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## 187th Fighter Wing

## 100th Fighter Squadron honors Tuskegee Airman

By Jenn Rowell

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Roscoe Brown Jr. flew the P-51 Mustang over Europe with the 100th Pursuit Squadron during World War II. Today, his name flies over Iraq on an F-16 Fighting Falcon. The jet is part of the 100th Fighter Squadron commanded by Lt. Col. Scott Patten of the Alabama Air National Guard.

Brown's name recently was painted on the side of one of the jets that deployed with the 100th, part of the 187th Fighter Wing that's based at Dannelly Field. The wing deployed about 250 airmen in July for a three-month tour.

The 100th was the designation of the Tuskegee Airmen during WWII, and it had been 64 years since a squadron with that name had been activated for combat missions. The squadron was formerly the 160th Fighter Squadron, but in 2007 it was redesignated to honor the famed airmen.

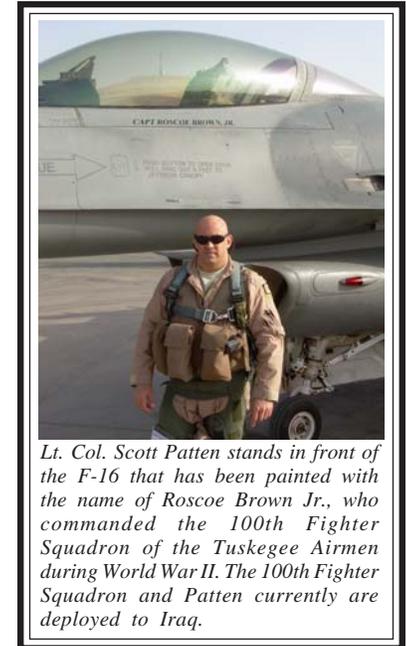
In Iraq, the 100th is serving under the 332nd Expeditionary Airlift Wing, a descendent of the original WWII Tuskegee unit, the 332nd Fighter Group. Brown, a New York resident, visited Dannelly Field in June 2008 to tour the wing and to take a ride in the flight simulator. Patten led the tour and helped Brown get his simulated F-16 off the ground.

Brown completed 68 combat missions in the P-51 in Europe during WWII, but he had some trouble with the simulator. "That's a computer game," Brown joked that day, causing laughter among the pilots.

Now, Patten is leading pilots of the 100th as they provide close air support to coalition forces in Iraq. The pilots have flown more than 300 sorties and logged more than 1,000 hours of flight time in the first month of the three-month deployment.

"While the original Tuskegee Airmen escorted their guys in the air to protect them, we support our guys who are on the ground," Patten said in a news release from Iraq. "If they get in trouble, we're going to be there to protect them."

Members of the 187th have deployed many times and were last deployed to Iraq in 2006 for a similar mission. But this is the first time the red-tailed 100th has been to Iraq.



Lt. Col. Scott Patten stands in front of the F-16 that has been painted with the name of Roscoe Brown Jr., who commanded the 100th Fighter Squadron of the Tuskegee Airmen during World War II. The 100th Fighter Squadron and Patten currently are deployed to Iraq.

## Alabama State Bar offers help to military personnel at a reduced price

Source: *Montgomery Advertiser*

The Alabama State Bar is offering help at a reduced price to military personnel. This is due to the work of a former judge advocate general working along with the State Bar. The Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service helps connect military members with legal services in Alabama – at a discounted rate – and that's a good thing. Currently, the service only applies to members of the Alabama National Guard and the Alabama State Defense Force. But in October, the service will expand to all military members.

Retired Air Force Col. George Schrader proposed the service last year, and the State Bar took up the issue. Col. Schrader, a Montgomery resident, got the idea from the Military Officers Association of America. The national organization has a program in which lawyers volunteer to provide discounted services to the military. When a military member calls the State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service, he or she will be directed to a lawyer who is willing to offer a 25% discount to service members. If a participating lawyer isn't in the service member's area, they will be referred to the nearest lawyer who offers the discounted rate.

The military discount is an additional option within the Bar's referral service. Lawyers pay a \$100 fee to participate in the program. In about a year, the number of participating lawyers has nearly doubled with 235 across the state currently participating. Renee Avery, director of the program, expects that number to double again during the recruitment process in September when lawyers join or renew memberships to the state bar and can opt into the program.

Thus far most lawyers have elected to get in the program and that will provide more support to the military. Col. Schrader spends a lot of time at meetings, visiting various military installations and attending conferences. He is a tremendous promoter of the program. After each of Col. Schrader's visits, the Bar Association gets at least five calls from new people wanting to use the service, according to Ms. Avery. She says that the Bar Association gets lots of calls from military members looking for help with will and estate planning and also child-custody cases.

For more information or to reach the Lawyer Referral Service, you can call (334) 269-1515 or visit <http://www.alabar.org/lrs/>.



## 187 FIGHTER WING MISSION STATEMENT

*To provide the state Governor, National Command Authority, and Combatant Commanders with a superbly equipped and trained general purpose F-16C+ Block 30 Aviation Package, associated Expeditionary Combat Support functions and RC-26B counter drug package for world-wide combat and peacetime/humanitarian tasking in support of our community, state, and national interests.*



## Commander's Desk

By Col. Michael W. Frank

187FW/CV

### 10 Things to do Before You Retire

1. Contribute the maximum allowable to the TSP – technician and/or military
2. Give up a bad habit, or two (smoking, procrastination, tardiness, etc)
3. Become a Subject Matter Expert; be smarter than your boss
4. Be physically fit
5. Travel, go TDY
6. Get as much education as you can – civilian and military
7. Get actively involved outside your career field in something that contributes to the organization
8. Have a good balance between work and play
9. Abide by the Core Values and demand the same from other members in the Wing
10. Be versatile; change career fields



## Commander's Special Interest Items

### 1. Back to Basics

- Leaders lead.
- We properly, effectively and efficiently organize, train and equip.
- We follow technical orders, work cards and checklists.
- We look out for each other.
- We accept nothing less than excellence.

### 2. Energy Conservation

3. **Firearms** Firearms are not authorized on Military Installations.

4. **Seatbelts**...Wear them!

## CSAF 2009 Reading List

By Gen. Norton A. Schwartz

USAF, Chief of Staff

As Airmen, we must continually ready ourselves for the day when our training is put to the ultimate test in combat. An essential element of that preparation is a reading program that expands our minds and informs our thoughts. If we learn the lessons of the past, both successes and failures, we decrease the risk of repeating mistakes. The three books I have selected from the 2009 Reading List are meant to teach us some of those lessons.

For a historical view of navigating change, and the pitfalls of ignoring innovation, open up **Fast Tanks and Heavy Bombers: Innovation in the U.S. Army, 1917-1945**, by David E. Johnson. This story is not one of inevitable historical forces but of human decisions. Johnson argues that the Army's reliance on lightly armored fast tanks and the Air Corp's belief in the invincibility of the bomber left both forces ill prepared and vulnerable in the early days of WWII. The early tanks were no match for heavy Panzer divisions, and the Eighth Air Force was nearly decimated without long-range fighter support.

As we prepare to mark the eighth year of our involvement in Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, I offer a fascinating chronicle in **Afghanistan: A Short History of its People and Politics**, by Sir Martin Ewans. Ewans examines the historical evolution of Afghanistan, from a succession of early dynasties through the Soviet invasion, civil war, and the birth of the Taliban and its support of Al Qaeda. The book concludes with initial OEF victories, and provides a warning to take the long view towards Afghanistan's future. This treatise is an intriguing read for all, and a must for anyone deploying to the region.

Finally, for a deeper understanding of our current fight, I recommend David Galula's **Counterinsurgency Warfare: Theory and Practice**. Inspired by his experiences as a French military officer and attaché, the author realized the "need for a compass" in the suppression of insurgency, and proceeds to "define the laws of counterinsurgency warfare, to deduce from them its principles, and to outline the corresponding strategy and tactics." Written in 1964, this new printing is the first translated into English, and is foundational to the U.S. Counterinsurgency Field Manual used by our forces today. While the book is only 100 pages, when you are done reading, you should understand why winning small wars is important to broader strategic objectives. The entire 2009 reading list can be found at: [www.af.mil/library/csafreading](http://www.af.mil/library/csafreading).

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# From the Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM)

By Chief Master Sgt. Michael E. Cone  
187FW/CCM



### Greetings to our deployed Airmen:

As I write this note I notice that you are approaching the halfway point and reports from the First Sergeant are that things are going well.

Trust me when I say I wish I could be there with you. I envy you having another chapter to add to your deployment storybook. Be sure to stay in touch with your families and let us know if there are any needs we can assist you with.

As you can imagine, there is a different atmosphere here with no flying but our home station Airmen continue with the day-to-day business of maintaining our facilities, paying members, processing personnel actions, and preparing for your return. Congratulations to our Medical Group! They received an overall EXCELLENT during their recent inspection. It was a remarkable achievement, coming on the heels of our ORI and the AEF deployment.

The Dining Out is right around the corner! We are still on schedule for November 21, 2009. I want to encourage you to attend. I know, it is a pain for some to dig out that old "blue suit" but it will be a great time to celebrate the Wing's achievements in 2008 and 2009. First Sergeants will be asking each member if they will attend. This is not a pressure tactic. We need to determine the number of attendees to continue with our planning. Continue to be safe, be smart, and we'll see you soon.

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### To our home station Airmen:

For most of us it will 110 days from our last UTA to our next UTA. I encourage you to start thinking about the challenges related to training and readiness that comes with such a long break between UTAs. Take some time now to plan. For support organizations you provide a service related to readiness and training. Having a plan to mitigate the "crush" of requirements will help relieve the tension.

Speaking of tension – Stop by the Medical Group first chance you get and congratulate them on receiving an overall EXCELLENT during their recent inspection. They were as busy as anyone coming out of the ORI and getting our Airmen medically qualified to deploy. Being able to support the mission and receive a superior rating on an inspection is a testimony to their leadership and an attitude of "gettin' it right the first time" – To the Airman and Officers of the Medical Group – Good Show!

As I mentioned above, the Dining Out is on schedule for November 21, 2009. Please make plans to attend. During this event we will celebrate our achievements as a Wing and recognize individual award winners. You will also have the opportunity to send your buddy or conspire to send your boss to the grog bowl.

Finally, check your ID card. Has it expired or is it about to expire? If so, come on out now to avoid the long lines and get your new ID card before our next UTA. While you're here, you can fill up with cheap gas. See you in October.

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**NOTICE!**      **The following is an important message from the 187th FW Public Affairs Office:**

We have a NEW Email Account (Distro List actually) for ALL Inputs and Photos for the 187th FW "In-Formation" Newspaper. The previous email account for submitting inputs was, In-FormationArticles@almont.ang.af.mil, and is no longer available!

Please submit all articles, photos, etc. to the following email address:  
**187FW.PA@ang.af.mil. Thank you!**

The *In Formation* welcomes articles and photos with captions. All articles are subject to editing.  
**On paper:** Typed or handwritten submissions are acceptable, however, email is preferred.  
 Please E-mail your inputs to: **187FW.PA@ang.af.mil**  
**The deadline for all submissions is 1200 Saturday of UTA. However, please try to get them to us ASAP.**



## Anti-Terrorism

By Col. (Ret) George R. McCurdy III  
187FW/Anti-Terrorism Officer



Threat levels are determined by the terrorist group's operational capabilities, their intentions and their activities versus the terrorist operating environment. The Department of Defense Intelligence agencies use a four-step scale to identify the severity of the threat. The four threat levels are High, Significant, Moderate and Low. The present Threat Level Condition is Significant.

AFI 10-245 states that a Significant Threat Level occurs when Anti-US terrorists are present in the United States with their terrorist attack method of choice being to attack individual personnel or a large group of personnel to produce a large casualty count. However, they have a limited operational capability due to the fact that we have neutralized their operating environment. Law enforcement, the military and each of you, through our "Eagle Eyes Program," play a vital role in keeping the terrorist operating environment neutral. Let us keep it neutral by reporting any suspicious activity by calling (334) 394-7277 as each of you are the key to the effectiveness of our "Eagle Eyes Program."

**Be alert and report ANY suspicious activity by calling 394-7277!**  
**EAGLE EYES! EAGLE EYES! EAGLE EYES! EAGLE EYES!**

## FEMA's "Are You Ready" citizen's guide

By Mr. Dean S. Connors CHS-III  
NGB-ARO-FP, Antiterrorism

Although antiterrorism training cannot guarantee your safety, it will make you more aware of your surroundings, help you avoid becoming a terrorist target, and improve your chances of emerging unharmed if you do become a target.

The below link is to FEMA's "Are You Ready" citizen's guide to emergency preparedness. For those of you who also have a Emergency Management role, you may wish to retain the link as the basic material which can be useful to your EM training programs.

<http://www.fema.gov/areyouready/index.shtm>

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*We are in the "Final Stretch!"*

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Days of Summer  
23 May Through 2 September

## Human Resources Vacancy

By Senior Master Sgt. James S. Moseley, Jr.  
187FW/HRA

The 187th Fighter Wing will be advertising for a new Human Resources Advisor in the coming months. Interested applicants must be a traditional guardsman and either an E-8 or an E-7 promotable. Look for the official announcement and additional details on the qualifications in the October "In Formation" newspaper later this Fall. For information regarding the Human Resources Advisor Program, see ANGI 36-2110.

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# The Airman's Creed

*I am an American Airman.  
I am a Warrior:  
I have answered my nation's call.*

*I am an American Airman.  
My mission is to fly, fight and win.  
I am faithful to a proud heritage,  
A tradition of honor,  
And a legacy of valor.*

*I am an American Airman,  
guardian of freedom and justice,  
My nation's sword and shield,  
Its sentry and avenger.  
I defend my country with my life.*

*I am an American Airman:  
Wingman, leader, warrior.  
I will never leave an Airman behind,  
I will never falter  
and I will not fail.*

## **OFFICER'S OATH:**

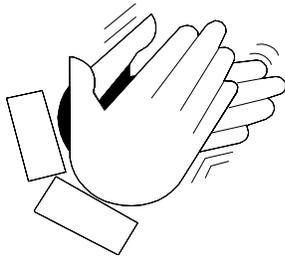
"I\_\_\_\_,do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Alabama against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of the State of Alabama, that I make this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion, and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_,in the Air National Guard of the State of Alabama upon which I am about to enter. So help me God.

## **OATH OF ENLISTMENT:**

"I\_\_\_\_,do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the State of Alabama against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States and the Governor of Alabama and the orders of the officers appointed over me, according to law and regulations. So help me God.

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## Re-enlistments/Extensions: May - August 2009

BETTERTON, JAMES S	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Reenlisted
BETTERTON, JAMES STEPHEN	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Reenlisted
HENSON, NICHOLAS ANTHONY	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Reenlisted
ROOT, STEVEN JOSEPH	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Reenlisted
SHUMOCK, BURLON LANDON	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Reenlisted
TAYLOR, LARRY MARK	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Extended
TAYLOR, LARRY MARK	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Extended
WHITE, NICHOLAS ALLEN	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Extended
ZORN, JAMES HERMOND	187 AIRCRAFT MAINT SQ	Reenlisted
BAILEY, JIMMY ANDRA	187 FIGHTER WG	Reenlisted
BALDWIN, CHRISTOPHER	187 FIGHTER WG	Reenlisted
BROWN, NATHAN WHITFIELD	187 FIGHTER WG	Extended
DARDEN, COREY MILTON	187 FIGHTER WG	Extended
WALLER, TERE THIA RAUSHAUNDA	187 FIGHTER WG	Reenlisted
BIPES, JANIS L	187 FORCE SUPPORT SQ	Reenlisted
GORDON, LEIGHTON DWAIN	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Reenlisted
BREWER, PAUL ISSAC III	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Reenlisted
CARLSON, JOHN ANDREW JR	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Reenlisted
CHRISTEN, SHAUN PATRICK	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Reenlisted
COOK, SONIA ALICIA	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Extended
SEGREST, JASON VERNON	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Reenlisted
WILSON, LILLIE MAE	187 LOGISTICS READINESS SQ	Reenlisted
FAULKNER, MARVIN KEITH	187 MAINTENANCESQ	Reenlisted
HARPER, RONALD TALIFERRO	187 MAINTENANCESQ	Extended
HORNSBY, JASON ADAM	187 MAINTENANCESQ	Reenlisted
MILLS, ERIC TREMAINE	187 MAINTENANCESQ	Reenlisted
WORTHINGTON, JAMES LONZA	187 MAINTENANCESQ	Reenlisted
BIPES, JANIS LYNN	187 MISSION SUPPORT FL	Reenlisted
JONES, KIMBERLY L.	187 MISSION SUPPORT FL	Reenlisted
MARTIN, CHRISTOPHER WEBSTER	187 MISSION SUPPORT GP	Reenlisted
CODY, HOWARD EUGENE JR	187 SECURITY FORCES SQ	Extended
BRANCH, ADAM B	232 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
BUELMAN, JEFFREY KENDALL	232 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
LAW, KENNETH WAYNE	232 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
VAUGHAN, MILESEDWIN	232 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
BALLARD, MARK WAYNE	280 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
FERNANDEZ, PATRICK LEE	280 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
SHANEY FELT, RUSSELL	280 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
THOMPSON, JOHN MICHAEL	280 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
VONHOLLEN, TRACY JAMES	280 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted
ZELLARS, ALAN GENE	280 COMBAT COMMSQ	Reenlisted



## Chaplain's Corner

**The Chaplain Office 'Praise and Prayer Fest' originally scheduled for June 2009 Drill has been re-scheduled for December 2009 Drill. The point of contact for this event is Staff Sgt. Don McLeod at 334-651-2154.**

**The NGB Chaplain Office offers  
a Telephone Crisis Line which is available  
24 hours a day, 7 days a week.  
The telephone number is 1-800-443-2985.  
The Chaplains will offer the following:  
Compassionate Listening, Crisis Intervention,  
Appropriate Referral and Field Coordination with a local Chaplain.  
Your 187th FW Chaplains are available for counseling  
during UTAs and other times by request.**

Need help?

Need help?

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## Getting What You Need the Legal Way

By Senior Master Sgt. Dorothy W. Brown

187MSG/MSC

Have you ever wondered what it takes to order supplies or services through the system, and how long it takes to receive them? In years past, the acquisition process was lengthy and cumbersome. It seemed to take forever to get the request through Supply and Contracting. Thanks to the Federal Acquisition Streamlining Act, the Federal Acquisition Reform Act, and many other supply and acquisition initiatives, you now have options that are tailored to get you the supplies or services you need in a more timely manner to help you accomplish the mission.

Your first option is the Government Purchase Card, sometimes referred to as the GPC. If you are in drill status and have a requirement for supplies and/or services, talk with the Government Purchase Cardholder in your section. If you don't know who the cardholder for your section is, call Base Contracting at ext. 7294 and we will tell you who the cardholder is in your section. The Government Purchase Cardholder is authorized (**with proper approval**) to make purchases up to \$2,000.00 for construction, up to \$2,500.00 for services and up to \$3,000.00 for supplies depending on their Single Purchase Limit.

If your purchase exceeds these limits, then you would need to have your Resource Advisor (RA) submit an AF Form 9, Request for Purchase, in the Automated Business Services System (ABSS). The purchase request, after approvals and certification of funds, gives the Base Contracting Office the authority to begin the local purchase procedure. Without a proper purchase request, the Base Contracting Office cannot start a contracting action. The length of an acquisition could depend on many factors, such as the dollar amount, requiring posting time by the Federal Acquisition Regulations, production time, contractor availability, documentation needed (Sole Source or Brand Name Justification), etc.

Remember, only a Government Purchase Cardholder with a Delegation of Authority Letter from the Base Contracting Office and employees of the Base Contracting Office are authorized to legally obligate Government funds.

See "Preparing a Purchase Description", "The Purpose of a Purchase Description", and "Improper Business Procedures" on the Contracting Intranet page.



## Tricare Reserve Select Overview

Submitted by Senior Master Sgt. John H. Rowe  
187MDG

TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS) is a premium based health plan that qualified National Guard members may purchase. TRS requires a monthly premium and offers coverage similar to TRICARE Standard and Extra. Premiums were greatly reduced starting 1 January 2009.

Single coverage was \$81.00 and is now \$47.51 per month and family coverage was \$253.00 and is now \$180.17 per month.

If you would like more information on this program and learn how to enroll please go to the below website and apply today.

<http://www.military.com/benefits/tricare/tricare-reserve-guard/tricare-reserve-select-overview>

## The TRICARE Dental Program - the Dental Plan for You

**Source and Editor's Note: For access to all blue/underlined text (hyperlinks) in this article, please visit the online source: <http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com/tdptws/home.jsp>**

Join the TRICARE Dental Program (TDP), the only dental plan sponsored by the Department of Defense (DoD) for National Guard/Reserve sponsors **and** their families. With the TDP, you will enjoy a nationwide network of more than 57,000 participating dentists, high-quality customer service and comprehensive dental coverage designed specifically with you in mind!

### The TRICARE Dental Program is...

#### **...Affordable**

Government-shared [cost-shares and premiums](#)

ensure you get the most coverage for minimal out-of-pocket costs. Costs are as low as \$12.12 per month!

#### **... Comprehensive**

Under the TDP, examinations and cleanings are covered at 100 percent when you use one of our network dentists. Fillings, crowns, bridges, root canals and orthodontics are also covered.

#### **... Continuous**

The TDP offers continuous dental coverage throughout the sponsor's changing status—from [inactive to active duty](#). When the sponsor is activated, family members will enjoy reduced monthly premiums.

#### **... Flexible**

Family member [enrollment](#)

is not dependent on the sponsor's enrollment. Family members can enroll at any time.

#### **... Helpful**

TDP participating dentists will complete the [DD Form 2813](#)

- necessary for TDP-enrolled National Guard/Reserve forces in documenting [member dental health](#) - at no additional cost.

#### **... Easy to Coordinate**

If you are a member of the TDP and you have other dental insurance, United Concordia will [coordinate benefits](#) between the two dental plans.

#### **... Easy to Enroll In**

Enrolling in the TDP is easy! You have three convenient enrollment options - online, by mail or by fax. View the [How to Enroll](#)

section for details.

#### **... National Guard & Reserve Frequently Asked Questions**

[National Guard/Reserve Members — Activation and Deactivation](#)

#### **... Dental Readiness**

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[Early Activation Affects Your TDP Enrollment](#)

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[Changes to your LES](#)

For more information return to <http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com/tdptws/home.jsp>

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## **Post 9/11, Chapter 33, G.I. Bill Process**

By Master Sgt. Beverlyn L. Lewis

187 MSF/DPMH

Recently, it has come to my attention that many of our unit members are not aware of their MGIB benefits regarding the new Post 9/11, Chapter 33 and/or the process in which the unit member would need to complete in order to transfer their MGIB benefits to their dependents. Below are the steps to this process and if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to call me.

First step is to make yourself eligible. You must go to [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov) <<http://www.gibill.va.gov>> and fill out a VA 22-1990 form and send it to the VA along with your DD214s (for the active duty period qualifying you for this benefit). ( If you do not send the supporting documents with this application, the VA will not process your application). The VA will send you a letter stating your eligibility status,

if you are eligible.

Second step is to log onto <https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/> <[https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB](https://www.dmdc.osd.mil/TEB/)> website to do the actual transfer. This website will bring up all the dependents you have entered into the DEERS system. (The family member you wish to transfer these benefits to must be entered in DEERS). You will decide how many months of eligibility you want to transfer to each dependent. (You can only give however many months the VA says that you have to transfer. So, it is important that you complete step one first). Once you complete this step, I will receive an email asking me to verify your eligibility before any transfer can take place. I will qualify you based on your time in service. I will either certify you and forward it back or contact you. If you

have completed this step please contact me and let me know you have completed this step. If you leave a message, please be sure to leave your email address and phone number. Also, the status of your transfer can be checked at the same website once your request is approved.

Final step is for your dependent to submit a request for a certificate of eligibility, before they can use the benefit by completing a VA 22-1990E through the VA website: <http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp> <<http://vabenefits.vba.va.gov/vonapp/main.asp>>

If you have any questions please call my office and I will be more than happy to assist you in this process. Remember, once you switch to the Chapter 33, it is IRREVOCABLE.

## **FY10 ANG Crisis Action Team (CAT) Vacancies**

Submitted by Col. Donald A. McGregor

USAF Division Chief, ANG Operational Plans and Execution

Air National Guard Readiness Center

Since Sept 2008, the ANG Crisis Action Team (CAT) has been staffed with a Director, two Executive Officers and an NCO to manage day-to-day requirements and also to maintain a warm readiness status. This posture is designed to ensure that we are prepared to ramp up for a full blown CAT should a crisis arise.

These positions are funded on a yearly basis via an ADOS tour and provide invaluable insight into the crisis management process for the ANG.

We are looking for motivated individuals from the field who are interested in filling these positions for FY10 with the possibility of continued employment for the following year should the funding be available. The positions are a PCS and are available in the following grades.

- 1 - CAT Director - LT Col
- 2 - CAT Execs - Major
- 1 - NCO - TSgt-SMSGt

These positions will offer individuals the opportunity to expand their understanding of the NGB process as well as expose them to the multi faceted domestic operations mission.

If you have an individual in your wing who is interested in being considered for these positions, please have them contact Lt Col April Vogel DSN 278-7148/Comm 301-836-7148 for more details.

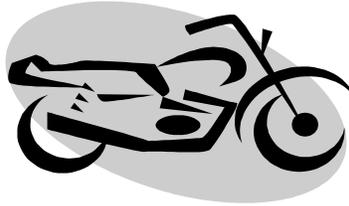


The Safety Office is required to account for all motorcycle riders in our unit. Please take a moment and provide the following information if you are a motorcycle owner or rider to MSgt Rico Harvey at

[rico.harvey@ang.af.mil](mailto:rico.harvey@ang.af.mil)

**INFORMATION NEEDED:**

1. name
2. rank
3. squadron
4. motorcycle make and model
5. engine size
6. operator experience



**New OWA site**

By Senior Master Sgt. Karen M. Skipworth  
187 CF/SCO

The new OWA link is:

<https://mail1.ang.af.mil/owa>

You will not require a password and CAC login. You will simply need your CAC and PIN. If you have any questions, please contact the helpdesk at 394-7428.

**187th Fighter Wing  
Sexual Assault  
Prevention &  
Response Office  
(SAPRO)**

1Lt Jennifer Griffith  
Sexual Assault Response  
Coordinator  
5187 Selma Hwy, Bldg 1502  
Montgomery, AL 36108  
334-394-7202/DSN: 358-9202  
Cell: 334-531-0767  
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**USEFUL NUMBERS/RESOURCES**

- 187FW Sexual Assault Prevention & Response Office 334-394-7202
- DOD Sexual Assault [www.sapr.mil](http://www.sapr.mil)
- Military OneSource 1-800-342-9647  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)  
Overseas: 00-800-3429-6477  
Overseas Collect: 1-484-530-5908
- Airman & Family Readiness 334-394-7119  
(Formerly Family Support Center)
- Chaplain Assistance 334-394-7268
- Base Legal Assistance 334-394-7333
- EEO 334-394-7244
- Law Enforcement  
Security Forces 334-394-7404  
Montgomery Police Dept 334-241-2708
- Standing Together Against Rape (STAR) 334-213-1227
- Rape and Incest National Network  
1-800-656 HOPE [www.rainn.org](http://www.rainn.org)



**What:** 187th Dining Out

**When:** Saturday, November 21, 2009

**Where:** Embassy Suites Hotel (Montgomery)

**POC:** Capt. Morris & Capt. Hosea (now taking volunteers! Please call 394-7385 or 394-7244)

**187FW 2010 UTA/SUTA Schedule**

	<u>UTA</u>	<u>SUTA</u>	<u>Other</u>
January	23-24	9-10	
February	20-21	6-7	
March	6-7	13-14	
April	24-25		Sentry Aloha 27 Mar - 10 Apr
May	15-16		Phase I ORE 13-16 May
June	12-13	26-27	
July	10-11		Gulfport Phase I (10-23 July)
August	14-15	28-29	
September	11-12		Phase I ORE 9-12 Sep
October	16-17	2-3	
November	20-21		Phase I ORI 17-22 Nov
December	11-12	4-5	

**Congratulations to our PME Graduates!**

Submitted by Master Sgt. Norma E. Dove  
187 MSF/DPMT

- TSgt Pernell Sweeney, 187MSG/CES, graduated from the NCO Academy at Gunter Annex on May 14, 2009.
- MSgt Charlie Oliver, 187MXG graduated from the Senior NCO Academy at Gunter Annex on July 22, 2009.
- SSgt Jeffery D. Munford, 187MDG graduated from Airman Leadership School July 30, 2009 at Maxwell AFB, AL. Additionally, he was presented the Leadership Award for demonstrating superior leadership principles. Congratulations to SSgt Munford on this achievement!



**Promotions**

**Chief Master Sgt.**



Bryan Priest  
Jimmy Tanner

**Master Sgt.**



Kenneth McNeil  
Charles Mathews  
Pernell Sweeney  
George Gowan Jr  
Burlon Shumock  
Kimberly Jones  
David Caton  
Russell Shaneyfelt

**Tech. Sgt.**



Robert Brown  
John Norred  
Timothy Whitesell  
DeMarco Perry  
John Ollie  
Richard Pettijohn  
Wallace Cooley  
Bruce Klinner  
Harry Scroggins  
Karen Cagle  
Stacey Simmons

**Staff Sgt.**



Anthony Ross  
Brandon Hornsby  
Trent Nelson  
Adrian Johnson  
Nicholas White  
Mariann Benton  
Kevin Baker  
Brandon Benefield  
Michael Jackson

**Senior Airman**

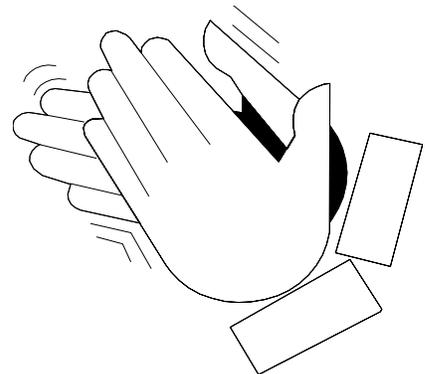


Stephen Jameson  
Sophia Thomas  
Jenell Lessley  
Jamario Smith  
Kevin Wright  
Kurt Jensen  
Brian Briggs  
Kathryn Abbott  
Liane Towle  
Eldridge Scott  
Nicholas McCollum  
Christina Lee  
Brittney Harris  
Roxanne Chambers  
Shanta Stephenson

**Airman 1st Class**



Grace Cannon  
Markisha Gibson  
Tyler Boswell  
Joseph Jones  
Keisha Johnson  
Clint Mclaughlin  
David Cannon  
Jennifer Shreve  
Brock Michalek  
Taylor Sisk  
Kevin Bowen  
Taneka Brewer





**UTA Information**

**Vacancies**

**187TH CES**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS  
ELECTRICAL POWER PROD  
PAVEMENT AND CONSTR  
EQUIP

**187TH CF**

GROUND RADIO

**187TH LRS**

SPECIAL VEH MAINT APP

**187TH MAINT GROUP**

TACTICAL AIRCRAFT MAINT

**187TH MXO**

MUNITIONS SYSTEMS

**187TH MXA**

TACTICAL ACFT MAINT  
ACFT ARMAMENT SYSTEMS  
ACFT MAINT OFFICER  
AVIONICS SYSTEMS  
**187TH MXM**  
MUNITIONS SYSTEMS  
ACFT FUELS

ACFT ELEC/ENVIRON  
ACFT EGRESS SYSTEMS  
NONDESTRUCT INSP SPEC  
ACFT ACCESSARY SYS  
STRUCT/CORR SPEC  
JET ENGINE MECHANICS  
TACTICAL ACFT MAINT  
ACFT PNEU SYSTEMS  
AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIP

**187TH MDG**

HEALTH SVC MNGT  
MEDICAL MATERIAL APP  
FLIGHT SURGEON  
PHYSICIAN ASST  
BIOENVIRONMENTAL EQUIP

**187TH MSG**

CONTRACTING

**100 FS**

AIRCREW FLIGHT EQUIP

**187TH OG**

RECONNAISSANCE

**226TH CBCS**

ELECTRICAL POWER PROD  
COMM-COMP SYS OPNS  
COMM-COMP SYS CONT  
HVACR

**226TH CCG**

HVACR  
GROUND RADIO

**EOC Testing**

Sat. -- 1300-1600 in the MPF Testing Rm.  
Sun. -- 0900-1200 in the MPF Testing Rm.

**UTA Pay Dates**

**Oct. UTA - 11 Nov. 2009**

**UTA Dates**

	<u>UTA</u>	<u>SUTA</u>
Oct.	31-1 Nov.	17-18
Nov.	21-22	7-8
Dec.	5-6	19-20

**End of Course Testing**

Please reserve a seat through your Unit Training Manager.  
End of Course Testing is conducted every Tuesday at 1400 and every Thursday at 0900. No need to reserve a seat when testing on Tuesday or Thursday.

**IMPORTANT FINANCE INFORMATION**

Going on an Active Duty tour for 30 or more days? Don't forget to stop by Finance to outprocess, receive a briefing on your entitlements and get your pay started. If you do not out process with Finance, your pay may be either delayed or not started. So, it is very important that you stop by Finance before you depart.

**CHECK YOUR PERSONNEL AND PAY RECORDS ONLINE**

**First, sign-up on a military computer:**

vMPF website: <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vs/>

My Pay website: <https://mypay.dfas.mil/mypay.aspx>

**For assistance, see your orderly room representative.**

**Officer Vacancies**

**2 Positions in the Medical Group**

- 1 - Flight Surgeon (48R3)
- 1 - Physician Assistant (42G3)

**Application Procedures:** All applicants must submit a resume to 187th Medical Group. There is no closeout date on this announcement at this time.

**Military Personnel Flight & Finance  
Customer Service Hours**

Since Military Personnel & Finance combined in the new HQ Building, both sections have changed their work schedule to match.

The new Hours of Operation are:

**Saturday: 0800hrs - 1430hrs**  
From 1430hrs - 1600hrs **BOTH** areas will be closed for training.

**Sunday: 0700hrs - 1500hrs**

**New e-mail address to send your travel orders**

To better accommodate the travel needs of the 187th Fighter Wing and it's GSU's, the Traffic Management Office has established a new mailbox for our members/UDMs to send in their orders and travel requests. This will help us to ensure everyone's travel needs are met as soon as possible no matter who is available in the office at that time. From this point on, please forward all orders and travel request to: [187FW.LGRT@ang.af.mil](mailto:187FW.LGRT@ang.af.mil) (instead of any one individual in the TMO office).