



# The Flying Razorback

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# 188th announces activation of RPA, intelligence and targeting missions

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The 188th Wing announced the activation of its remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence analysis and targeting missions, Sept. 29, 2016, completing the wing's conversion from an A-10 flying mission.

Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, emphasized that the wing is operational, unique and hiring.

"The 188th is now actively engaged in full-time operations from right here in Fort Smith, flying MQ-9 missions, developing intelligence products, and producing targeting products" said Doorenbos. "We are unique in so many ways, but particularly in combining the remotely piloted aircraft and distributed ground station operations under one roof. This is a one-of-a-kind operation that we believe will someday become the standard in operations."

The 188th Operations Group flies the MQ-9 Reaper, an armed, multi-mission, medium-altitude, long-endurance RPA that provides real-time intelligence support to combat troops and leadership. It is capable of remote split operations, allowing control of aircraft anywhere in the world from Fort Smith, Ark. At the same location the 188th Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance Group focuses on near real-time intelligence analysis and dissemination of information, delivering products that are integral in the planning

and execution of military operations across the spectrum of conflict around the world.

Co-locating the RPA crew with the distributed ground station analysts and pairing them on the same combat line should reduce the find, fix and finish cycle by leveraging proximity, relationships and communication, enhancing ISR to supported units and providing more efficient, effective and timely solutions for the battlefield commanders.

The first-of-its-kind targeting mission focuses on space-related ground assets. Airmen evaluate potential targets and provide targeting products consisting of the processing, exploitation, analysis and dissemination of targeting intelligence and data from a number of sources.

The wing is looking to hire over 150 new Airmen across the organization. Positions available include cyber and information technology, intelligence analysis, MQ-9 pilots, sensor operators,

heavy equipment operators, security forces and firefighters, among others.

"As the 'Innovation Destination,' the 188th seeks to provide unique capabilities and training that makes Fort Smith a premier location for cutting-edge businesses to benefit from our drill-status Airmen," Doorenbos stated. "We have a highly capable workforce with highly desirable skill sets, and our surrounding community has a unique opportunity to grow hand-in-hand with us toward a bright future."



Members of the local media experience flying a remotely piloted aircraft in the 188th Wing's RPA simulator, Sept. 29, 2016, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Prior to viewing the simulator, the local media was informed of the activation of its RPA, intelligence analysis and targeting missions. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Chauncey Reed)



Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, announces the activation of the wing's remotely piloted aircraft, intelligence analysis and targeting missions to members of the local media, Sept. 29, 2016, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. In addition to the wing being operational, Doorenbos emphasized that it is also unique with its one-of-a-kind combined operations and first-of-its-kind space focused targeting mission and is now looking to hire over 100 new Airmen across the organization. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)



Col. Bobbi Doorenbos, 188th Wing commander, emphasizes the 188th Wing is operational, unique and hiring, Sept. 29, 2016, during an interview at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The 188th is looking to hire over 100 new Airmen across the organization, providing an opportunity for cutting-edge businesses in the local community to benefit from the wing's drill-status Airmen. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

# Striving for excellence: Dealing with change

Commentary by Col. Thomas Smith

Arkansas Joint Force Headquarters command chaplain  
and Molly McHenry  
188th Wing director of psychological health

Change is inevitable. It doesn't matter whether we like it or not. The question is, how will we respond to it?

Some changes are met with great anticipation, while others are dreaded and avoided like the plague. The difference is our response toward them. If the change is something we long for, we'll embrace it with great enthusiasm. However, if it's seen as disruptive or a threat, then we'll resist it as long as we can and usually resent it after it's seemingly forced upon us.

That's why we can either accept it and try to make the best of it, or we can decry it and continually complain about it. To do so robs us of inner peace of mind and productivity while creating a toxic environment for those around us.

Unless the proposed changes are in direct opposition to our core values, we must see them as opportunities for growth. Even though they may stretch us, requiring us to move out of our comfort zone, in the long run we'll eventually see them as beneficial, both personally and corporately. Usually, the sooner we accept the changes, the sooner we'll find ways to

adapt and even excel.

Truly, a resilient attitude is the key to successful change. Instead of resisting it, we relish the opportunity to expand our horizons, improve our skills and deepen our appreciation for the simple things in life.

Always remember, Vance Havner once said, "...a rut is nothing but a grave with both ends kicked out." While routines are good and give a sense of normalcy, change is often needed to keep one from complacency, monotony and mediocrity.

Therefore, the best response when change is inevitable is an Attitude of Grat-

itude. It's realizing that change is going to happen whether we like it or not. We can accept it as such or be miserable and left behind.

Thanksgiving is difficult in the midst of change; however, it's definitely a game changer when it comes to

resiliency and excellence. So look for reasons to be thankful, even in change, and soon you might find you're even starting to enjoy it.

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# The Flying Razorback member spotlight

## Senior Airman Chase Grouse



Senior Airman Chase Grouse, 188th Wing financial management technician, is selected for the October Flying Razorback Spotlight Oct. 12, 2016, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. Grouse joined the unit in 2009 and is working towards completing his Bachelor's degree in finance and pursue commission opportunities. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

**Hometown:** Mansfield, Ark.

**Job Title:** Financial Management Technician

**In the 188th:** 2009

**Education:** Graduate with a Bachelor's in finance this December

**Hobbies:** Gym, co-ed softball, working on my truck

**Goals:** Finalize my degree, pursue commission opportunities

**Favorite TV show:** Sons of Anarchy or any car related shows

**Favorite actor:** Tom Hardy

**Favorite animal:** Lion

**Favorite comedian:** Rodney Carrington

**Favorite movie:** The Equalizer

**Favorite restaurant:** La Huerta

**Favorite soft drink:** Mt. Dew

**Favorite foods:** Mexican or anything with chicken in it

**Favorite song:** "Long Hot Summer Days" by Turnpike Troubadours

**Favorite musical group or musician/singer:** Turnpike Troubadours, Whiskey Myers, Paul Cauthen and Sturgill Simpson

**Favorite word or phrase:** "Fine tooth and comb" Staff Sgt. Lauren Davidson

**Favorite super hero:** Deadpool

**Favorite U.S. President:** Abraham Lincoln

**Favorite historical figure:** Jesus

**Favorite sport:** Baseball is my favorite to play and football is my favorite to watch

**Favorite pro sports team:**

Boston Celtics and New England Patriots

**Favorite sports individual:** Larry Bird

**Favorite college team:** Razorbacks

**Favorite military aircraft:** SR-71 "Blackbird"

**My worst job ever:** Sawmill

**My dream shopping spree:** LMC Truck

**Place I'd most like to visit:** Spain

**Favorite cartoon character:** Elmer Fudd

**Favorite automobile:** Chevrolet Chevelle

**My first car was:** 1986 Chevrolet C10

**My pet peeves:** Clutter

**I am proudest of:** Choosing to join the Guard

**What scares me the most:** Heights

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

**The best day of my life:** When my son was born and my wedding day

**Favorite moment at the 188th:** Coming home from deployment in 2012

**What do you like best about the 188th:** My office and the people I work with daily



## Future school of Fort Smith students tour 188th Wing



Master Sgt. William Kendrick, 188th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical power production, shows students from the Future School of Fort Smith the heavy equipment used by the 188th CES Oct. 7, 2016, during their visit at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The Future School of Fort Smith's mission is to complement current Fort Smith high school programming through an innovative, school-wide culture of real-world preparation by emphasizing the potential for each student to identify interests, cultivate in-demand skills and graduate ready for the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)



Students from the Future School of Fort Smith sit in an MQ-9 Reaper simulator Oct. 7, 2016, during their visit at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. The Future School of Fort Smith's mission is to complement current Fort Smith high school programming through an innovative, school-wide culture of real-world preparation by emphasizing the potential for each student to identify interests, cultivate in-demand skills and graduate ready for the world. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)

# National Guard flies over Razorback stadium



Two Arkansas Army National Guard UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters, piloted by members of the Arkansas National Guard's 77th Combat Aviation Brigade, fly in formation on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2016, over Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium in Fayetteville Ark. before the beginning of the University of Arkansas Razorbacks football game. (U.S. Air National Guard photos by Senior Airman Cody Martin and Senior Airman Matthew Matlock)



## Promotions

**Colonel**  
Leon Dodroe



**Major**  
Stephen Arnold



**Captain**  
Tyler Peters



**1st Lieutenant**  
Jeremy Cossey  
Bryce Cunningham  
Logan Huffman  
Micah Wells



**Chief Master Sergeant**  
Magda Hamblin



**Technical Sergeant**  
Cody McConnell  
Justin Brown  
Brandon Harris



**To Staff Sergeant**  
Corey Smith  
Evan Davis  
Joshua A. Taylor  
Joshua W. Taylor  
Bryan Clem



**Senior Airman**  
Alycia Morris  
Alexander Anderson  
John Baggett  
Lucas Gauger  
Taylor Maxwell  
Jairo Perea  
Justin McElhannon



**Airman 1st Class**  
Anna Siriboonheuang  
Gerard Pittman



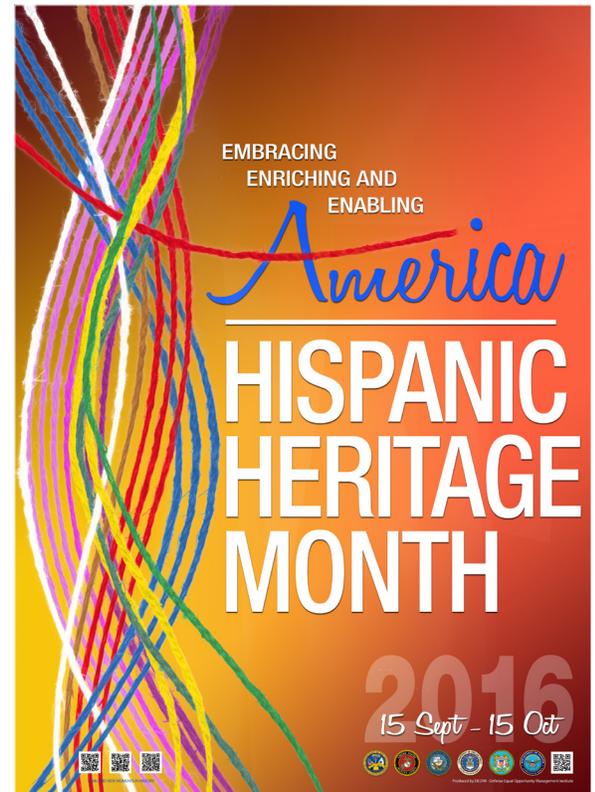
# Embracing, enriching and enabling America: Hispanic Heritage Month

**Commentary by Maj. Danielle Wood**  
188th Wing equal opportunity director

Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from Sept. 15th through Oct. 15th, celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, Central and South America. The observance recognizing National Hispanic Heritage Month was established by Title 36, U.S. Code, Section 126 and Public Law 100-402. The observance is celebrated during this timeframe due to many significant events for various Hispanic communities which fall within the observance period. Specifically, Sept. 15th was chosen as the starting point for Hispanic Heritage Month because it is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. Also, Mexico declared its independence on Sept. 16th, and Chile on Sept. 18th.

The President issues a proclamation each year calling on the people of the United States, especially the educational community, to observe National Hispanic Heritage Month with ap-

propriate ceremonies and activities. This year's theme, chosen by the National Council of Hispanic Employment Managers is: "Embracing, Enriching and Enabling America." Hispanics have had a profound and positive influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work and service. Hispanic Americans have enhanced and shaped our national character with centuries-old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community. America's diversity has always been one of our nation's greatest strengths. Hispanic Americans have long played an integral role in America's rich culture, proud heritage and the building of this great nation. This year's theme invites us to reflect on Hispanic Americans not only embracing America and its culture, but also bringing their own traditions, culture, language, values, work ethics and ideals to the vitality and meaningful legacy in our nation's cultural framework.



## Take time for what's truly important

**Commentary by Lt. Col. Herb Hodde**  
188th Wing chaplain

The second grader rarely saw his dad at night, barely on weekends and never in the morning. His dad was busy trying to make a living, trying to get ahead and trying to please the man. There was always one more sale, one more call to make or one last pitch before he called it quits for the day.

On one rare occasion, he was up early on Saturday morning in time enough to catch his dad before he left for his ritual golf game. As he stood there in footed pajamas, favorite stuffed animal in hand, he paused. In a sleepy voice, he asked, "Daddy, how much money do you make in a year?"

The father, not wanting to miss his tee time, looked at his son and replied, "Go back to bed son, mommy will be up soon to make you breakfast."

"Well, how much money do you make in a week?" again asked the son.

The father again replied, "Son, go back to sleep."

With one final effort, the son asked, "Daddy how much do you make in a day?"

Not wanting the dew to dry on the first tee, the father stated, "Son, your father makes approximately 137 dollars an hour before bonus and stock options. Now, run off to bed."

The young lad toddled off towards his bedroom. Relieved of the minor inconvenience, the dad carefully placed the new set of stock options into the trunk of his pre-owned, yet very shiny, last month's bonus and backed out of the garage which belonged to the salesman of the quarter.

He had made it half-way down the driveway when his son came running up to

him. The young boy held out his tight little fist revealing some change, some candy and a video token.

"It's all I've got daddy," the young boy said, "but is it enough to buy some time with you this morning?"

As traditional Guardsmen, our time is precious. We have bosses, commanders, spouses, family and friends all vying for our time. Sometimes I run out of day before I run out of projects. Oh, and is it wrong for me to take some time for self?

My prayer is we would take the time to focus on those things which are truly important to us. I know we all have jobs, roles and responsibilities, present company included. May we all learn to slow down just a little, pause and reflect on what is important and take time for things which are of true importance to us.

# Fort Chaffee provides care to cemeteries

By Senior Airman Cody Martin  
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In preparation for World War II, the United States government purchased land east of Fort Smith that later became Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center. Included in that purchase were gravesites, containing the ancestors of the land's previous residents.

Since that time, Guardsmen and civilian employees at Fort Chaffee have provided care to the 25 gravesites scattered throughout the property.

During his 15 years at the post, Daniel Farrer, Fort Chaffee environmental program manager, has worked with the facilities branch and is captivated by the military's care for the families and the cemeteries.

"I've been very impressed with how courteous the military is to the families, how respectful they are taking care of the cemeteries and how helpful they are with providing assistance to people who want to have their relatives buried there," Farrer said.

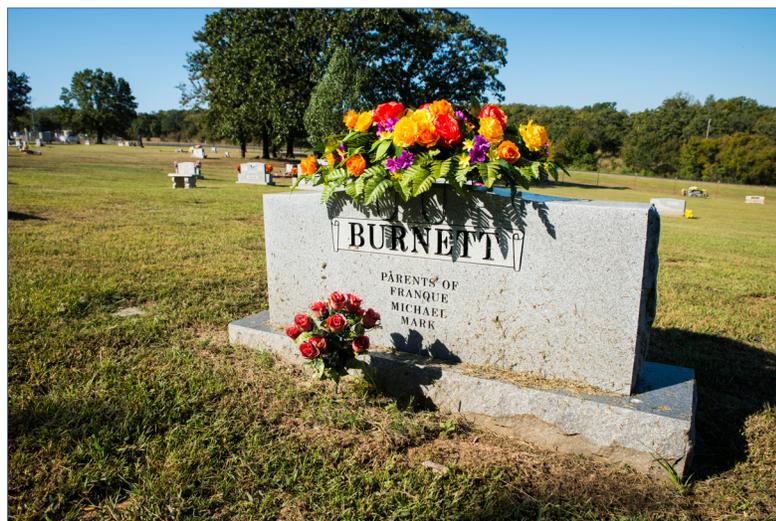
The Department of Public Works at Fort Chaffee takes care of the cemeteries, mowing and weed eating the grounds and tending to the headstones.

"Our roads and grounds staff has done very well and always take great pride in our cemetery upkeep," said Sergeant First Class Keri Davis,

FCJMTC engineer tech.

Military personnel and civilians are allowed entry, however civilians will need to coordinate with Sgt. Christopher Carter, real property clerk with the Department of Public Works, and range control, as well as receive an escort from Fort Chaffee personnel. Fort Chaffee also typically sets aside six to eight weekends per year to allow civilians to gain access.

Most visitors to the cemetery come during Decoration Days and funerals. If a family wished their relative to be buried at one of the gravesites at Fort Chaffee, they would need to contact the Fort Chaffee Real Property Office at 479-484-3219.



Cemeteries throughout Fort Chaffee Joint Maneuver Training Center, Ark., are cared for by Guardsmen and National Guard civilian employees. The 25 gravesites are still in use, receiving the most visitors during funerals or Decoration Days. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Cody Martin)



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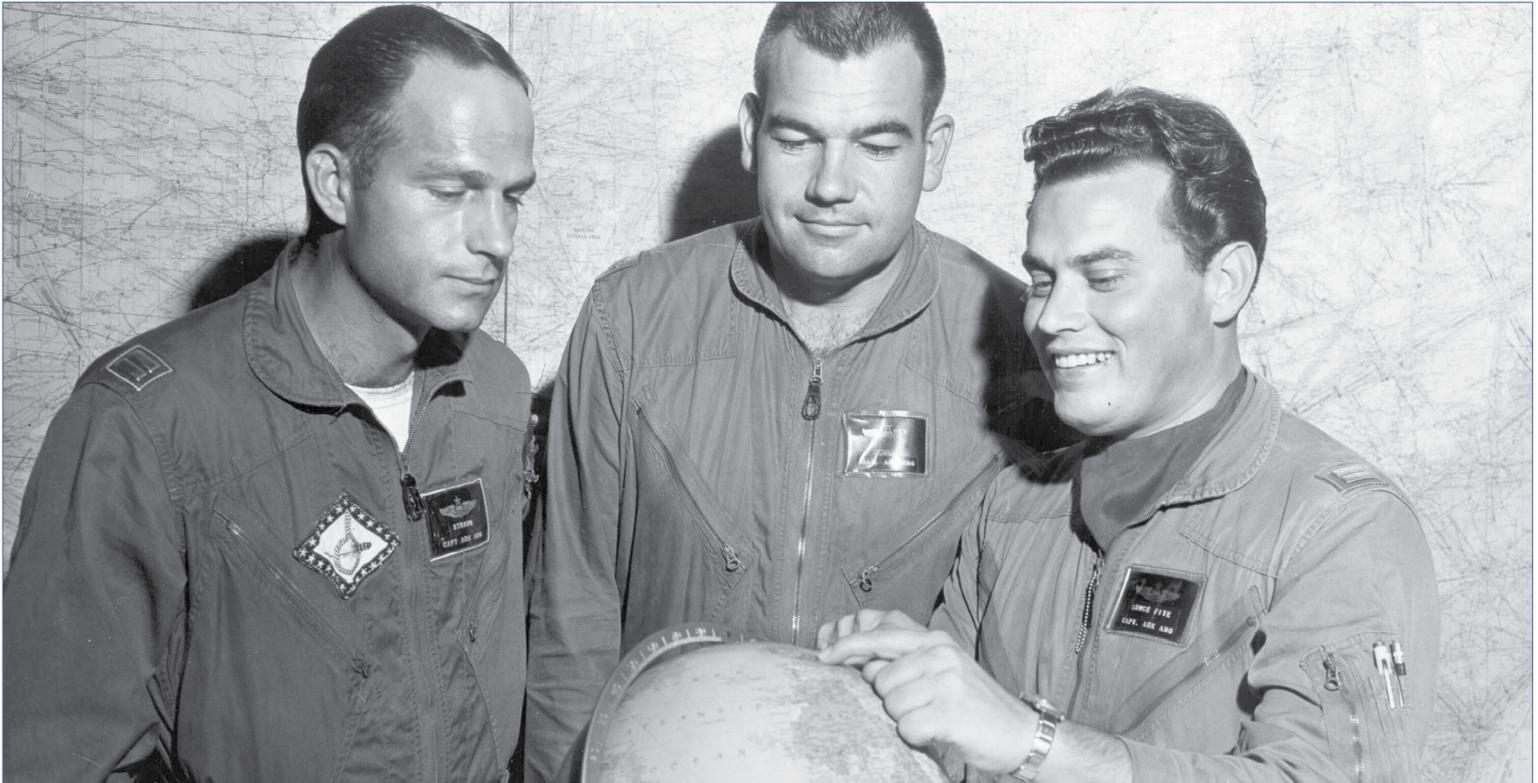


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# Flying Razorback Flashback

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



From left, Capt. Billy Strang, Maj. Otto Doville and Capt. Bruce Fite point to a location in Europe on the globe. (Courtesy photo)

## Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

### Saturday

Chick Fil-A: Chicken nuggets, chicken sandwich, chips, fruit bowls, cookies, tea and coffee

### Sunday

Golden Corral: Baked penne pasta with italian marinara meat sauce, seasoned green beans, tossed salad with ranch and italian dressing, garlic rolls, banana pudding, 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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