown Fort Smith.

The newly constructed office will offer citizens in local communities an opportunity to meet face to face with an Air National Guard recruiter to discuss career options at Ebbing Air National Guard Base's 188th Wing and Little Rock Air Force Base's 189th Airlift Wing. The project, which has been in the works for over a year, was developed in an effort to reach recruiting and retention goals for the Arkansas ANG and make reaching a recruiter easier for those wishing to join the Air Force.

Master Sgt. Keith Freeman, Tech. Sgt. Eric Martin, Tech. Sgt. Jeff Matthews, Staff Sgt. Eric McGriff and Tech. Sgt. Mandy Denhardt represented the JFHQ recruiting and retention office at the ceremony Thursday and spoke about their excitement for the newest storefront in the Green Point shopping center.

"This is the first time in the 188th's history that we have had a recruiting office outside of the



Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch, commander of the Arkansas Air National Guard, cuts the ceremonial ribbon Dec. 4, 2014, at the grand opening ceremony for the new Arkansas ANG recruiting storefront at Green Point shopping center in Fort Smith, Ark. Air National Guard recruiting and retention representatives from locations in Little Rock, Fayetteville and Fort Smith, Ark., joined members of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce to commemorate the first off-base recruiting office in Fort Smith, Ark., in the 188th Wing's history. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/released)

unit," said Tech. Sgt. Eric Martin, recruiting office supervisor. "I know this will give us a better opportunity to reach out to the community members here in the area and fill the roles needed to accomplish our new mission."

The 188th recently converted from a manned to unmanned flying mission in June of 2014. The new wing mission requires a robust skillset for the members who serve at the 188th and recruiters are actively seeking candidates in the intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, communications, remotely piloted aircraft, and other additional support career fields. The 189th AW serves alongside their active duty counterparts at Little Rock AFB flying the C-130 airlift mission. The new Arkansas recruiting station serves to place the most

qualified candidates for service at the 188th and 189th to carry on the tradition of excellence for the Arkansas ANG.

"There is a realm of outstanding people in the Fort Smith community who are qualified to serve in these great units," said Chief Master Sgt. Eddie McElyea, recruiting and retention superintendent for the Arkansas ANG. "This new storefront will definitely help spread the word in the community about the great benefits of the Arkansas Air National Guard."

Recruiters around the ANG work to inspire, engage and recruit the brightest, most competitive and diverse men and women for service in America's Air Force. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and by appointment only on Saturdays. For more information on opportunities at the 188th Wing, please call 1-(479)-573-5147 or 1-(479)-573-5138 or for the Northwest Arkansas area, please call 1-(479)-571-3600.



188th Wing promotions

To 1st Lieutenant
Nathan Crider
Christopher Gerber



To Chief Master Sergeant
Brenda Herring



To Senior Master Sergeant
Robert Haag II
Joshua Rich



To Master Sergeant
Ronald Bobbitt
Scott Remler
Roderic Ventresca
John Wilson
Bryan Sutton



To Technical Sergeant
Rachel Ponder
Corey Sharp



To Staff Sergeant
Troy Birge
Matthew Bugg



To Senior Airman
James Harps IV



To Airman 1st Class
Daron Robertson





188th Wing gift drive ensures happy holidays for local youth



Master Sgt. Katrina Kinnard of the 188th Wing, right, and members of the Arkansas Department of Human Services gather gifts at the 188th Wing, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 8, 2014. Members of the 188th Wing sponsored more than 75 children, ensuring a happy holiday for local kids in need. The gifts were all purchased by 188th Wing members. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)

Undergraduate pilot training board

The 188th Wing will conduct an Undergraduate pilot training 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 May 2015, 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 Feb. 7, 2015. The deadline for applications is Jan. 9, 2015. For a complete list of requirements or additional information email Tech. Sgt. Jeff Mathews at william.mathews@ang.af.mil or call 479-806-5191.



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

Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

Saturday Jan. 10

Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, green beans, yellow cake with chocolate icing, ice cream, tea, coffee and milk

Sunday Jan. 11

Loin pork chops, steamed brown rice, brown gravy, cauliflower, corn on the cob, ice cream, coffee, tea, and milk

Short-order line both days

Hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dogs, chili dogs, baked beans, nacho cheese, assorted chip, coffee, tea, and milk

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



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Tool to safeguard personal identifiable information scheduled for December rollout Air Force-wide

24th Air Force Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND, Texas—The Digital Signature Enforcement Tool is scheduled for Air Force-wide integration Dec. 5, providing Microsoft Outlook email users with an interactive, automated virtual assistant to help ensure the security of personally identifiable information

“I can’t overstate the operational importance of preventing PII breaches,” said Maj. Gen. B. Edwin Wilson, commander of 24th Air Force and Air Forces Cyber. “It’s not an IT problem, it’s a Total Force problem and DSET is an effective tool the Total Force can use, right now, to help reduce inadvertent PII breaches.”

Beyond potential identity theft, PII breaches can lead to significant compromises in operational security. For example, a well-meaning member working to meet an operational deadline sends an unencrypted email, containing PII on several unit members, to a “non .mil” email account. The sender could be attempting to get ahead on a project or be providing a status update to unit members on pending unit movements. Unknown to the sender, hackers have compromised email transport infrastructure between the sender’s desktop and one of the destination, “non .mil” desktops. Hackers intercepting this unencrypted email traffic can utilize the newly acquired personal information to form specifically targeted attacks, known as spear phishing, to acquire additional information such as account numbers or passwords. Unfortunately the attack does not stop there. Once an attacker has acquired enough information, he can simulate user accounts or even pass off communications on behalf of the service member, who is likely still unaware that his information has been compromised. Those false communications could be leveraged to gain digital access to Air Force systems, or even physical access to installations and personnel. Obviously, the negative implications caused by PII breaches are severe, and equipping the force with tools to mitigate the

risk is paramount.

DSET version 1.6.1, an updated version of the DSET 1.6.0 software already in use by the Air National Guard, Air Force Reserve Command, and Air Force Space Command, contains fixes for some previously identified software bugs as well as enhancements to make the digital tool more effective.

“DSET 1.6.0 launched back in July to three major commands,” said Alonzo Pugh, cyber



The Digital Signature Enforcement Tool is scheduled for Air Force-wide integration Dec. 5, 2014, providing Microsoft Outlook email users with an interactive, automated virtual assistant to help ensure the security of personally identifiable information. (Courtesy graphic)

business system analyst for 24th AF. “Feedback has been overwhelmingly favorable for the use of the tool, and version 1.6.1 is definitely ready for Air Force-wide usage.”

DSET is regarded as a short-term fix to help all Air Force network users protect PII, specifically if that information is to be included in an email communication. DSET 1.6.1 still only scans for PII in the form of social security numbers, leaving overall responsibility on the user to safeguard the sensitive information in all of its forms.

“First, the user should ask him or herself if the PII in the email is truly necessary,” said Pugh. “DSET scans the email draft before transmission. If PII is identified, DSET will notify the user through a series of pop-up windows. This interactivity allows the user to make a conscious decision of how to proceed with the information in question.”

According to Pugh, if the information must be transmitted, encrypting the PII is all

that is necessary to protect the data during transmission. DSET will trigger when it detects potential PII in an email, giving the user the opportunity to delete the information if not necessary to the communication, encrypt the information, or override and transmit the email as originally written.

If the file containing PII is already encrypted – through the Microsoft Office “protect” permission feature or some other software – DSET will not trigger and the email can be sent as usual to any recipient’s email address, whether “.mil,” “.com,” etc. However, if the email itself is encrypted through Microsoft Outlook, the communication is only safe to transmit to a recipient’s “.mil” email address. An email encrypted in this fashion cannot be sent to any “non-.mil” addresses. If the user attempts to do so, DSET and Microsoft Outlook will provide pop-up boxes explaining the user’s options.

“I can’t overstate the importance of reading the information in the pop-up box,” said Pugh. “Read the training materials on the use of DSET; read the training slides on how to use Microsoft Office features to encrypt various documents; understand how these tools can help you safeguard PII.”

In preparation for the Air Force-wide release of DSET, you can access training at:

DSET tutorials: <https://afpki.lackland.af.mil/tutorials/dset/>

DSET Quick Reference Guide: 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/>

More information regarding DSET implementation can be found at: <http://www.24af.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123417788>

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 Lt. Col. Mitch Long
 Maj. Jeremiah Gentry

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 Senior Master Sgt. Edgar Mahan
 Senior Master Sgt. Bradley Boese

NCO Category

 Tech. Sgt. Karen Fletcher
 Tech. Sgt. Briane McCaslin
 Tech. Sgt. Thomas Van Dorple Jr.

Airman Category

 Senior Airman Carolina Osorio
 Airman 1st Class Cody Hixon

Outstanding Service Certificates
Officer Category

 Capt. Holli Nelson
 2nd Lt. Phillip Stevens

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 Senior Master Sgt. Marcus N. Booker
 Senior Master Sgt. Joel A. McDonald
 Master Sgt. Mark S. Allen
 Master Sgt. Lisa D. Applegate
 Master Sgt. Elizabeth A. Beckman
 Master Sgt. Marc R. Janis
 Master Sgt. Timothy A. Lenahan
 Master Sgt. Brian L. Mays
 Master Sgt. Franklin C. Petray
 Master Sgt. Joy B. Wright

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 Tech. Sgt. Mark Barger
 Tech. Sgt. Christopher Cooper
 Tech. Sgt. William Kendrick
 Staff Sgt. Eric Green
 Staff Sgt. Bradly Lauwers
 Staff Sgt. Michael Wilmoth

Airman Category

 Senior Airman Matthew Bugg
 Senior Airman Richard Green
 Senior Airman Samuel Grounds
 Senior Airman Spencer Lewis
 Senior Airman John J. Mills
 Senior Airman Darin Mullens
 Airman 1st Class Clarke Hill
 Airman 1st Class Hannah Tripodi

Air Force Network migrations on way to 188th

By Maj. Kevin Garrett

188th Communications Flight commander

The 188th Wing will soon become the next Air National Guard unit to migrate its computer and users into a central Air Force Network. Over a six-week period beginning Feb. 16, 2015, technicians will begin migrating our workstations, network users and servers into the AFNET.

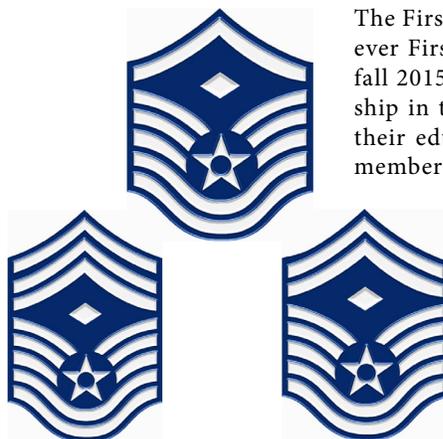
The AFNET migration project represents a major change to how computer networks are managed, and is one of the most complex Department of Defense technology initiatives ever attempted. The overall goal of AFNET migration was to collapse all individual or stand-alone Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard networks into the centralized AFNET. Until recently, Air Force units and organizations operated their own independent networks, which led to standardization and security problems, high operation and maintenance costs and a lack of enterprise-wide situational awareness. In short, no single organization or commander was responsible for the network. The AFNET migration project addresses these issues and places Air Force cyber operations under the operational control of a single commander. This approach will yield a significant improvement in the Air Force's ability to fight daily virus activity and malicious intrusion attempts. Additionally, AFNET migration will centralize

services like data storage, significantly improving network security and standardization. Finally, operational and training costs will be reduced through the elimination of redundant systems and services.

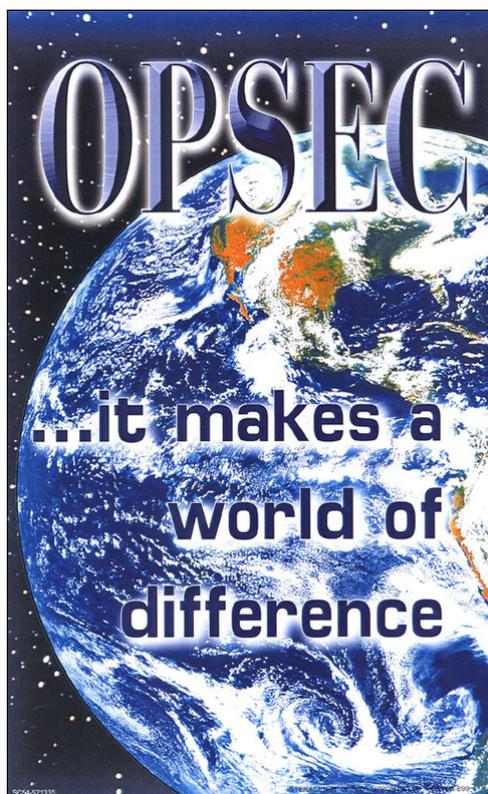
So how will migration affect members? Airmen will be able to log into their accounts from any AFNET computer worldwide without requesting and creating a new or additional account. This allows for easy access during deployments and temporary duties. Sites such as the Air Force Portal, Air Force Personnel Center and Defense Finance Accounting Service will also remain easily accessible regardless of duty location. The AFNET migration also delivers consolidated customer service helpdesk support via Information Assurance Officer Express, Enterprise Service Desk and the virtual ESD; all designed to serve as a one-stop shops for various common user problems.

As the 188th approaches its projected start date, a team of technicians from the 188th Communications Flight, the 299th Network Operations Support Squadron, the Air Force Network Integration Center and the 690th Cyber Operations Group will be busy preparing equipment and resources to facilitate the migration of nearly 1,000 users. To ensure a smooth transition to the AFNET, look for future 188th CF generated eAdvisories for additional migration related information.

First Sergeant Council scholarship available



The First Sergeant Council is honored to offer its first ever First Sergeant Council Scholarship Fund for the fall 2015 semester. The winner will receive a scholarship in the amount of \$250 to go towards furthering their education. There are two things to note. First, members and their direct family members are eligible for the scholarship. Second, the member must be a member of Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States. You can go to <http://eangus.site-ym.com/?page=AR> to join or renew your membership. All applications must be received by call of business Feb. 8, 2015. The winner will be selected and notified during the March unit training assembly.



Keep your focus on the future

Commentary By Lt. Col Herb Hodde
188th Wing chaplain

I was three weeks into my deployment and 72 hours into visiting various forward operating bases and contingency operating bases within my area of responsibility when it was determined it was time to head back home. The last sortie available put us on base at approximately 2 a.m. I egressed from the Black Hawk, made sure I had my ruck, checked to make sure the chaplain assistant with whom I worked was in sight and headed toward the transport. There were six of us in tow and little was said. I had two things on my mind, find my containerized housing unit and hit the sack.

As the tram pulled into the shelter we heard that all too familiar sound, an F-16. A few seconds later and we observed his, or her, Wingman right in place. Even four days without a shower couldn't erase the smile from my lips. No one seemed to notice the vast, dark,

immense sky. It was the biggest thing out there and yet we all ignored it. Our focus was on the little blue dot.

What does the year 2015 hold in store for you? Several will be off for training, in what will be some of the biggest challenges they will face. Some of you will be gone for months on end away from family and friends. The road will be uphill all the way and I can guarantee on more than one occasion you will be tempted to quit.

Where will you focus? Some will see only the starless sky. Others will see a ray of hope. Some will focus on the long hours, bad food and time spent away from family. Others will focus on the task at hand. One of the commanders at Travis Air Force Base

was fond of saying, "You know how you eat a big bowl of cereal? You eat one bite at a time."

I don't know what each is about to bring, but I do know who brings the day. My focus will be on the one who has called me knowing full well he will equip me. The task will not be easy, but the reward will be worth it if we keep our focus.



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 intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance center of excellence.

Get ahead of the winter freeze

By Staff Sgt. Eric Davey
188th Fire Department

Has the space heater been cranked up? Had to throw a log or two into the fireplace? Heating equipment is the leading cause of home fire deaths and nearly half of these occur between the months of December and February.

Stay safe this winter some simple steps, courtesy of the National Fire Protection Association. Test smoke alarms monthly. Keep flammable items at least three feet away from heating equipment such as a furnace, fireplace, wood stove or portable space heater. Have a kid-free zone of three feet around open fires and space heat-

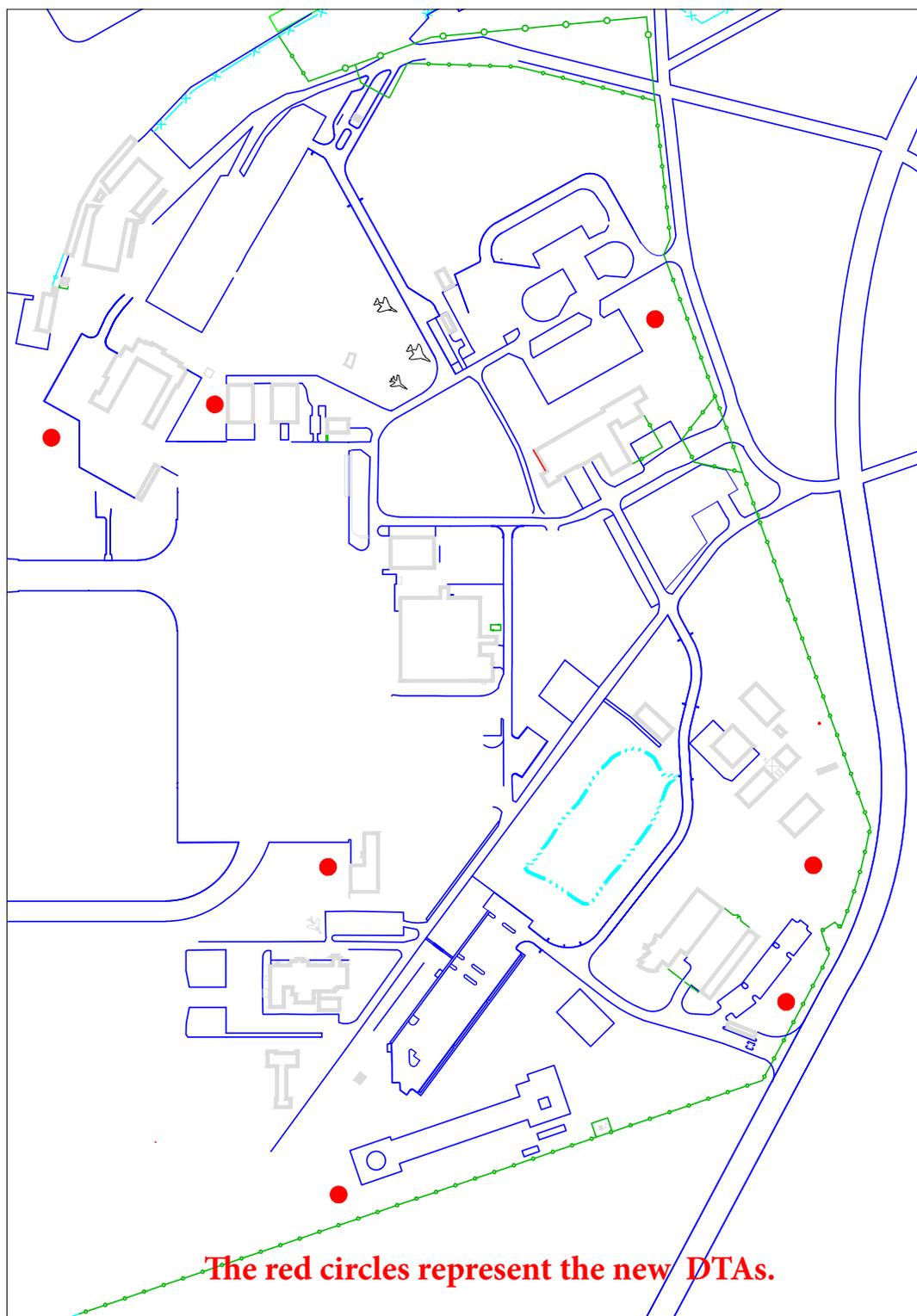
ers. Never use an oven to heat a home. Have a qualified professional install stationary space heating equipment, water heaters or central heating equipment according to the local codes and manufacturer's instructions. Have heating equipment and chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified professional. Be sure to turn portable heaters off when leaving the room or going to bed. Always use the appropriate fuel specified by the manufacturer for fuel burning space heaters. Ensure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to prevent sparks from flying into the home. Make sure ashes are cool before placing them in a metal container and keep the container a safe distance away from a home. These easy tips can help put a freeze on heating fires.



Relocation of designated tobacco areas is complete

The relocation of the designated tobacco areas has been completed, along with the design of a new DTA map for the base. The new DTA map is based off restrictions in accordance with Air Force Instruction 40-102 and identifies where tobacco may be used.

Each location is marked with a sign and cigarette receptacle. Tobacco users are responsible for keeping the DTAs clean and free of cigarette butts and debris.





188th Wing holds food drives for those in need



From left: 2nd Lt. Aaron Wolfe, Master Sgt. Jean Schnauffer, Senior Master Sgt. Lynn Slaughter and Tech Sgt. Patrick Crumby of the 188th Wing pose for a picture with food drive donations from a Thanksgiving food drive they coordinated at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Nov. 24, 2014. Over the last three weeks, members of the 188th Wing contributed food pantry donations to Camp Hope for Heroes to help veterans and their families that are either homeless or living in food-insecure conditions. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)



Staff Sgt. Kristi Whitcomb, 188th Civil Engineer Squadron commander support staff, stands with food donated by 188th CES members at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith Ark., Dec. 9, 2014. All food will be donated to the Fort Smith Food Bank. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/released)





Flying Razorback Flashback

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



President Richard M. Nixon visits the 188th Tactical Reconnaissance Group at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 6, 1969. While at the 188th, the president is presented with a plaque by Col. Edward Schneider, 188th TRG commander. The plaque reads, "It was our pleasure to host your visit to Fort Smith, Ark." (188th Public Affairs courtesy photo)

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