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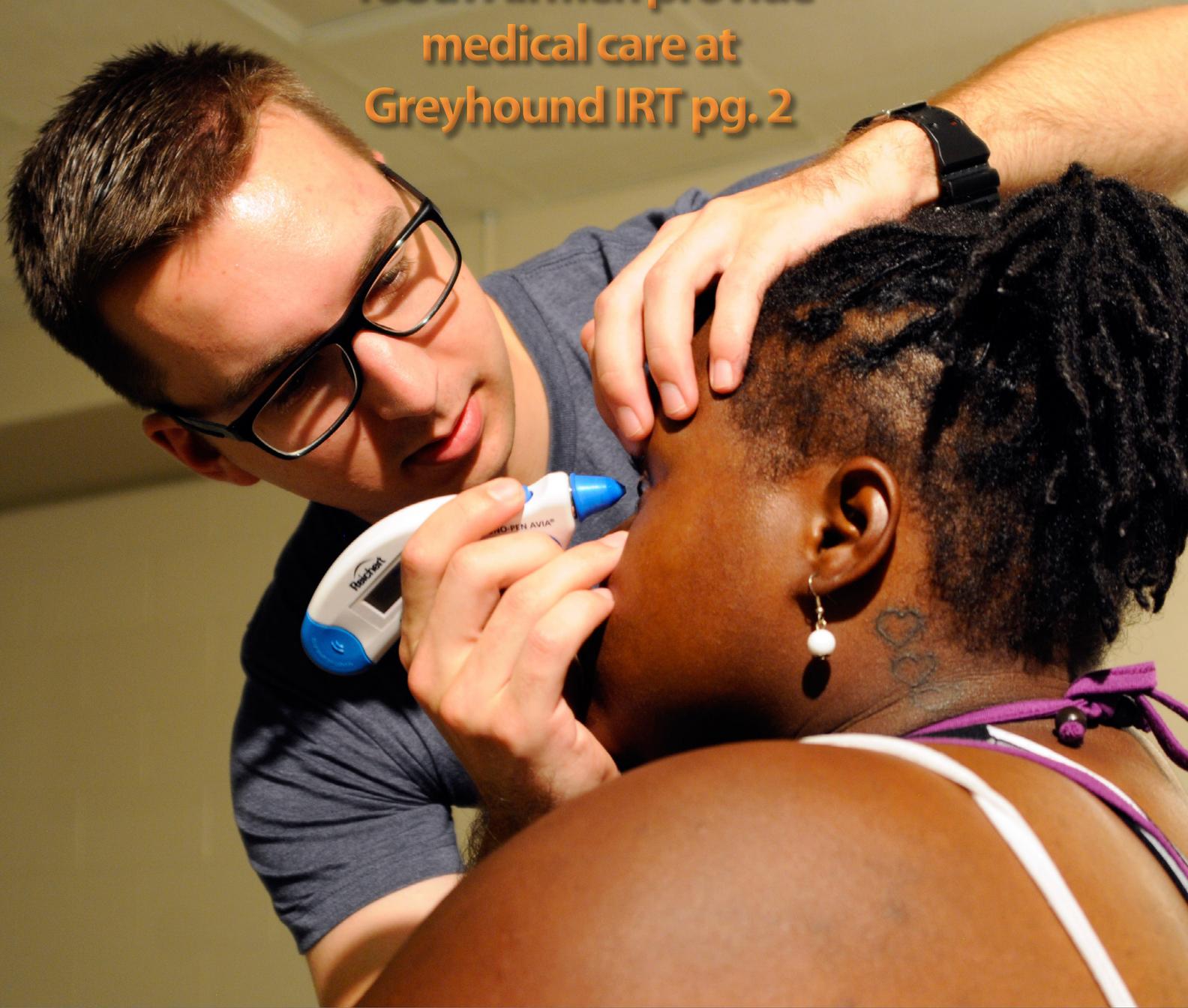
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188th Medical Group gain valuable experience during IRT Greyhound

By Senior Airman Cody Martin
188th Wing Public Affairs

The 188th Medical Group provided medical, dental and optometry care during Innovative Readiness Training Greyhound in West Memphis, Ark.

Greyhound was the largest IRT in Department of Defense history and provided health care to citizens within the delta region at no cost to patients.

“Overall it was a very successful mission,” said Lt. Col. Stephen Epperson, 188th MDG deputy commander. “It was a heartfelt mission to provide care to the citizens.”

The 188th MDG performed 15,512 total procedures throughout a 26-day period, serving 5,784 people.

The experience gained during the IRT will enhance 188th Wing members’ ability to provide quality medical care wherever they are needed.

“Our Airmen came and knocked it out of the park,” Epperson stated. “The IRT provided excellent training as a joint force with the other branches.”

Airmen from the 188th MDG and the 188th Force Support Squadron worked alongside the Army, Army Reserve, Navy and Navy Reserve.

“I’m very confident that our Airmen

would be able to step up and adapt well to a real world situation,” said Chief Master Sgt. Juan Gonzales, 188th MDG superintendent. “This training and our other previous experiences have proven that to me.”

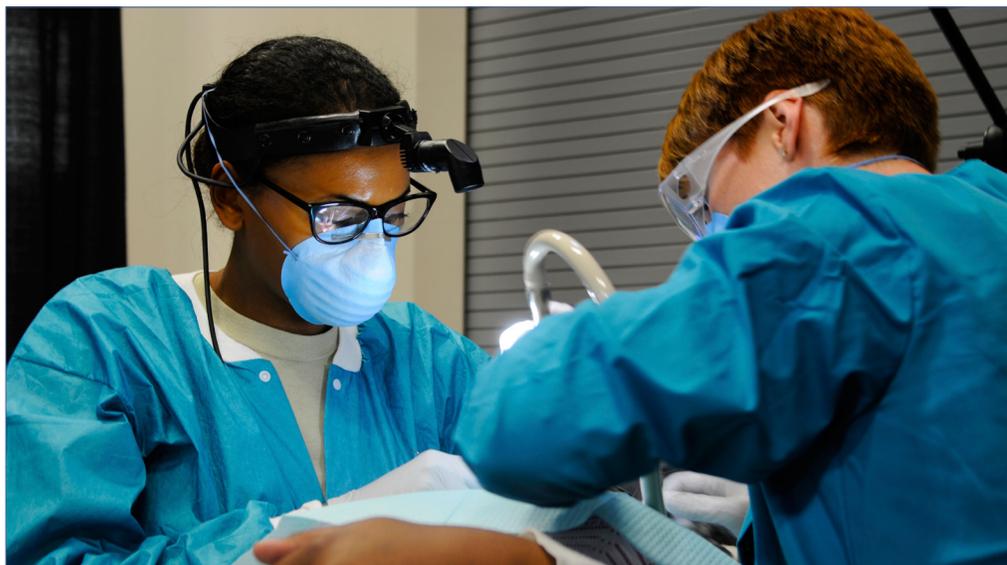
Four Army Commendation medals, 14 Army Achievement medals and numerous coins were awarded to 188th Wing Airmen at the conclusion of the IRT for their contributions.

“I’m incredibly proud of the 188th Airmen who participated in IRT Greyhound this year,” said Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander. “They



Senior Airman Hannah Martin, 188th Medical Group, checks a patient’s blood pressure June 13, 2016, during Innovative Readiness Training Greyhound at West Memphis, Ark. Greyhound was the largest IRT in Department of Defense history and provided health care to citizens within the delta region at no cost to them. The 188th MDG performed 15,512 total procedures throughout a 26-day period, serving 5,784 people. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Callie Koch)

excelled, as I knew they would, despite some very long days and challenging conditions, and were recognized for their above-and-beyond efforts by the organizers of the event. This exercise reiterates how our agile, highly skilled workforce can make an immediate and lasting impact in our communities.”



Senior Airman Karen Olds, 188th Medical Group dental assistant, right, and a dentist from the U.S. Army provide dental care to a patient June 10, 2016, during Innovative Readiness Training Greyhound at West Memphis, Ark. Greyhound was the largest IRT in Department of Defense history and provided health care to citizens within the delta region at no cost to them. The 188th MDG performed 15,512 total procedures throughout a 26-day period, serving 5,784 people. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Callie Koch)



Tech. Sgt. Timothy Booth, 188th Medical Group bioenvironmental engineer, sets up a RadeCo high Volume Air Sampler to evaluate natural occurring airborne background radiation levels as part of the Occupational Environmental Health Site Assessment (OESHA) June 13, 2016 during Innovative Readiness Training Greyhound at West Memphis, Ark. Greyhound was the largest IRT in Department of Defense history and provided health care to citizens within the delta region at no cost to them. The 188th MDG performed 15,512 total procedures throughout a 26-day period, serving 5,784 people. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Christie Allen)

Striving for excellence: Overcoming grief

Commentary by Col. Tom Smith

Arkansas Joint Force Headquarters command chaplain
and Molly McHenry

188th Wing director of psychological health

Grief is a normal part of life and always accompanies a sense of loss. Most of the time, we associate it with the death of a family member or friend. However, we can also experience it in the loss of a job, a divorce, pet, bodily limb, possession, etc.

"Grief is not a disorder, disease or sign of weakness; it is an emotional, physical and spiritual necessity, the price you pay for love," said Dr. Earl A. Grollman, author and rabbi of the Beth El Temple Center in Belmont, Mass.

That's why it's important to recognize the various stages of grief. These are not necessarily sequential. We may feel one or more of these at the same time.

However, the following five stages are a normal part of grief and knowing them will help us better work through our grief.

The first stage is denial. Whether the loss was sudden or gradual, there's still the tendency to deny its existence. The shock or sober reality of the loss makes us view it as a bad dream from which we'll wake up, even though we inwardly know we won't.

The second stage is anger. Any type of loss makes us feel like we've been robbed in some way. Consequently, we sometimes want to blame someone, for example the doctor, the one who passed or God, for causing our pain. Somehow we feel justified in being angry, though it won't change anything.

The third stage is bargaining. This feeling is very real when a loved one is sick. You're feeling desperate and want to change the situation by making promises to God or others, but to no avail.

The fourth stage is depression. When the grim reality sets in that nothing can be done or the loss has occurred, depression can set in. The sense of loss is overwhelming, which can lead to a sense of hopelessness and despair.

Finally, acceptance. Hopefully you'll reach this point where you realize you can't change things. The loss is real, therefore, you must simply accept it as so and seek to move on from there. For many folks, this usually occurs between six to 12 months after the loss.

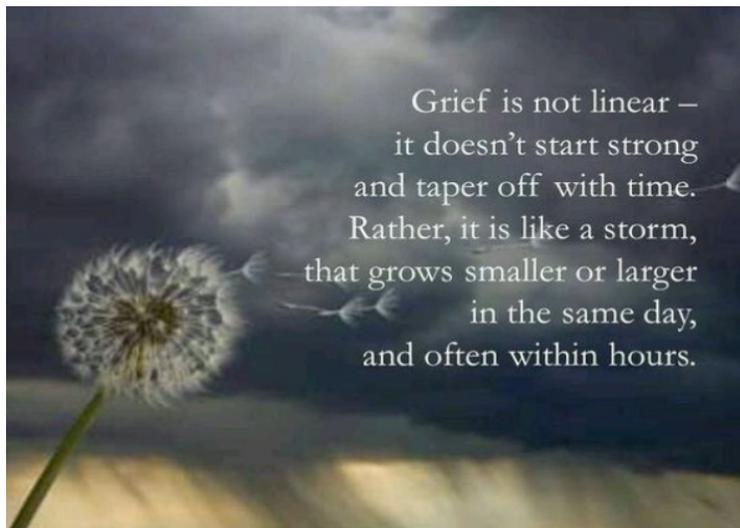
Someone once said, "You never get over grief; you simply work through it."

This is true. A significant loss so often leaves a big hole in your heart, but, with time and help from God or others, healing can take place.

Allowing others to walk with you through your grief is one of the best things you can do. Share your feelings with a trusted friend, pastor or counselor or join a grief support group. This will help you keep perspective and not feel so alone.

Grief is real but it's also a time for personal growth that can make us stronger.

If you are in need of assistance, please contact Molly McHenry, LCSW (DPH): 479-573-5742; Chaplain Tom Smith: 479-573-5541 or 318-918-9669; Chaplain Herb Hodde: 479-418-9287 or the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 800-273-8255.



Grief is not linear —
it doesn't start strong
and taper off with time.
Rather, it is like a storm,
that grows smaller or larger
in the same day,
and often within hours.



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Cover photo: Senior Airman Michael Wilkinson, 188th Medical Group, provides medical care to a patient June 8, 2016, during Innovative Readiness Training Greyhound at West Memphis, Ark. Greyhound was the largest IRT in Department of Defense history and provided health care to citizens within the delta region at no cost to them. The 188th MDG performed 15,512 total procedures throughout a 26-day period, serving 5,784 people. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Callie Koch)



The Flying Razorback member spotlight

Staff Sgt. Michelle Overstreet



Staff Sgt. Michelle Overstreet stands in front of the disaster response mobile kitchen trailer (DRMKT) Aug. 1, 2016, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Overstreet is the human resources assistant for the 188th Force Support Squadron and has been a member of the 188th Wing since 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

Hometown: Buford, Ohio

Job Title: Human resources assistant

Civilian job: Services technician

In the 188th: 2013

Hobbies: Shopping and reading

Favorite TV show: "The Middle"
Favorite actor and actress: Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh
Favorite animal: Horses
Favorite movie: "Gone with the Wind"
Favorite restaurant: Texas Roadhouse
Favorite soft drink: Fresh squeezed lemonade
Favorite food: Desserts
Favorite book: "Scarlet" by Marissa Meyer
Favorite super hero: Wonder Woman
Favorite U.S. President: Ronald Reagan
Favorite historical figure: George Washington
Favorite sport: Southeastern Conference football
Favorite college team: Auburn football team

My worst job ever: Sales position
My dream shopping spree: Unlimited money
Place I'd most like to visit: Italy
Favorite cartoon character: Tom and Jerry
My first car was: Toyota Corolla
My pet peeves: Disorganization
I am proudest of: My family
The person I admire most: My husband and daughters
The best day of my life: Marrying Tony and the births of our daughters and grandson
Favorite moment at the 188th: The day our youngest daughter Allison enlisted in the 188th
What do you like best about the 188th: My husband, daughter and I serving in the 188th



188th LRS officer position available

The 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron will be holding a selection board for a Logistic Readiness Officer (Air Force Specialty Code 21R). Applicants must have qualifying Air Force Officer Qualification Test scores, passing Air Force physical training scores, AF Form 24 and a current resume. In addition, applicants must possess a bachelor's degree or have completed at least 90 semester hours of post-secondary education with the ability to obtain a degree within one year. Packages are due to the 188th Recruiting Office no later than Sept. 18, 2016. We anticipate conducting the selection board during the October 2016 regularly scheduled drill. Please contact Master Sgt. Eric Martin, 188th Wing Recruiting Office, with questions at 479-573-5138 or email at eric.d.martin75.mil@mail.mil.

188th Airmen pie commanders' faces in Ebbing pool fundraiser



Col. Bob Kinney, 188th Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Group commander, gets pied by Master Sgt. Tom Shapley, 153rd Intelligence Squadron, during a fundraiser June 26, 2016, after drill to raise money for the base pool at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Airmen purchased raffle tickets for a chance to pie their commanders, raising over \$3,000 to help support the pool for Airmen and their families. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Matthew Matlock)

Dodroe takes reins as new commander of 188th Operations Group

By Senior Airman Cody Martin
188th Wing Public Affairs

Lt. Col. Leon Dodroe assumed command of the 188th Operations Group June 24, 2016, where he will lead the wing's mission conversion to the MQ-9 Reaper.

Col. Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, presided over the ceremony and expressed her optimism for Dodroe and his ability to cultivate ready, responsive and highly-skilled Airmen.

"Dodroe is very principled and operates with an extremely high degree of integrity and he will expect the same out of all of you," said Doorenbos. "He is surrounded by an amazing team and he will lead you well."

After graduating from Washington State University with Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice, Dodroe enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1993 and served with the 75th Regiment in Fort Benning, Ga. In 1995, he was selected for pilot training and received his commission through Officer Candidate School.

Upon completing flight school, Dodroe was assigned as the fixed wing platoon leader for the Southern European Task Force (SETAF) in Vicenza, Italy. There he flew missions in support

of Bosnia, Kosovo and Northern Iraq. In 2000, he was assigned to Fort Huachuca where he attended the Military Intelligence Officers Advanced course and became the Executive Officer for E Company, 305th Michigan Battalion and Chief of RC-12D Special Electronic Mission Aircraft (SEMA) training.

Dodroe transitioned to the Arizona Army National Guard in 2003 and held a number of positions, including battalion intelligence, plans and operations officer. In 2006, he transitioned to the Army Reserves as commander of



Lt. Col. Leon Dodroe receives the flag from Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, as he assumes command of the 188th Operations Group June 26, 2016, Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. As commander, Dodroe will complete the wing's mission conversion to the MQ-9 Reaper and continue the custom of professionalism and dedication within the 188th OG. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

C Company 6/52 Aviation Regiment and in 2008 through 2009, he deployed to Iraq and commanded Bravo Troop Task Force ODIN.

In 2010, Dodroe moved to the 214th Reconnaissance Group, Arizona Air National Guard and filled a variety of leadership roles, including flight commander, director of operations commander of the 214th Reconnaissance Squadron.

As a command pilot, Dodroe has logged more than 4,300 hours in manned and unmanned intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance platforms.

Dodroe met with the 188th OG and was impressed with what he saw.

"As I got to go through and meet the team and all of its members, I was just astounded by their amount of professionalism and dedication to the mission," said Dodroe. "I saw a one team concept and it really struck home for me."

Dodroe ended the ceremony expressing how grateful and excited he was to join the 188th OG and oversee its transition to becoming a premier precision strike unit in the Air National Guard.

"After meeting the group, I knew Arkansas and the Flying Razorbacks was where I wanted to be," Dodroe stated. "I am very proud and honored to be a member of your team and stand amongst you."



Lt. Col. Leon Dodroe expresses how grateful and excited he is June 26, 2016, to join the 188th Operations Group as he assumes command of the 188th OG at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. As commander, Dodroe will complete the wing's mission conversion to the MQ-9 Reaper and continue the custom of professionalism and dedication within the 188th OG. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

Allen takes command of 188th Security Forces Squadron

By 188th Wing Public Affairs

The 188th Security Forces Squadron hosted a formal change of command ceremony June 26 at the 188th Wing's Ebbing Air National Guard Base. Maj. Heath Allen took command of the 188th SFS during the ceremony.

"Maj. Allen is an outstanding leader," said Col. Tenise Gardner, 188th Mission Support Group commander. "I believe his experience and work ethic give him the skills to be a great commander."

Lt. Col. Mitch Long relinquished command of the 188th SFS and received a Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medal for his efforts as commander. Long, also a former logistics readiness officer and 188th chief of supply, takes on a new assignment as 188th MSG deputy commander. He will be charged with providing direct support to Gardner and MSG's 350 Airmen, four squadrons and one flight.

Allen will now command the SFS, which is comprised of more than 90 total security forces personnel. Allen will be responsible for 24/7 force protection, firearms training and all aspects involving the security of wing personnel, assets and facilities. In addition to his role as defense force commander for the wing's three campuses, he will be charged with direction of the wing's anti-terrorism program.

"A commander should be a servant to his Airmen, a tireless champion for their well-being," Allen said. "Security Forces is a proud squadron



Maj. Heath Allen, previous 188th Wing executive officer, expresses his excitement and eagerness to serve as the commander of the 188th Security Forces Squadron June 26, 2016, during a change of command ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Allen will be taking the place of Lt. Col. Mitch Long, 188th Mission Support Group deputy commander, as commander of the 188th SFS. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

with a distinguished heritage and I am honored to be its commander. I cannot promise perfection but I will always be objective and fair. My promise to

you is continue the hard work of my predecessors. My goal is to build on those efforts by furnishing the tools and vision to empower our Airmen to achieve new levels of camaraderie and innovation. That is my debt to our squadron and I promise to repay it in full."

Allen is equipped with a wealth of program management experience.

"Allen is one of the best executive officers I've ever worked with and I've worked with many," said Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander. "He always did a great job no matter what task he was given. He's an exceptional officer and communicator. I know he will make a great commander."

Allen previously served as the 188th's executive officer from 2012-2016. As XO, Allen functioned in a broad array of assignments, including public affairs (media relations/community relations/internal messaging), legislative liaison, protocol, history, staff officer and sexual assault prevention and response. Allen also served in a variety of assignments and project leads as XO. He was selected as the project officer in charge for the 188th's first-ever visit from the Secretary of the



Maj. Heath Allen, previous 188th Wing executive officer, accepts the guidon from Col. Tenise Gardner, 188th Mission Support Group commander, June 26, 2016, signifying acceptance of the 188th Security Forces commander position at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Allen takes the place of Lt. Col. Mitch Long, whom moved to take the role of 188th Mission Support Group deputy commander. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

Camp Airedale tours 188th Wing

By Senior Airman Cody Martin
188th Wing Public Affairs

Students from the Alma School District's Camp Airedale visited the 188th Wing throughout the month of June 2016 and gained hands-on learning experience through base tours and briefs on the 188th mission.

Visiting the base provides campers the opportunity to view the 188th Wing history and to learn about how their local Air National Guard is a proven choice in the warfight and the first choice in homeland operations.

Camp Airedale is a summer learning program for the Alma School District students that are in grades kindergarten through eighth grade. It has a curriculum centered on experience-based activities and uses more out-of-classroom and off-campus activities than are available during the typical school year.

"We are trying to expose the children to different experiences and build their background knowledge," said Janice Vincent, special education teacher with Alma School District and Camp Airedale facilitator. "We open the door for them to see more than just Alma and broaden their horizons."

Throughout the tours, students learned about civil engineering, piloting the MQ-9



Students of the Alma School District are taught about the remotely piloted aircraft mission from an RPA pilot June 8, 2016, during their tour of the 188th Wing at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The students are part of an Alma School District learning program called Camp Airedale that has a curriculum centered on experience-based activities and uses out-of-classroom and off-campus activities than are available during the typical school year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

Reaper, security forces and public affairs.

"This will be the highlight of their summer," Vincent stated. "We have had students that visited the previous year that are still talking about it to this day. This is a great

experience for them."

The 188th Wing focuses on developing an outstanding relationship with the local community through community engagement activities such as this.



Senior Master Sgt. Robert Haag II, rapid engineer deployable heavy operational repair squadron engineer (REDHORSE) training center senior instructor, shows students of the Alma School District how to mix asphalt June 8, 2016, during their tour of the 188th Wing at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The students are part of an Alma School District learning program called Camp Airedale that has a curriculum centered on experience-based activities and uses out-of-classroom and off-campus activities than are available during the typical school year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)



Master Sgt. Ronald Doyel, 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron munitions specialist, helps students of the Alma School District fish from Ebbing Lake June 15, 2016, during their tour of the 188th Wing at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The students are part of an Alma School District learning program called Camp Airedale that has a curriculum centered on experience-based activities and uses out-of-classroom and off-campus activities than are available during the typical school year. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

188th Civil Engineer Squadron train with heavy equipment



Staff Sgt. Shannon Feliccia, 188th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment operator, operates the crawl tractor and Senior Airman Adam Brannon, 188th CES heavy equipment operator, operates an excavator June 24, 2016, to remove dirt from the west hammerhead arm dearm berm at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The 188th CES removed 1,400 cubic yards of dirt by the end of the weekend and plan to remove the rest of the berm in August. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Matthew Matlock)



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188th Civil Engineer Squadron heavy equipment operators remove dirt from the west hammerhead arm dearm berm June 24, 2016, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The 188th CES removed 1,400 cubic yards of dirt by the end of the weekend and plan to remove the rest of the berm in August. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Matthew Matlock)



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188th Equal Opportunity officer position vacancy

A drill status officer 38P1 commissioning opportunity will be available with the 188th Wing Equal Opportunity Office. During the October regularly scheduled drill, the 188th Wing will be conducting a board to select a personnel officer to serve in an equal opportunity capacity. This position is an O-4, traditional officer drill-status Guardsman position. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree. Key responsibilities of a personnel officer position include, but are not limited to: define, develop, shape, sustain and deliver mission-ready Airmen across the Total Force. Responsibilities include providing oversight of the equal opportunity program; promoting an environment that enhances the Air Force mission through an inclusive corporate culture that promotes positive human relations and teamwork in an environment of equity, dignity and respect; provides advice, consultation, education, alternative dispute resolution

and referral services to enhance mission effectiveness; assists commanders and directors to resolve conditions that impact operations and mission effectiveness; emphasizes areas that potentially undermine the installation's readiness posture and human relations environment; analyze and advise on unit environment and morale. To be considered for the upcoming selection board, submit packages to Master Sgt. Eric Martin at the 188th Wing Recruiting Office no later than Sept. 18, 2016. Packages must include: Air Force Form 24, AF Form 422, current physical fitness test, no more than three letters of recommendation, AF Officer Qualification Test scores, current resume, official college transcripts and letter of intent (why you want to be a personnel officer and work in equal opportunity). Please contact Master Sgt. Eric Martin with questions concerning the application process at 479-573-5138.

188th Equal Opportunity NCOIC position vacancy

A vacancy exists in the 188th Wing Equal Opportunity Office for a noncommissioned officer in charge, Air Force Specialty Code 3S1X1. This position is a traditional Guardsman slot and is a master sergeant billet. This position performs, supervises and manages equal opportunity and human relations education programs; conducts administrative functions to support EO programs; promotes an environment that enhances the Air Force mission through an inclusive corporate culture that promotes positive human relations and teamwork in an environment of equity, dignity and respect; provides advice, consultation, education, alternative dispute resolution and referral services to enhance mission effectiveness; assists commanders and directors to resolve conditions that impact



operations and mission effectiveness; emphasizes areas that potentially undermine the installation's readiness posture and human relations environment; analyze and advise on unit environment and morale. Interested individuals must be an E-5 or above and have no record of disciplinary action due to financial irresponsibility or previous record of having failed to graduate from a formal EO training course.

To apply for this position, submit a resume detailing experience, military and civilian education and a copy of current physical fitness assessment to Maj. Danielle L. Wood, 188th Wing EO Director, via e-mail at danielle.l.wood4.mil@mail.mil or by mailing 188FW/EO ATTN: Maj. Danielle L. Wood, 4850 Leigh Avenue, Fort Smith, AR 72903.

188th SAPR officer vacancy

A drill status officer 38P1 personnel officer commissioning opportunity will be available with the 188th Wing Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office. During the October regularly scheduled drill, the 188th Wing will be conducting a board to select a personnel officer to serve in the 188th Wing SAPR Office. This position is an O-4, traditional officer drill-status Guardsman position. Additionally, SAPR victim advocate training, yearly continuing education and an Office of Personnel Management background check will be required. Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree. Key responsibilities include, but are not limited to: continuous victim support throughout the sexual assault reporting and response process, educates survivors on reporting options so that they can make the best decision, serve as liaison between victim and service providers, provide support through initial and ongoing investigation and court proceedings, assist with annual SAPR training, assist with monthly case management board and assist survivors with the Line of Duty process. This member will report to the full-time 188th Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator. To be considered for the upcoming selection board, submit packages to Master Sgt. Eric Martin at the 188th Wing Recruiting Office no later than Sept. 18, 2016. Packages must include: Air Force Form 24; AF Form 422; current physical fitness test; no more than three letters of recommendation, AF Officer Qualification Test scores, current resume, official college transcripts and letter of intent (why you want to be a personnel officer and work in the 188th SAPR Office). Please contact Master Sgt. Eric Martin with questions concerning the application process at 479-573-5138.

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Air Force and Chief of Staff of the Air Force as well as multiple visits from the Director of the Air National Guard. Additionally, he served as the officer in charge of the wing's 60th Anniversary Celebration and the Conversion Day event that signaled the 188th's segue from manned fighters to remotely piloted aircraft; intelligence, surveillance



Lt. Col. Mitch Long, 188th Mission Support Group deputy commander and previous 188th Security Forces commander, is pinned the Meritorious Service Medal, first oak leaf cluster, by Col. Tenise Gardner, 188th MSG commander, June 26, 2016, for his outstanding achievement as commander of the 188th SFS at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Maj. Heath Allen, previous 188th Wing executive officer, will be taking the place of Long as the commander of the 188th SFS. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

and reconnaissance; and space-focused targeting.

Allen spent the bulk of his time in the commissioned ranks from 2003-2012 as the chief of 188th Public Affairs. He deployed to Ali Al Salem Air Base,

Kuwait in 2010-2011 for six-plus months as the 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs chief. While in Kuwait, Allen was picked as the U.S. Air Forces Central Command public affairs representative at the Kuwait 50/20 celebration, which recognized the 20th anniversary of its liberation from Iraq and the 50th year of its independence from Great Britain. In 2010, he was assigned to Arkansas National Guard Joint Force



Lt. Col. Mitch Long relinquishes command of the 188th Security Forces Squadron with the ceremonial passing of the guidon to Col. Tenise Gardner, 188th mission Support Group commander, June 26, 2016, during a change of command ceremony held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Long moves on to become the new deputy commander of the 188th MSG. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

Headquarters Public Affairs Office. He coordinated all public affairs efforts for Northwest Arkansas, facilitating media relations and coverage of more than 3,000 National Guardsmen at Fort Chaffee, the 188th and the 142nd Field Artillery Brigade. Allen began his career in 1997 when he enlisted as an F-16 Falcon crew chief in the now-inactivated 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron. He is a graduate of Charleston (Arkansas) High School and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville.

Positions available as sensor operator

During September regularly scheduled drill, the 188th Wing will be conducting a board to select a remotely piloted aircraft sensor operator (1UOX1). This position is a drill-status Guardsman up to Master Sgt. Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery (ASVAB) scores minimum requirement 64 general or 54 electrical for this position.

Key responsibilities of the RPA sensor operator position include, but are not limited to: Performs duties as a mission crew member on RPA. Sensor operators employ airborne sensors in manual or computer-assisted modes to actively or passively acquire, track and monitor airborne, maritime and ground objects. Operates mission equipment, systems and electronic protection equipment. Personnel conduct operations and procedures in accordance with special instructions, air tasking order and rules of engagement. Sensor operators continually monitor aircraft and weapons systems status to ensure lethal and non-lethal application of airpower. Performs intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance, close-air support, combat search

and rescue, dynamic targeting and time sensitive targeting, air interdiction, strike coordination and reconnaissance, and air operations in maritime surface warfare utilizing full-motion video and various sensors, mission equipment and precision-guided munitions. Responsible for engaging tactical laser for terminal weapons guidance and delivery of onboard weapons and other laser-guided munitions such as the AGM-114 and the GBU-12.

To be considered for the upcoming selection board, submit packages to Senior Master Sgt. John Greer at the 184th Attack Squadron no later than Sept. 9, 2016. Packages must include Air Force Form 422, Current physical training test, resume and last three enlisted performance reports (EPR) if possible; most current EPR is mandatory.

Please contact Greer with questions concerning the application process at 479-573-5179.

Retired Lt. Col. Dave Grossman speaks to 188th



Retired Lt. Col. Dave Grossman, keynote speaker and author of the books, "On Killing" and "On Combat," addresses the bulletproof mind concept for 188th Wing members and Arkansas law enforcement July 19, 2016, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The lecture focuses on mental preparation for combat; understanding what to expect during and after deadly confrontation. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Matthew Matlock)



ANG Safety Orientation course provides valuable training for 188th members

By Senior Airman Cody Martin
188th Wing Public Affairs

The 188th Wing hosted an Air National Guard Safety Orientation course July 11 through July 14, 2016, to promote safety in the workplace for Airmen.

Since its inception in 1991, the ANG Safety Orientation course has trained over 7,400 Air Guardsmen on safety.

The course goes over the rights and responsibilities of safety, as well as job safety training, protective equipment, safety analysis, machinery and electrical safety, mishap investigation, human hazards and hazardous materials.

Senior Master Sgt. Michael Francis, 188th Wing occupational safety manager, highly encouraged front-line supervisors and unit safety representatives to attend, however all Airmen were invited.

“I feel absolutely confident in their ability to improve the safety of the wing,” said Francis about the Airmen that took the safety course. “I believe that people are changing their mindset about safety after taking this class.”

On the final day of the course, the class was split into groups to do a mock inspection, examining the work areas of the 188th Civil Engineer Squadron and the Vehicle Maintenance section of the 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

The ANG Safety Orientation course accomplished its goal of providing 188th Airmen knowledge and skills to better accomplish the mission by creating a safer workplace.

“We are very fortunate to have such an important training opportunity at the 188th Wing, and hope to host another safety course in the near future,” Francis stated.



Members of the Air National Guard learn valuable safety information from the ANG Safety Orientation July 12, 2016, held at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The course covered the rights and responsibilities of Wing Safety, as well as job safety training, protective equipment, safety analysis, machinery and electrical safety, mishap investigation, human hazards and hazardous materials. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 2nd Lt. Dylan Hollums)

188th commander introduces military leadership concepts to local business leaders



Col. Bobbi J. Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, gives a presentation on leadership at the multi-generation family enterprise breakfast July 19, 2016, at the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith. The UAFS School of Business hosts quarterly meetings to help local enterprises gain insight on how to better manage their companies. Doorenbos explained how the Air National Guard creates leaders and establishes career progression for Airmen that civilian companies could emulate to further increase productivity and development. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Matthew Matlock)

188th Wing promotions

Officer promotions

To Lieutenant Colonel

Sara Stigler
Doug Davis



To 1st Lieutenant

Mark Watson



To Technical Sergeant

James Day
Kristopher Roy



To Staff Sergeant

Tyler Brooks
James Harps
Aletha Lensing
Kimberly Lopez
Alvarado
Kylie Lowder
Michelle Overstreet
Alyssa Sly



Senior Airman

Christian Clevenger
Hannah Martin
Karen Olds
Jessica Reavis
David Sutter
Matthew White
Michael Wilkenson
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Lengyel confirmed as National Guard Bureau chief

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WASHINGTON – Air Force Lt. Gen. Joseph Lengyel was confirmed Wednesday as the 28th chief of the National Guard Bureau by the U.S. Senate.

Lengyel, who also will be a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will be promoted to four-star general, the highest-ranking officer in the nation's oldest military force.

Today's Senate action follows Lengyel's June 21 Senate Armed Services Committee hearing.

"Although we are proud of our heritage and our past, I am more excited about our future," Lengyel told the committee, adding that the skill and devotion of Citizen-Soldiers and –Airmen since 9/11 has transformed the National Guard into an operational force at home and overseas."

"The development of our most important assets, our people, will be our foremost task," Lengyel told the committee. Among other priorities Lengyel mentioned during his testimony: Working seamlessly with the joint force; nurturing the National Guard's enduring local, state, national and international partnerships; effectively communicating, collaborating and coordinating with all the National Guard's stakeholders; continuing to enhance the Guard's cyber capabilities and keeping deployments predictable.

Lengyel highlighted the challenging global environment and the need now, more than ever, for an operational and ready National Guard.

He also stressed the critical importance of the adjutants general. The adjutant general is the senior military officer of the National Guard in each of the 54 states, territories and the District of Columbia.

"My job ... is to know what they think, know what they need ... [and] blend that all together with the lens of the national picture of the whole National Guard, and make my best military advice to my bosses," he said.

Lengyel steps into a complex assignment in complex times.

"We are living in extraordinary times with incredible advances in technology, globalization and commerce that give great cause for optimism and hope for the future," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee. "This optimism is tempered by unprecedented

challenges in our global security environment ... [that will] require a greater agility and inclusion of all elements of national power."

The chief of the National Guard Bureau serves as a military adviser to the president, the secretary of defense and the National Security Council. The chief is the Defense Department's official channel of communication to the governors and the adjutants general on National Guard matters. He is responsible for ensuring the accessibility, capability and readiness of Guard members to secure the homeland and to provide combat resources to the Army and the Air Force.

Like many Guard families, the Lengyel family continues a multi-generation tradition of military service, and the new chief has known the meaning of both the service and the sacrifice that military service entails since his earliest memories.

His father, Air Force Lt. Col. Lauren "Laurie" Lengyel, initially served in the Massachusetts National Guard, including a Guard deployment during the 1958-1961 Berlin Crisis, before switching to active duty and flying combat missions in Vietnam.

On his 40th combat mission on Aug. 9, 1967, Lt. Col. Lengyel was captured after ejecting from his aircraft.

He spent 2,044 days in captivity before his March 14, 1973, release and was one of only two former Vietnam prisoners of war to return to the country and resume combat missions, during the fall of Saigon.

Like his father, Lt. Gen. Lengyel served as a pilot, including deployments during Operations Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, Southern Watch and Enduring Freedom.

"I hope that, unlike your father and me,



Air Force Lt. Gen. Joseph Lengyel testifies before the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services at a confirmation hearing for his appointment to the grade of general and to be chief of the National Guard Bureau on June 21, 2016. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Michelle Gonzalez)

the number of landings have matched the number of takeoffs," said Sen. John McCain, also a former pilot and Vietnam POW, prompting laughter from other members of the Senate Armed Services Committee and those watching the June 21 hearing.

Lt. Gen. Lengyel was the senior U.S. defense official in Egypt before he was appointed vice chief of the National Guard Bureau in 2012.

The position of vice chief was re-established and elevated to the three-star level by the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act. No nominee to succeed Lengyel in that position has yet been named.

Lengyel will succeed Army Gen. Frank Grass, the first chief of the National Guard Bureau to serve a full term as a four-star general and member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The chief of the National Guard Bureau was elevated to a four-star position on the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 2012, during the tenure of Grass' predecessor, Air Force Gen. Craig McKinley.

The National Guard is a joint activity of the Department of Defense composed of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard, which are reserve components of the Army and the Air Force. The Guard fights America's wars, secures the homeland and builds partnerships at home and around the world.



Flying Razorback Flashback

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



188th Tactical Reconnaissance Squadron Airmen work on constructing one of the first buildings at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark., in 1955. (Courtesy photo)

Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

Saturday, Aug. 6

Schlotsky's: Assorted sandwiches, broccoli and cheese soup, assorted chips and cookies, ice cream, tea and coffee.

Sunday, Aug. 7

Western Sizzlin': 8-ounce chopped sirloin, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, tossed salad, assorted cobbler, tea and coffee.

No short order-line both days

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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