



# The Flying Razorback

188th Wing Arkansas Air National Guard

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## Come rain or shine

188th Wing weather forecasters key to new mission sets



*188th Airman receives Combat Action Medal 4*

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# Weathering a storm: 188th weather forecasters provide essential support to RPA mission

By Senior Airman Cody Martin  
188th Wing Public Affairs

Pilots in the Air National Guard must be aware of a number of different factors when they fly; however, one of the biggest variables to consider is the weather. To combat the unpredictable, the ANG has weather forecasters to keep pilots informed of conditions in real time helping to play a vital role in ensuring flight plans are as safe as possible. As part of the mission conversion here, weather forecasters are preparing to switch gears for a new type of pilot and plane, the MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft.

Weather specialists in the ANG are responsible for predicting weather patterns and preparing forecasts to brief pilots and commanders on weather conditions, which can often make the difference between performing a mission or standing down.

Before the conversion to an RPA, targeting and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance mission, 188th Wing weather forecasters predicted weather patterns for A-10C Thunderbolt II "Warthog" pilots.

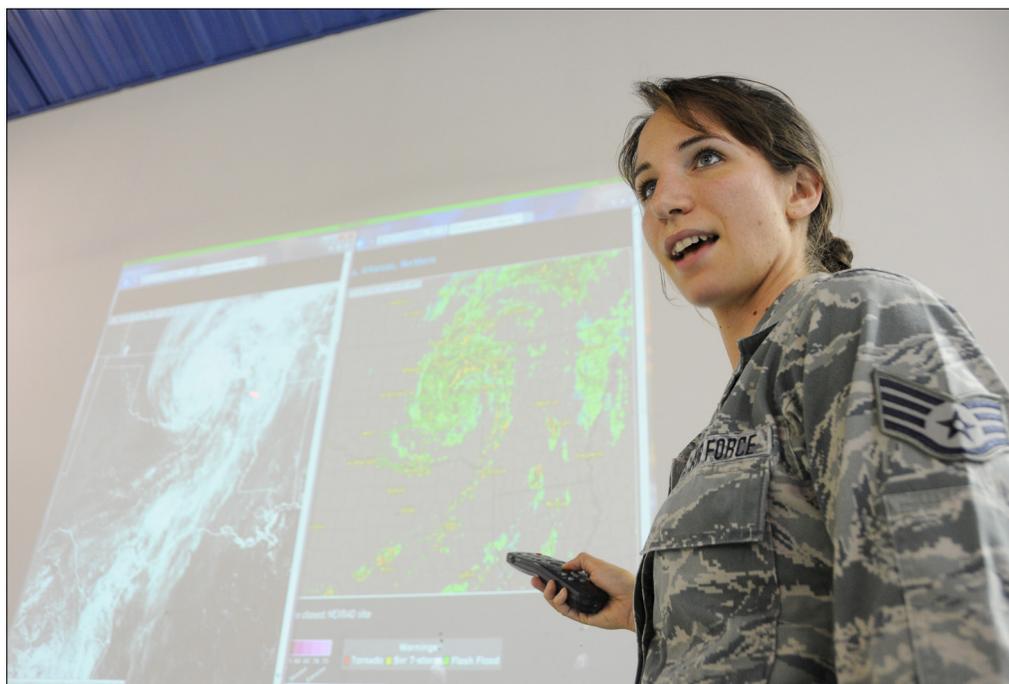
"The good thing with the RPA is you get live feed," said Tech. Sgt. Joseph Williams, weather forecast specialist. "You can use that to your advantage and see storms rolling in or see what level the clouds are at and adjust your forecast for that."

A unique advantage that the RPA provides is with its live feed. The live feed can be viewed on multiple monitors during flight, providing a distinct accessibility. Pilots of the A-10 can contact forecasters via radio, but it does not provide the efficiency of live feed that can be analyzed during an RPA pilot's flight.

"One of the advantages [sensors] provide is that it gives us more eyes in the sky," said Staff Sgt. Jennifer Burgos, weather forecast apprentice.

Weather specialists have to be cautious of the affect weather can have on RPAs. Winds, sand/dust storms, icing and other types of weather can impact how any aircraft, RPA or traditionally manned, might conduct its mission. Overseas, weather forecasters pool satellite data to determine negative impacts to the mission due to weather.

"Satellite may be one of our only tools overseas, but it's an amazing tool to have," Williams expressed. "You can see what's going on in the atmosphere through all of our satellites which helps exponentially when it comes to mission planning



Staff Sgt. Jennifer Burgos, weather forecast apprentice, explains the effects of Tropical Depression Bill June 18, 2015, during a presentation provided at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Weather forecasters analyze weather conditions, prepare forecasts, issue weather warnings and brief weather information to pilots. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

and sharing information."

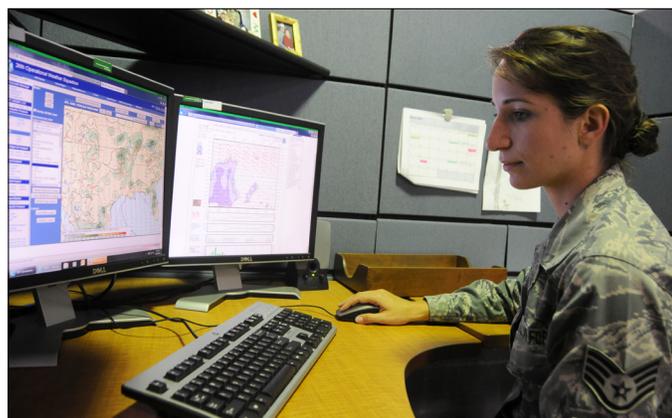
Face-to-face communication is a huge advantage to the ISR field that the 188th Wing will be providing, and weather specialists will benefit just as much from this opportunity. Members of the 188th ISR Group will be housed in one building to enhance efficiency and accelerate the speed of information to the RPA pilots.

Weather forecasters at the 188th get the unique chance to obtain information on the weather the pilot is flying in and either walk over or speak through the radio to get that critical information to them.

"It is a lot easier to get pilots information because everybody knows that weather changes rapidly in any location, here or overseas," Williams stated. "If you have a pilot who's flying a mission thousands of miles away and you can walk over or get on your radio and talk to the pilot about what you

just saw, it is a huge benefit and can save assets."

The mission of weather specialists within the 188th and the Air National Guard is essential to pilots and their aircraft in completing key mission objectives. Their success shows that the ANG is an inseparable part of the total force and a proven choice for the warfight.

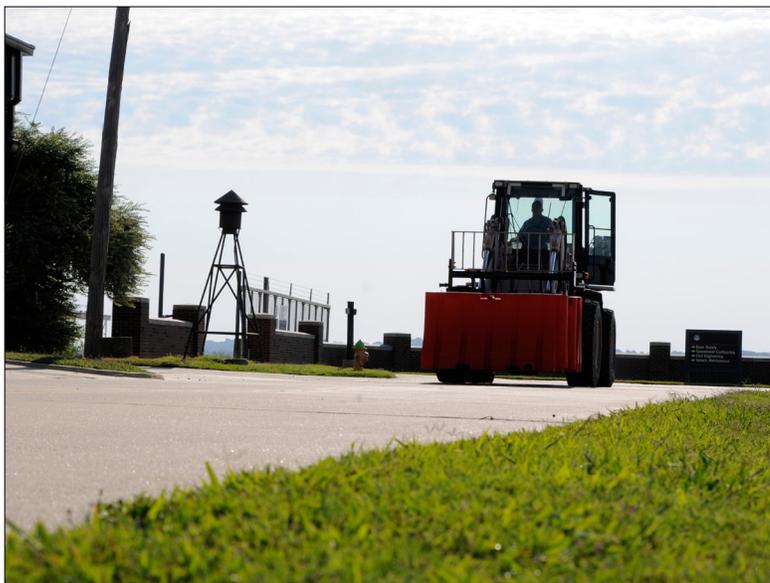


Staff Sgt. Jennifer Burgos, weather forecast apprentice, analyzes satellite and radar data June 6, 2015 during the approach of Tropical Depression Bill at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Weather forecasters analyze weather conditions, prepare forecasts, issue weather warnings and brief weather information to pilots. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



# 188th rehearses antiterrorism, force protection skills in exercise

Tech. Sgt. Sam Miller hauls barriers during an antiterrorism, force protection exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark., Sept. 15, 2015. Antiterrorism, force protection exercises help strengthen the wing by assessing capabilities and asses of the force. Barriers are placed to keep all mission essential assets protected from an enemy breach. Miller is a Rapid Engineer Deployable Heavy Operational Repair Squadron Engineer (REDHORSE) Training Center instructor assigned to the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/Released)



Airman 1st Class Connor Cawthon and Airman 1st Class Grant Lowe fill barriers with water during an antiterrorism, force protection exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark., Sept. 15, 2015. Barriers are placed to keep all mission essential assets protected from an enemy breach. Cawthon and Lowe are assigned to the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron Fire Protection office. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/Released)

Members of the 188th Security Forces Squadro and 188th Civil Engineer Squadron execute a barrier plan during an antiterrorism, force protection exercise held Sept. 15, 2015, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark. Antiterrorism, force protection exercises help strengthen the wing by assessing capabilities and asses of the force. Barriers are placed to keep all mission essential assets protected from an enemy breach. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/Released)



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**On our cover:** Tech. Sgt. Joseph Williams, weather forecaster, uses the Kestrel 4500NV pocket weather tracker at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., to measure wind, temperature, dew point, and other atmospheric elements of Tropical Storm Bill June 6, 2015. Weather forecasters analyze weather conditions, prepare forecasts, issue weather warnings and brief weather information to pilots. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

# 188th's Brown receives Air Force Combat Action Medal

**By Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson**  
188th Public Affairs

Master Sgt. William Brown of the 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron, was presented an Air Force Combat Action Medal by 188th Wing commander, Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, during a commander's call Sept. 19, 2015.

Brown received his AFCAM for his active participation in combat, having been under direct and hostile fire in connection with military operations.

During his deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, more than 10 years ago, Brown was assigned to the Army's 917th Corps Support Group, 1058th Gun Truck Detachment as a gun truck commander where he was responsible for essential communications between convoy commanders, gun truck crews and other gun trucks in Tikrit, Iraq.

On June 3, 2005, Brown's supply truck convoy was transporting mission critical supplies and third country nationals from forward operating base Speihcher to Logistic Support Area Anaconda in Iraq via the main supply route Tampa. During this time, Brown's vehicle encountered enemy personnel in the passing lane who engaged the convoy with AK-47 automatic rifles that impacted Brown's truck cab leading up to the turret and narrowly missed the windows and all personnel inside the vehicle.

The Air Force Combat Action Medal was presented Sept. 19, 2015, to Master Sgt. William Brown at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The AFCAM was established on March 15, 2007 to recognize any military member of the Air Force who actively participated in combat. Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, bestowed the award to Brown for his active participation in combat, having been under direct and hostile fire in connection with military operations. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



Master Sgt. William Brown was presented the Air Force Combat Action Medal Sept. 19, 2015, during commander's call at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. As a gun truck commander in Iraq, Brown was responsible for a supply convoy that was fired upon by enemy personnel on June 3, 2005. Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, bestowed the award to Brown for his active participation in combat, having been under direct and hostile fire in connection with military operations. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

The gunner was unable to return fire at the time due to the risk of collateral damages with the civilian population in the area.

After the attack ended Brown quickly

assessed the situation, found no injuries in his team members and expeditiously radiated in his report detailing the enemy contact containing critical information for the quick reaction force team to locate the insurgent vehicle.

The 188th Wing expressed its appreciation for Brown's heroism and meritorious service in Iraq during the commander's call, where he received a standing ovation from the crowd.

"This is the first time in my career that I've had the privilege of giving out a combat action medal and I'm astounded by the heroes who walk among us," Doorenbos said. "Thank you for your service and heroism during that time. It's such an honor to be able to recognize those who are deserving of such awards and we are proud to have you as a member of this wing."

Brown was joined by his wife and family for the award presentation. He is one of a select few 188th Wing members to be presented the AFCAM since the start of the global war on terror in 2001.



# 188th announces Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter

**By Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson and Senior Airman Cody Martin**  
188th Wing Public Affairs

Five Airmen from the 188th Wing were recognized as Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter during a commander's call Sept. 19, 2015 by Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander.

The Outstanding Airman of the Quarter program was restored to recognize individuals who distinguished themselves by exemplifying leadership and performance skills, self-improvement and physical fitness as well as base and community involvement. Senior leaders reviewed 18 nomination packages to select the recipients of the awards.

The winners were presented with a coin and a certificate and will have their portraits displayed in the 188th's Citizen Airman Dining Facility during the quarter.

To nominate Airmen for the next quarter, submit packages to 2nd Lt. Sam Grounds by Sept 24.

## 188th Wing Outstanding Airmen of the Quarter Field grade officer

Maj. Casey Eubanks, 188th Operations Support Squadron (not pictured)

### Company grade officer

2nd Lt. David Smith, 153rd Intelligence Squadron

### Senior non-commissioned officer

Master Sgt. Derrick Phillips, 153rd IS

### Non-commissioned officer

Staff Sgt. Sasha Gray, 188th Services Flight

### Airman

Airman 1st Class Tyler Price, 188th Communications Flight



Airman 1st Class Tyler Price, 188th Communications Flight, receives the Outstanding Airman of the Quarter award Sept. 20, 2015, from Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Price distinguished himself by exemplifying leadership and performance skills, self-improvement and physical fitness as well as with base and community involvement. Price was presented with a coin and a certificate. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



Staff Sgt. Sasha Gray, 188th Services Flight, receives the Outstanding Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter award Sept. 20, 2015, from Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Gray distinguished herself by exemplifying leadership and performance skills, self-improvement and physical fitness as well as with base and community involvement. Gray was presented with a coin and a certificate. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



Master Sgt. Derrick Phillips, 153rd Intelligence Squadron, receives the Outstanding Senior Non-Commissioned Officer of the Quarter award Sept. 20, 2015, from Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Phillips distinguished himself by exemplifying leadership and performance skills, self-improvement and physical fitness as well as with base and community involvement. Phillips was presented with a coin and a certificate. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



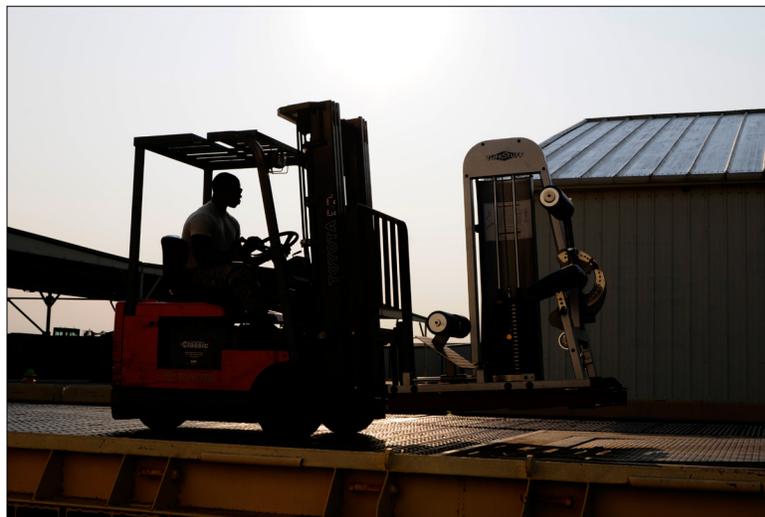
2nd Lt. David Smith, 153rd Intelligence Squadron, receives the Outstanding Company Grade Officer of the Quarter award Sept. 20, 2015, from Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Smith distinguished himself by exemplifying leadership and performance skills, self-improvement and physical fitness as well as with base and community involvement. Smith was presented with a coin and a certificate. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



Nominees for the Outstanding Airman of the Quarter pose for a photo Sept. 19, 2015 during commander's call at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The Outstanding Airman of the Quarter program was restored to recognize individuals who distinguished themselves by exemplifying leadership and performance skills, self-improvement and physical fitness as well as base and community involvement. Airman 1st Class Tyler Price, Staff Sgt. Sasha Gray, Master Sgt. Derrick Phillips, 2nd Lt. David Smith and Maj. Casey Eubanks (not pictured) received the award for their respective group of ranks. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



# Pack and ship: 188th LRS preps equipment for DRMO



Staff Sgt. Richard Green loads gym equipment onto a truck, Aug. 26, 2015, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Ark. The equipment will be taken to Defense Reutilization and Marketing Office in Hooks, Texas. Green is assigned to the 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Hannah Dickerson/Released)

## Recruiting Report: Upcoming pilot board

There will a pilot board for those interested in becoming pilots on Dec. 5, 2015. The packages are due to Tech. Sgt. Jeff Mathews no later than close of business Nov. 13, 2015.



For questions about package requirements please contact Mathews at [william.j.mathews22.mil@mail.mil](mailto:william.j.mathews22.mil@mail.mil) or 479-573-5147.



## Nutrition specialist visits 188th Wing



Lori Tubbs, human performance nutritionist, discusses the importance of a healthy diet with members of the 188th Wing Aug. 26, 2015, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The information provided by Tubbs includes dietary supplement red flags, eating a rainbow assortment of foods, performance nutrition fundamentals. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

## 188th Wing announces human resource advisor vacancy

The 188th Wing is anticipating a vacancy for the position of human resource advisor. This is a senior master sergeant (E-8) position that could be filled by any current drill status Guardsman senior master sergeant, or a promotable master sergeant. The human resource advisor is appointed by the wing commander and is a member of the Wing Staff. The human resource advisor's role is to advise leadership on issues leading to the enhancement of the organization's culture; promoting opportunities for all Air National Guard members to maximize their individual potential for success without regard to their cultural differences. Those interested should provide a letter of intent, resume, current physical fitness score and RIP to Chief Master Sgt. Stephen Bradley, 188th Wing Command Chief. This advertisement will close Nov. 8, 2015. A recommendation board will be scheduled during the December 2015 Unit Training Assembly.



# The Flying Razorback member spotlight

## Staff Sgt. Tony Overstreet



- Favorite book:** Bible
- Favorite author:** Louis L'Amour
- Favorite song:** "Soul on Fire" by Third Day
- Favorite musical group:** Third Day
- Favorite word or phrase:** "Holy mackerel Batman"
- Favorite super hero:** Superman
- Favorite U.S. President:** Ronald Regan
- Favorite historical figure:** Wyatt Earp
- Favorite sport:** College football
- Favorite pro sports team:** New Orleans Saints
- Favorite sports individual:** Drew Brees
- Favorite college team:** Louisiana State University
- My worst job ever:** Working in chicken houses
- Place I'd most like to visit:** Alaska
- Favorite cartoon character:** Bugs Bunny
- Favorite automobile:** Duramax Chevrolet
- My first car was:** 1971 Dodge Duster
- My worst habit:** Procrastination
- I am proudest of:** My wife and children
- What scares me the most:** Not being the best I can be
- The person I admire most:** Mom
- The best day of my life:** Wedding day
- Favorite moment at the 188th:** Pinning my wife during her promotion ceremony to Senior Airman

- Hometown:** Mansfield, Arkansas
- Job title:** Supervisory deputy
- Civilian job:** U.S. Marshals Service
- In the 188th:** 2013
- Education:** Associate of Arts degree
- Hobbies:** Fishing and hunting
- Goals:** To be 1st sergeant
- Favorite TV show:** "Everybody loves Raymond"
- Favorite actor:** Matt Damon
- Favorite animal:** Dog
- Favorite comedian:** Jeff Foxworthy
- Favorite movie:** "Groundhog Day"
- Favorite restaurant:** Texas Roadhouse
- Favorite drink:** Coffee
- Favorite foods:** Barbeque and steak

Staff Sgt. Tony Overstreet, 188th Force Support Squadron customer service representative, inputs data in 188th Wing personnel records at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., Sept. 20, 2015. Overstreet was selected for the October 2015 The Flying Razorback spotlight. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

# Calling all 188th senior noncommissioned officers

The 188th Top 3 is coming back. The Top 3 is a professional organization for senior noncommissioned officers. The purpose of this organization is to enhance personnel morale, increase interaction between base personnel, promote spirit de corps, promote mentoring of Airmen, promote social programs for enlisted service members, promote enlisted activities within the 188th Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base, raise funds for projects and provide support to the 188th commanders.

See your 1st sergeant, superintendent or chief for more details. The unit would like to see all SNCOs be a part of the Top 3.



# Expeditionary Skills Rodeo enhances 188th Airman readiness



Senior Airman Keenan Wallace, 188th Civil Engineer Squadron emergency manager, and Senior Airman James McFerron, 188th CES emergency manager, instruct Expeditionary Skills Rodeo trainees Sept. 20, 2015, on the importance of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear safety at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The ESR is a course designed to instruct Airmen on CBRN safety and self-aid buddy care techniques. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

## 188th Wing promotions

**To Technical Sergeant**  
Michael Wilmoth



**To Staff Sergeant**  
John Swearingen  
Peter Norcross  
Steven Horton



**To Senior Airman**  
Corey Smith  
Tyler Price



## 188th Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office



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**SAFE Helpline: 877-995-5247**



## 188th Wing slated to begin recruiting ambassador program

Arkansas Air Guard Recruiting Office

The 188th Wing is looking for a few good new recruits and needs help in finding them in the surrounding communities. Since the 188th Recruiting Office has three personnel, it relies on referrals and now support as a recruiting ambassador.

First and foremost, thank you to everyone for considering becoming a part of the RA program

at the 188th. New programs can be challenging because they need time to grow and adapt in order to achieve success.

What is an RA? An RA is a 188th member or volunteer who provides awareness to individuals and communities regarding the 188th Wing of the Arkansas Air National Guard. Recruiting ambassadors will strive to build strong, lasting relationships to es-

tablish positive connections and support as well as an increase the recruiting applicant pool.

Recruiter ambassadors are volunteers asked to supplement 188th recruiting efforts. Currently, recruiters strive to connect and build relationships with previously untapped high schools and communities. The majority of these high schools and communities are diverse. The 188th strong-

ly believes that diversity and inclusion will strengthen the wing and is the key to a bright future.

Air National Guard polos or t-shirts are provided for members to wear to all community events if they prefer not to wear the Airman Battle Uniform or service dress. If you are interested in joining the team please contact Master Sgt. Eric Martin at [eric.d.martin75.mil@mail.mil](mailto:eric.d.martin75.mil@mail.mil) or 479-573-5138.

## Surf's up: 188th FSS serves surf and turf meal to Flying Razorbacks



Senior Airman Antoine Leaks, 188th Force Support Squadron, prepares a surf and turf meal Sept. 20, 2015, by cooking steaks on a grill at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The 188th Wing's surf and turf meal is an annual tradition provided at the end of the fiscal year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



Tech. Sgt. Ricky Brown, 188th Force Support Squadron, prepares a surf and turf meal Sept. 20, 2015, by cooking steaks on a grill at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The 188th Wing's surf and turf meal is an annual tradition provided at the end of the fiscal year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)



Tech. Sgt. Ricky Brown and Senior Airman Antoine Leaks, both 188th Force Support Squadron members, prepare a surf and turf meal Sept. 20, 2015, by cooking steaks on a grill at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The 188th Wing's surf and turf meal is an annual tradition provided at the end of the fiscal year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin/Released)

# Halloween safety checklist

By **Tech. Sgt. James Fountain**  
17th Training Wing Safety Office

**GOODFELLOW AIR FORCE BASE, Texas** – Halloween is spooky, especially if you're a safety professional, or a mom. On Halloween, we let the kids do the things we tell them not to do 364 days of the year. We let the kids walk the streets at night. We tell them to take candy from strangers. We let them use sharp knives - to carve pumpkins. And then there are the candles and tripping hazards everywhere.

As this holiday creeps upon us, take a few minutes to review this checklist with your family.

## Costume safety

- Choose bright costumes or add strips of reflective tape for visibility
- Avoid costumes that are long and flowing to prevent trips and entanglements
- Avoid masks, scarves and hats that restrict vision; instead use non-toxic makeup or face paint
- Look for "flame resistant" or "flame retardant" labels on costumes and accessories
- Avoid high-heeled shoes and instead choose sturdy, well-fitting footwear

## Trick-or-treating safety

- Young trick-or-treaters should be accompanied by an adult
- Older kids who are trick-or-treating alone should plan their route with you
  - The route should be restricted to a neighborhood you know well
  - Older kids trick-or-treating alone should be clear about what time you expect them to be home

## Rules for trick-or-treaters

- Stay in groups of three or more
- Know where the "Block Parent" houses are located
- Cross at crosswalks
- Use the sidewalk
- Carry a flashlight, batteries and a cell phone, if you have one
- Try to keep one hand free at all times, for holding handrails or catching yourself if you trip
- Trick-or-treat only at homes that are well-lit
- Don't enter homes or apartments; the front door is as far as you need to go

- Don't use short-cuts through alleys, yards or parks
- Walk, don't run. Unseen objects on lawns or uneven terrain are tripping hazards
- Don't eat any treats until you've inspected them

## Safety at home

### Inside

- Don't let small children carve the pumpkin. Let them draw a face instead
- Use battery-powered jack o' lantern candles instead of real candles
  - Keep flammable decorations, such as dried flowers and cornstalks, well away from heat sources and open flames, including candles, light bulbs and portable heaters
  - Be sure that decorations don't block exits from your home
  - Examine all the candy your kids bring home, throwing out anything that's been opened, not in its original wrapping and homemade (if you don't know the source)
  - Watch also for any treats that might pose a choking hazard to children three years old and younger

### Outside

- Turn on your porch light
- Remove obstacles from your yard that could trip trick-or-treaters
- Sweep leaves off your sidewalk and steps
- Place lighted pumpkins on a sturdy surface, far from the reach (and costumes) of small trick-or-treaters

A final suggestion: ask the experts. Talk to your children about how to make Halloween safer and healthier. After all, they're the ones going out there. You might be surprised at what they notice. And the more you talk about safety with your family, the more they'll start to think about it themselves, too. Happy Halloween, everyone.



## Who's your Wingman

Commentary by **Michelle Pike**  
Airman and Family Readiness Office

The traditional military definition of a wingman refers to the pattern in which fighter jets fly. There is always a lead aircraft and another which flies off the right wing and behind the lead. This second pilot is called the wingman because he or she primarily protects the lead by watching their back.

In my tenure at the 188th Wing, I have had an opportunity to witness many members and their families step up and be good wingmen. For example, offering someone a ride when they may not be able to drive themselves, taking groceries to a family that has suffered a loss or just calling someone because you haven't seen them in a while and want to make sure they are okay.



Senior Master Sgt. Joshua Rich of the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron once asked me, "We all come to you with our problems, but who's your wingman?" At that moment in time he was my wingman, showing concern for my well-being. Who do I turn to when I need help? I turn to our first sergeants. What an amazing group of people! They are always willing to step up and help out when times get a little rough. The Chiefs Council liberally shares their knowledge and wisdom with me, sometimes even when I don't ask for it. The key volunteers help me brainstorm ideas and dilemmas and bring a wealth of love and compassion from the civilian side of the house. I also can't forget my colleagues in The Triangle of Triumph, the 188th Chaplain Office and Molly McHenry, 188th director of psychological health. They have been instrumental in navigating my path here at the 188th.

The older we get, the more life is going to knock us around. When you experience life's bumps and bruises, make sure to call your Wingman. If you or your family member need help, or has questions, the phone number for Airman and Family Readiness is 479-573-5167.



# Flying Razorback Flashback

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



Members of the 188th Security Forces Squadron provide town patrol while assigned to Kirkuk Regional Air Base, Iraq, March 14, 2006. The 188th SFS deployed 18 Airmen in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. (Courtesy photo)

## Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu



### Saturday, October 3

Tacos, chicken enchilada casserole, refried beans, black beans, Spanish rice, cheese dip, chips, churros, ice cream, coffee, tea and milk

### Sunday, October 4

Salisbury steak, cod fish, macaroni and cheese, peas, carrots, buttered rolls, apple pie, chocolate cake, ice cream, coffee, tea and milk

### Short order line both days

Hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog, chili dog, baked beans, chips and salad bar

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