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Members of the 188th Security Forces Squadron establish a cordon during an ability to survive and operate exercise June 2, 2013. ATSO training prepares Airmen for situations they may encounter during employment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

188th MSG 'gears up' for exercise

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

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Members of the Air National Guard are trained to always be ready for any combat scenario that could take place. To be prepared, there are various exercises that Guardsmen must undergo. One such exercise members of the 188th Fighter Wing participated in to ready themselves was an ability to survive and operate exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, June 2.

The exercise was operated primarily by the 188th Mission Support Group and Command Post, which assisted with mission-oriented protective posture levels and alarm conditions. Group members went through heightened security procedures, as well as attack scenarios and post-attack reconnaissance drills.

“We’re basically looking out for everyone,” said Tech. Sgt. Jessica Wilson, an equipment manager with the 188th Logistics Readiness Squadron. “We’re making sure that everyone has everything on our checklist, making sure that everyone keeps hydrated, checking for any suspicious activity and keeping a log of everyone going in and out. We go through our Airman’s manual reading when we have condition changes.”

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Pillars of strength



Tech Sgt. Michelle Malone, a victim advocate with the 188th Fighter Wing’s Sexual Prevention and Response Office, conducts SAPR training during Wingman Day at the 188th June 1. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

188th builds resiliency, comraderie on Wingman Day

By Senior Airman John Hillier
188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — Dark clouds and heavy rain couldn’t dampen spirits during the 188th Fighter Wing’s Wingman Day, held June 1, 2013, at Ebbing Air National Guard Base.

Initially designed to promote the wingman concept and bolster suicide awareness, Wingman Day has since expanded to incorporate resiliency training based on the four pillars of resiliency: Mental, spiritual, physical and social. The day’s events also included sexual assault prevention and response training for wing members and were capped off with the inaugural Hawg Jawg 5K run.

Activities for each of the four pillars of resiliency were planned for groups of Airmen to participate en masse. For the mental pillar, Wing Director of Psychological Health Geoff Gibson led Airmen in a stress-reduction exercise and suicide prevention training. For the



188th Fighter Wing members, friends and family members take off from the starting line of the inaugural Hawg Jawg 5K run during Wingman Day June 1, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

spiritual pillar, Maj. Shane Pair, a 188th chaplain, wove video clips into a talk about finding one’s spiritual foundation and the ability to bounce back from stress. 188th first sergeants brought in fitness instructors to lead a 10-min-

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Chaplain making an impact through local base ministry

By 1st Lt. Holli Snyder

188th Fighter Wing Chief of Public Affairs

FORT SMITH, Ark. — For many, times of change bring about uncertainties in life and that has been no different for the members of the 188th Fighter Wing. During these times, there are some who stand out among the rest and serve as a beacon of hope and resiliency for the many members of the unit at Fort Smith. For the 188th FW, that man is Lt. Col. Thomas Smith, wing chaplain or “Chappy T” as some may call him.

Having been a chaplain, pastor and missionary in the Philippines for 10 years has enabled Chaplain Smith to embrace his calling and bring his ministry to the 188th. Chaplain Smith has been serving in the Arkansas Air National Guard for more than 18 years and has been working for, serving and ministering to the members here in various heartfelt and innovative ways.

“The ministry of presence has been a main focus of mine throughout my career,” Smith said. “It is being able to just be a pastor to the Airman and to be able to help a family and minister to them.”

In recent months, Smith noticed that there was a great need for a full-time chaplain presence at the base and has been working with the Airmen of the 188th through the mission conversion process. Through this, the brown bag lunch bunch was started as a weekly Bible study last spring. Each Wednesday, Smith and members of the



Lt. Col. Thomas Smith, wing chaplain, reads from the Bible during a brown bag lunch bunch Bible study held June 26 at the 188th Fighter Wing. These weekly Bible studies led by Smith bring together unit members for a time to share fellowship, study and eat lunch together. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Holli Snyder/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

188th gather together to share fellowship, study the Bible in Protestant worship, and eat lunch. These short study sessions last roughly 30 minutes and are open to all members of the unit.

“I’m just glad to be here,” Smith said. “I’ve always felt like there was a need, but after the last deployment I spoke with the commander and said there is a need for a presence here and he agreed and now we wonder how we ever did without it.”

After receiving a low number of 12 on his draft notice for the Vietnam War during college, Smith was sure he was headed overseas in the military, but was given a deferment. When he enlisted in 1980 as a chaplain at the 123rd Tactical Reconnaissance Wing in Kentucky, Smith noted, “I felt like I had an obligation [to the military] because I had been deferred without asking.”

Smith spent three years in the 123rd TRW and then transferred to the 188th where he stayed until 1989. That year, he left the Air Force to serve as a missionary in the Philippines for 10 years, never thinking he would put on the Air Force uniform again.

In 2001, Smith did just that and returned as a traditional Guardsman in the chaplain office here. He has since been working for this unit through the many changes and challenges that have arisen.



Lt. Col. Thomas Smith, wing chaplain, reads from the Bible during a brown bag lunch bunch Bible study held June 26 at the 188th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Holli Snyder/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

188th mission conversion corner

Site Activation Task Force visit scheduled for August

By Lt. Col. Toby Brallier

188th Fighter Wing conversion project officer

With approximately one month until the site activation task force visit, the 188th Fighter Wing focusing on three primary areas: Site Activation Task Force preparation, facilities options, and personnel placement.

This month, the 188th had a team working diligently to place all the drill status Guardsmen into new jobs. They spent a great deal of time ensuring that the proper individuals were placed into the right jobs, while taking into account their Air Force Specialty Code preferences. There were also other factors such as ASVAB scores and qualifications required that affected some of the decision process. During the July unit training assembly, shop supervisors should be announcing the DSG job placements, barring any issues that arise before then.

With some of the possible long durations until training, DSGs are encouraged to retake the ASVAB if it will help them step into a job they would prefer, but are currently unqualified for, due to scores. Some of the jobs will also carry additional medical requirements and personnel placed in those positions will be screened to ensure they meet the stricter qualifications.

Once the DSGs have been informed of the placement by their supervisors, we will post the listing on the shared drive. Please wait to ask questions about training start dates until after the SATAF. We are hoping at that time to have some training courses allocated for the next fiscal year. There may be a couple of slots that pop up this fiscal year for some of the intelligence career fields, so those desiring earlier training courses should let their supervisors know. I also highly recommend looking at the organization chart with the DSG placements and note some of the AFSCs that fewer individuals picked. These areas may provide more openings for promotion if you determine prior to training that you would consider such an AFSC.

Most of the SATAF preparation consists of scheduling and coordinating rooms and

equipment for the SATAF Team, as well as preparing the required documents for the team. The week of August 12-16 will be very busy across the base. We will be requesting administrative helpers from across the wing to help set up computers, printers and other supplies for the SATAF Team. The outbrief for the SATAF may occur as early as Aug. 15, depending on how smoothly the events flow.

As far as facilities, the 188th Civil Engineering Squadron has been compiling multiple courses of action for different facilities that would best be modified to suit the new missions, as well as some options for new buildings. With budgetary constraints, we are unsure of which direction we will be allowed to proceed. Our primary goal would be to build a new facility to encompass all three mission sets into one building. This would be a benchmark facility and have three pieces of the mission under one roof, allowing team members to work together more efficiently when coordinating the same missions.



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Airman 1st Class David Thurman, 13th Intelligence Squadron imagery analyst, tracks data provided by reconnaissance aircraft during an exercise. The EC10 exercise was an annual ISR interoperability demonstration which pulled resources worldwide to showcase emerging ISR capabilities and provide vital lessons learned to improve support to warfighters at the tactical level. (U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. Randy Redman)



The Flying Razorback member spotlight

Senior Airman Brandon Schwope



Hometown: Nashville, Arkansas.
Job title: Jet engine mechanic.
Civilian job: Full-time Student.
In the 188th: Since 2009.
Education: Bachelor of Science.
Hobbies: Tinkering and exercising my mind.
Goals: To etch my name in the pillars of history.
Favorite TV show: "Spartacus: Blood and Sand."
Favorite actor: Clint Eastwood.
Favorite animal: Panda.
Favorite comedian: George Carlin.
Favorite movie: "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."
Favorite restaurant: Via Roma in Hot Springs.
Favorite soft drink: Cherry Coke.
Favorite foods: Vietnamese Food.
Favorite book: The New Living Translation of The Bible.

Favorite author: Frank Miller.
Favorite song: "Sunset Superman" by Ronnie James Dio.
Favorite musical group: Metallica.
Favorite word or phrase: "Posh Competence."
Favorite super hero: Batman.
Favorite U.S. President: Ronald Reagan.
Favorite historical figure: General George S. Patton.
Favorite sport: Motocross.
My worst job ever: I worked at a landfill one summer back in high school.
Favorite automobile: Batmobile.
My first car was: 1984 Ford Ranger.
Favorite pastime: Going to the shooting range.
My dream shopping spree: Fort Chaffee Outfitters.



Senior Airman Brandon Schwope was selected as the 188th's Flying Razorback spotlight for July 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Josh Lewis/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Place I'd most like to visit: The Highlands of Scotland.
If I were a cartoon character I would be: Samurai Jack.
My worst habit: Getting hung up on the details.
My pet peeves: People diminishing their own greatness to suit others.
What scares me the most: Failure.

I am proudest of: Having the means and ability to accomplish my goals.
The person I admire most: My Dad.
The best day of my life: The day I realized that my wife was the one.
Favorite moment at the 188th: Seeing the Thunderbirds perform during the 2011 air show.

Intelligence officer board announced

The 188th Operations Group will begin accepting applications for an upcoming Intelligence officer board. Interested applicants must be under the age of 40, have a passing current fitness score and have either earned a bachelor's degree, or be able to complete a bachelor's degree by December 2013.

Additional items required for a package include a resume highlighting the applicant's leadership experience, AF Form 422 showing worldwide availability, passing AFOQT scores, a statement of intent, letter of recommendation and AF Form 24.

The submission deadline for packages is Aug. 28, 2013. For more details, please contact Master Sgt. Gardner in the 188th Recruiting Office at 573-5147.

188th/123rd officer dining out slated for September

Who: All 188th Fighter Wing and 123rd Intelligence Squadron officers
What: Formal dining out
Where: Golden Living, 1000 Fianna Way, Fort Smith, Ark.
When: Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013 at 6 p.m.
Why: To enjoy fellowship and camaraderie with fellow officers in the wing.
Cost per person: \$40

More information to follow in the coming weeks.

Citizen Airman Dining Facility menu

Saturday, July 13

Philly cheesesteak, steak fries, coleslaw, brownies, ice cream, coffee, tea, milk.

Sunday, July 14

Beef stroganoff, steamed broccoli with cheese, corn on the cob, rolls, cherry or peach crisp, coffee, tea, milk.

Short order line

Hamburger, cheeseburger, hot dog, chili dog, baked beans, cheese sauce, chips, salad bar.



Wingman

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ute workout to fulfill the physical pillar. Finally, the Equal Opportunity office hosted a dance team which led Airmen in different line dances to support the social pillar.

“Wingman Day is where we focus on resiliency based on the four pillars,” said Michelle Pike, Airman and Family Readiness Program manager. “We broke the wing into four groups and had our members rotate through each of our four sessions. We tried to make it interactive, so it was better than a slide presentation or having someone lecture.”

Even though more than two inches of rain fell in the morning, spirits were high as the skies dried up in time for the afternoon's race.

“I'm really surprised about the turnout for the run,” said Senior Master Sgt. Sam Bond, sustain-

a really good, really inspiring day.”

The day's events helped build comraderie across the base as Airmen prepared for the run and encouraged support for 188th families.

“I've heard a lot of talk about people training for the run,” said Bond. “We've got some that are pretty competitive and they want to win. As far as the help involved behind the scenes, so many people have come together and stepped up to the plate. They really did a good job for us.”

Planning is already in the works for next year's Wingman Day activities.

“There's certainly room for improvement,” said Pike. “We're taking suggestions as to how our Airmen feel we can make it more meaningful for them. We want Wingman Day to be something we can all look forward to, rather than just another day of mandatory training.”

Planning for the Hawg Jawg

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— Michelle Pike

Airman and Family Readiness Program manager

ment services superintendent. “We had more than 250 people sign up and another 50 or 60 run along just to participate. It's been

took place separately from the rest of the Wingman Day events, but enthusiasm is high for putting on another 5K run next year, and



Tech. Sgt. Tim Holland, a force protection specialist with the 188th Security Forces Squadron, runs in the inaugural Hawg Jawg 5K run during Wingman Day at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith, Ark. June 1. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Master Sgt. Rex Huckey, a weapons shop supervisor with the 188th Maintenance Group, inflates a balloon during a mental resiliency exercise as part of the 188th Fighter Wing's Wingman Day June 1, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Col. Mark Anderson, 188th Fighter Wing commander, cheers on Sklyer Stell as he races to the finish line of the Hawg Jawg 5K run at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith Ark. June 1. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Hannah Landeros/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

committee members are looking to accommodate the growth that this year's successful run is sure to bring.

“We have ideas to incorporate into next year's run,” said committee chair Tech. Sgt. Lindsey Mott. “We can change up things that didn't work so well. Not much, but little things here and there that we think will improve it. Next year we expect more runners, and a lot more family members and friends. Even if we have 500 runners sign up, I think we can handle it.”

Two special groups were entered in the race this year. Many Airmen were running in support

of Nikki Middleton and Sklyer Stell, two 188th family members coping with serious illnesses.

“We're out today supporting their fight,” said Master Sgt. Johnny Adams, a machine shop supervisor in the 188th Maintenance Group, whose running companion was a 4-foot tall stuffed bear. “The bear is for Team Nikki. A lot of us are walking wearing t-shirts in support of them going and being treated for cancer. I've got kids of my own, and I can't even imagine what those families are going through. This was the least we could do.”



DEERS sponsor info locked down to ensure data integrity

By Tech. Sgt. Patrick Crumby
188th Force Support Squadron personnel systems manager

The 188th Military Personnel Section of the Force Support Squadron is committed to maintaining the accuracy and integrity of all data stored in your DEERS profile. In order to ensure that your data is correct, the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) is incorporating a "lockdown" of sponsor data in DEERS. This lockdown is necessary to ensure the accuracy and correctness of your data. The system of record for data accuracy is the Military Personnel Data System (MILPDS). This lockdown will occur in two phases, the first of which began in late June 2013.

Phase one consisted of sponsor's name, gender, date of birth, unit identification code, reserve component category code and begin and end dates for active duty, National Guard and Reserve personnel.

Some examples are name or date of birth changes can no longer be done in DEERS, and will have to be accomplished in MILPDS. The data from MILPDS will then have to flow to update DEERS, which can take time.

End dates will include active duty orders and extensions of enlistments. In the past, if a member re-enlisted we could go into DEERS and extend the member's end date, then create them a new ID card. No longer will we be able to do this. Once MILPDs consummates your ETS in the system and the data flows to DEERS, only then the member will be eligible for a new ID card, e.g., if you re-enlisted/extended three months before your ETS, you will have to wait three months to get a new ID card.

This will present some challenges with front gate security and also network access. We understand this and our goal is to make sure that your data is correctly updated and flows efficiently through all networks and channels that it is supposed to flow through. Dependent data will not be locked down as DEERS is the system of record for dependent data information.

If you have any questions about this data lockdown, please contact the personnel systems manager, Tech. Sgt. Patrick Crumby at 573-5766 or the 188th Force Support Squadron superintendent, Senior Master Sgt. Bryan Peters at 573-5767.

Medical service officer board scheduled for August UTA

The 188th Medical Group will be holding a board for a Medical Service Corps officer (41A) during the August UTA. This position requires a graduate degree in health care administration, hospital administration, public administration, business administration, business management, information systems management, finance, accounting, statistics, marketing, economics or other business-related equivalent. An undergraduate academic major

in accounting, business administration, business management, computer science, information systems, economics, finance, health care administration, marketing, public administration, clinical or health systems engineering, operations research or other business-related equivalent. The GRE or GMAT are required as well as a passing current PT score. For more details, please contact Master Sgt. Craig Gardner in the Recruiting Office at 573-5147.

On eagles' wings



Ray Burger and Carol Burger pin colonel rank insignias on their son, Col. Brian Burger, 188th Operations Group commander, during a promotion ceremony at the 188th Fighter Wing. Burger has over 31 years of service in the Air National Guard and on active duty. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Understanding your GI Bill

By Master Sgt. Keith Freeman
188th Retention Office manager

The GI Bill has become very complex over the years with a variety of opportunities for education. It is very important that you know your benefits and how to use them. The four common programs used by our members are listed below.

Montgomery GI Bill (Chapter 30): Active duty program available to Active Guard Reserve personnel. Members must pay \$1,200 into this program. (\$100 per month for the first year)

Montgomery GI Bill Select Reserve (Chapter 1606): Available to traditional and technician members who sign up for a six year enlistment/reenlistment.

REAP (Chapter 1607): Issued to members who are activated for 90 or more consecutive days. The VA determines who is eligible for this benefit.

Post 9/11 (Chapter 33): Available to members with at least 90 days of aggregate service after Sept. 10, 2001.

Application instructions can be obtained from the 188th Retention Office.

Review the following link to better understand your GI Bill: <http://www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/index.html>

The VA is the final authority on all payments for education benefits. If you are not sure where you stand currently with your GI Bill, or would need to address payment issues, please contact the VA at 1-888-442-4551. The VA GI Bill website is a great resource to use when looking up benefits and schools that currently work with the VA to ensure a more affordable education for you.

Check with base training as well concerning the in-state college tuition waiver (currently 25 percent at most schools) and to see if you are eligible for the Guard Tuition Incentive Program (good for full time students going for first bachelor's degree). Both programs are being reviewed and updated at this time so some changes may be made in the next month.



Defending liberty with courage of spirit

By Lt. Col. Thomas Smith
188th Fighter Wing chaplain

Liberty.

The word, which is a synonym of freedom, conjures up all sorts of meanings to those who hear or use it. For some, it equates to "doing my own thing," i.e., a self-centered freedom without restraints or regard for others' rights. For others, it's licentiousness, which is the pursuit and fulfillment of unbridled lusts.

But, to those of us who pledge to defend the Constitution of the United States and wear one of the uniforms of our armed forces, what does liberty mean? Again, our answers will vary according to our perspective, but I'd venture to say we'd all basically say the freedom to choose or adopt our forefathers' words of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

We know the early pilgrims basically came to America to escape religious persecution, yet, there was more to their coming than that. As the 102 passengers sat in Provincetown harbor on Nov. 11, 1620, after a treacherous journey spanning 66 days and more than 2,700 miles, 46 of them signed the Mayflower Compact under the leadership of William Bradford. They agreed that they'd traveled to the New World for the glory of God. Thus, theirs was seen to be a divine mission in which everyone would have the freedom to worship as they pleased.

Later on, British oppression and taxation

without representation led to the convening of the first two Continental Congresses and the signing of the Declaration of Independence on Aug. 2, 1776. The 56 delegates who signed that document knew that their actions would cost them dearly—which it did—for many of them had their homes ransacked and burned, their cattle butchered and some had family members captured or imprisoned.

But they still signed because they knew freedom isn't free; it always comes at a great price.

That's why we should be like Patrick Henry, who said "Give me liberty or give me death," when speaking before the Virginia Convention on March 23, 1775. That's why we, who wear our uniforms proudly, should be like Capt. John Paul Jones who defiantly cried "I have not yet begun to fight," on Sept. 23, 1779, when a British admiral ordered him to surrender during a battle at sea.

There's no doubt that warfare has changed since those early days. Now, as never before, the asymmetrical tactics of the enemies of liberty are unlike any we've ever known before. But the same courage that spurred those patriots of old to love liberty more than life must be the same courage we possess if we are to be victorious. Even then all that we do must be for the glory of God if we are to be united and not divided. May we be found faithful and may God bless these United States of America.

'Ask the commander' now available

Do you have a question or concern you would like addressed? Whether it's a quirky question about the history of the base, a simple inquiry about how certain processes are accomplished on base or a serious concern about an issue of importance to you, there's a new communication tool to help address those questions and concerns. It's called "Ask the Commander" and it's a way for 188th Airmen and their families to communicate with 188th leadership about issues

that impact them individually as well as the wing. Individuals seeking information or to have their problems or issues addressed can e-mail 188fw.askthecommander@ang.af.mil.

Leadership will do their best to address each issue in a timely manner. Answers to issues that have a basewide impact will be considered for publication in The Flying Razorback as well as the 188th Facebook page and website.

College prep help available for vets

By Michelle Pike

188th Airman and Family Readiness Program manager

Veterans Upward Bound (VUB) prepares veterans for higher education, whether it is a university, community college, or technical/vocational school. VUB is federally funded by the U.S. Department of Education. The focus of the program is academic preparation for college level coursework, but we understand the entire process of applying for college and can assist student veterans in many ways. We first assess the student veterans' academic needs and determine a specific academic plan. Academic classes include math refresher courses, reading/writing skills, science, and a foreign language. Our classes are small to ensure student veterans receive individual instruction from our highly effective instructors.

Military veterans are non-traditional students with many responsibilities: Part-time or full-time jobs, off-campus living, marriage and/or children. Many have interrupted studies in between high school and college. They may not have been academically prepared for college before entering the military and after years away from the classroom they may need preparation for college. Some have additional educational benefits awaiting them from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs or other state or national programs and do not understand the paperwork involved in order to receive these funds. Whatever the challenge, our job is to prepare veterans to become successful college students.

The Veterans Upward Bound program is here to serve those who have served us.

For more information or to register for classes, please call Mrs. Bollman at 479-575-2565, or Mark Stypinski at 479-575-4787 or 1-888-262-1681. All services are free.

Classes begin: July 22, 2013 (Monday)

Time: TBD (evening hours)

Location: Camp Hope For Heroes

Building 1286

7320 Mahogany Ave.

Fort Smith

*Located near the main entrance of Fort Chaffee.



From left: Col. Pete Gauger, 188th Fighter Wing vice commander; Chief Master Sgt. Larry Sterling; Tech. Sgt. Rachael Parker; Master Sgt. Mark Allen, base pool committee president; and Senior Master Sgt. Vince Prince conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony at the wing's base pool June 20, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Decorations at the 188th base pool opening ceremony, June 20, 2013. The pool had fallen on hard times recently and required more than \$25,000 in repairs and upgrades in order to meet the necessary requirements to re-open. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Master Sgt. Stephen Walbe gets a bratwurst lunch at the 188th base pool opening festivities. The lunch for Airmen, families and friends was hosted by the 188th Base Pool Committee. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



188th Airmen, friends and family beat the summer heat during the 188th base pool opening festivities, June 20, 2013. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Airmen line up for bratwurst, hamburgers and hot dogs at the 188th base pool opening festivities. The lunch for Airmen, families and friends was hosted by the 188th Base Pool Committee. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Making a splash

188th base pool opens with ribbon cutting



188th veterans and Pool Committee members man the grill during the 188th base pool opening festivities. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman John Hillier/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)



Lt. Col. Thomas Smith, wing chaplain, reads from the Bible during a brown bag lunch bunch Bible study held Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at the 188th Fighter Wing. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by 1st Lt. Holli Snyder/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

Chaplain

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Another way Smith combats those challenges is the “kisses ministry,” which started in 1985 as a way to break down barriers with Airmen and foster relationships with them.

“When I first started this [kisses ministry] in Gulfport, Miss., in 1985, I walked up to an Airman on the flight line and asked him if he had ‘gotten a kiss from the chaplain today,’” Smith said. “He laughed and I handed him some chocolates and that ministry has not stopped since then.”

This ultimately became the grounds for a ministry of handing out small chocolates to Airmen or leaving them on the desk as a calling card to show presence and care to the members. During Unit Training Assembly weekends, Smith can usually be spotted handing out chocolate candy to the Airmen on base.

Through a long-serving career in the Air National Guard, Smith has no doubt impacted numerous Airmen and their families through his ministries and presence at the unit. He is looking forward to many more years of service with the Air Force and looks forward to whatever path God may lead him down.

Exercise

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The exercise set a foundation for what the Airmen did and did not know. It also provided experience that members hope to build upon for any disaster that may occur.

“This exercise set a good baseline,” said Chief Master Sgt. Ronald Redding, installation emer-



Staff Sgt. James Day establishes a cordon around a suspicious object during ability to survive and operate training at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith Ark., June 2. ATSO training prepares airmen for situations they may encounter during employment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

gency manager. “It showed some holes that we need to correct, and in every exercise that’s what you’re looking for.”

One common difficulty that occurs in an ATSO exercise is communication. When in full MOPP gear, difficulty speaking with one another is evident almost immediately. This was an area the Guardsmen had to overcome, as well as the wearing of their equipment and each of the teams’ operations.

“There are always communication problems,” Redding said. “Not everyone is going to hear every message, that’s always pretty much number one. Wear of the equipment properly, command and control, contamination avoidance, decontamination, all the specialized teams that are put together are other areas which we need to work on.”

Participants within the exercise showed how difficult it was to perform their usual daily tasks, such as ordering aircraft parts.

“It’s a little bit harder because we’ve got the gloves on,” said Master Sgt. Elizabeth Beckman, flight service center supervisor in LRS. “I’ve got to type and print documents for my job so it’s a little harder to pull everything off.”

Many Guardsmen believe this exercise provided training that was crucial to the development

of Airmen and saw the need for more exercises like it. With more training, Airmen can be ready for any combat scenario that could take place, whether it provides a new experience to members that haven’t trained as much for a possible chemical attack or to retrain more experienced members.

“With new positions and new

personnel, training is a big key,” said Master Sgt. Lanette Hunt, exercise evaluator. “Everyone should have that training to fall back on. Everyone needs to know how to put on MOPP gear and know their Airman’s manual. The people coming in will get more familiar with it. They’re going to be moving up when we move out.”



Master Sgt. Elizabeth Beckman processes a time-sensitive aircraft part order during an ATSO exercise at Ebbing Air National Guard Base, Fort Smith Ark., June 2. The exercise required Airmen to perform their regular duties while under threat of a simulated chemical attack. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Airman 1st Class Cody Martin/188th Fighter Wing Public Affairs)

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Upcoming drills

July 13-14
August 3-4



UTA pay dates

July 24
August 13



Stone cold sober

Know the effects of alcohol before you drink

188th Fighter Wing Safety Office

How often do you think about the real choices you have when it comes to alcohol? It's much more than just "should I or shouldn't I drink?" Choosing to use or not to use alcohol is a personal choice for which each Airman is responsible. At any age, we are responsible for the consequences of our decisions. Before you decide whether or not to include alcohol in your activity, consider all the implications.



Do you consider alcohol necessary to having a good time? Many people think alcohol is a complement to social events, good food and conversation with friends or family. Even if this is what you think, you must be prepared with a plan to prevent a mishap. What does that mean? It means not only having the plan, but knowing it is your responsibility to follow through with the plan. Use your designated driver; sleep over at your friend's house; call a taxi or simply don't drink.

Regardless of your activity, it's important to know what effects alcohol can have on you. Keeping in mind that there are variations among individuals, below is a guideline of what happens at different Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) levels.

0.02-0.03 BAC: No loss of coordination, slight euphoria and loss of shyness. Depressant effects are not apparent. Mildly relaxed and maybe a little lightheaded.

0.04-0.06 BAC: Feeling of well-

being, relaxation, lower inhibitions, sensation of warmth. Euphoria. Some minor impairment of reasoning and memory, lowering of caution. Your behavior may become exaggerated and emotions intensified (Good emotions are better, bad emotions are worse).

0.07-0.09 BAC: Slight impairment of balance, speech, vision, reaction time, and hearing. Euphoria. Judgment and self-control are reduced, and caution, reason and memory are impaired, .08 is legally impaired and it is illegal to drive at this level. You will probably believe that you are functioning better than you really are.

0.10-0.125 BAC: Significant impairment of motor coordination and loss of good judgment. Speech may be slurred; balance, vision, reaction time and hearing will be impaired. Euphoria.

0.13-0.15 BAC: Gross motor impairment and lack of physical control. Blurred vision and major loss of balance. Euphoria is reduced and dysphoria (anxiety, restlessness) is beginning to appear. Judgment and perception are severely impaired.

0.16-0.19 BAC: Dysphoria predominates, nausea may appear. The drinker has the appearance of a "sloppy drunk."

0.20 BAC: Feeling dazed, confused or otherwise disoriented. May need help to stand or walk. If you injure yourself you may not feel the pain. Some people experience nausea and vomiting at this level. The gag reflex is impaired and you can choke if you do vomit. Blackouts are likely at this level so you may not remember what has happened.

0.25 BAC: All mental, physical and sensory functions are severely impaired. Increased risk of asphyxiation from choking on vomit and of seriously injuring yourself by falls or other accidents.

0.30 BAC: STUPOR. You have

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Joint Force Headquarters SARC

Jessica Hamilton: 501-212-4225

little comprehension of where you are. You may pass out suddenly and be difficult to awaken.

0.35 BAC: Coma is possible. This is the level of surgical anesthesia.

0.40 BAC and up: Onset of coma, and possible death due to respiratory arrest.

Everyone should enjoy the summer season—responsibly! Your family, friends, co-workers and the Air Force need you to come back safe 'n

sound!

Airman-to-Airman Safety Advisory Council members Airman 1st Class Amanda Speybroeck, Airman 1st Class John Ribbins and Airman 1st Class Trevor Jones have all experienced the damaging effects of alcohol.

To see their stories or to contact an A2A member, visit: <http://www.af.mil/specials/Airman-to-Airman/index.html>

Patriot Award



Take it to the bank

From left: Steven Plaisance, Arvest Mortgage president; Elena Oseguera, Arvest employee; Judi Acord, Arvest employee; Bill Roehrenbeck, Arvest Mortgage chairman; Alex Henry, Arvest employee; Master Sgt. Jon Surginer of the 188th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Master Sgt. Brian Anible with the Arkansas Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve; John Womack, Arvest Bank president (Little Rock). Arvest Mortgage was presented a Patriot Award for being highly supportive of Surginer's career in the 188th Fighter Wing. To nominate your employer for an award, go to <http://www.esgr.mil/Employer-Awards/ESGR-Awards-Programs.aspx> (courtesy photo)



Active service requirements for Guardsmen

By Lt. Col. Grace Ryals

188th Comptroller Flight commander

According to ANGI 36-2001, paragraph 3.1, all members except non-prior service personnel will participate in at least 15 days of Annual Training (AT) during the fiscal year, unless fulfilled by another type of Active Service.

Other types of Active Service include Special Training (ST), Military Personnel Appropriations (MPA), Active Duty for Operational Support (ADOS), School, and Active Guard Reserve. (AGR)

Members who have already participated in 15 days of active service during the fiscal year will not normally be scheduled to perform home station annual training. This includes 188th members who deployed on the most recent AEF rotation, and spent 33 days on orders during the current fiscal year, which began Oct. 1, 2012.

Active service will not normally exceed a total of 15 days per fiscal year, though exceptions can be granted in order to ease scheduling problems, expedite local planning, and assist in accomplishment of unit and individual training requirements.

No member may perform more than 30 days of annual training in any one fiscal year.

A commander may prorate the use of annual training workdays based on a member's date of enlistment/retirement or separation during the fiscal year (1-1/4 days per month, rounded off).

EXAMPLE: Prior service member enlists on Feb. 1 The commander can limit the AT requirement to 10 days. (February-September = 8 months x 1-1/4 = 10 days)

EXAMPLE: Member retires on Feb. 1. The commander can limit the AT requirement to 5 days. (October-January = 4 month x 1-1/4 = 5 days)

If the member has satisfied the limited

number of AT workdays by performing other types of active service, then no additional AT days are required for the member.

Exceptions to allow members to perform AT workdays when they have already satisfied their 15-day active service requirement should not be made to supplement the technician work force. If a technician has already performed 15 days of active service, special approval from Joint Force Headquarters is required during the furlough period. This is to prevent the use of AT above the 15-day requirement solely to compensate for furlough. DoD guidance is that offsetting furlough is not sufficient justification, and those requests will not be approved.

AT workdays are intended to meet the member's wartime training requirements, with an understanding that while wartime training requirements are being satisfied, operation objectives can be obtained simultaneously.

188th Fighter Wing promotions

To Colonel
Brian T. Burger



To Master Sergeant
Bently C. Bartee
Travis R. Black
Sean C. Walton
James M. Youngblood



To Lieutenant Colonel
Brian S. Ahlert



To Technical Sergeant
Calvin J. Campbell
Dylan J. Cardwell
Jerry D. Johnson
Terry W. Phillips



To Major
Michael D. Atwell



To Staff Sergeant
Timothy J. White



To Captain
Rick J. Carman



To Senior Airman
Jesse E. Clenney
Evan N. Davis
Jeremy L. James
Anthony J. Moreton
Andrew W. Sharp
Christopher K. Townsend



To 1st Lieutenant
Adam Hobbs
Travis R. Moseley
Charles F. Phelps



To Airman First Class
Ethan S. Robinson



To Senior Master Sergeant
Nicholas J. DeGuire



To Airman
Torrance A. Nixon



2013 Base Pool season pass membership rates

Current members: FREE

Season Family Pass: \$20 to include immediate family members

All 188th state and non-military employees: \$20

Retired enlisted:
\$20 per member, plus \$10 for immediate family

Retired officers:
\$40 per member, plus \$10 for immediate family
(Guests of members must pay daily use rate)

Daily use rates
(without membership)
Infant to 5 years old free (with paying adult)
Children 6-12: \$2.00
Children 13 and up: \$2.50

Pool parties:
(Available daily: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.)
For members: \$50 plus \$10 per hour for lifeguard
Parties must be reserved in advance; some rules may apply.
Lifeguards are required any time the base pool is open.