

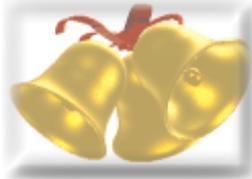


January 2010

187th Fighter Wing

Ode to the 2009 Dining Out

By Capt. Will Cambardella
187th FW/ PAO



Air Force photo by TSgt Adam Pruitt
Senator Bobby Bright and Col. Jeff Smiley sing the Air Force song at the closing of the 187th FW Dining Out which was held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 21, 2009.

The 187th celebrated with food, drink, and friends to make some good times. A tradition in the making with the following rhymes: The chimes ushered in the 187th and our guests. Chaplain Brown welcomed the mess, with a prayer to the Lord. Lt. Rizzo sat front and center, not to be ignored. The National Anthem and Amazing Grace rang through the room, a gavel hit

once and then came the spoons. Our guests welcomed and glasses charged when Col (Ret.) McCurdy began to star with a little rant, Once weapons were removed "Grog" became the chant. The Points of Order came in waves. Lt. Merriweather kicked off things but forgot to rhyme- oh what a knave! Dinner served and rolls abound, tossed at KJ and her hus-

band before she left town. Bobby Bright, true friend of the 187th, should mention to his speechwriter to capitalize and bold face the word... Joint Strike Fighter. Awards, accolades and coins...Mr. President and Chief got on a roll. And don't forget all the winners drawn out of the fish bowl. Good times- no doubt, the Air Force song wrapped up our first Dining Out!

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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. Kathryn Johnson
187th FW/ MXG CC (outgoing)



To the Men and Women of the 187th Fighter Wing

As many of you know, I am headed to 22nd Air Force to be the A4, Director of Logistics. I am sad to be leaving the many friends and team mates I have made during my year here with the 187th FW and the Air National Guard. I can definitely say I have learned a LOT and that we have been through a LOT. In the short year we have been through two surge exercises, the re-certification of our weapons troops, a GREEN FLAG exercise, three ORE's, an ORI, and an AEF deployment.

The GREEN FLAG exercise really kicked off the new maintenance attitude in style. We flew 120 live ordnance sorties with flawless preparation, superior execution and top notch training for operations, weapons and munitions. Our newly overhauled weapons flight was recognized as the best Green Flag weapons crews with 127 live ordnance deliveries. Bombs on target!

All over the Maintenance Group we have made tremendous strides. The Phase Dock planned and executed four phase inspections in less than two months, raising the phase time line to an all time high of 215 by May 2009. The maintainers systematically combed through each aircraft fixing delayed discrepancies, some as old as three years ago. The ORI results were nothing less than spectacular. With only 14 jets available on station, four were already deployed to the AOR and three were at the depot, the group had 12 aircraft spit-shined and ready for inspection. During the ORI we were able to generate all 59 tasked sorties and flew 57 out of those 59 resulting in an outstanding sortie production rating. Control of maintenance was airtight earning an EXCELLENT rating. I personally overheard the IG say; "Is this the same unit?" Clearly we were not.

The AEF was done in spectacular 187th fashion as well. Despite the New Mexico ANG falling out and adding 25 days to our rotation, each member of the Wing pulled together to get the required training accomplished. Twenty two separate training events in all! When it was all said and done, we flew 570 combat sorties for more than 2300 flying hours and put 100 percent of the tasked bombs on target. Spectacular!

However, I know that the 187th will not be content to sit back and "look at the press clippings" as Col. Smiley would say. Instead we are preparing for the next challenge and are well on the way to success by preparing for the Phase I ORI and the next AEF. I can't wait to see how well the 187th does with both endeavors, because ya'll have attitude...A MAINTENANCE ATTITUDE!

Command Chief Master Sergeant (CCM)

by Chief Master Sgt. Michael Cone
187th FW/CCM



I hope you and your family have a great Christmas and that you take the opportunity to enjoy the holiday season to its fullest. As we enter 2010, its traditional to make resolutions to improve or change. The New Year presents us with an unlimited number of opportunities to improve. The following are some things on my mind:

First, we have our Phase I ORI preparation. Over the next 10 months we have the opportunity to improve our bench of Airmen by including them in the deployment preparation and training process. Don't miss the opportunity to assign our young Airmen to one of the many jobs that are required to run the deployment machine. Give them the opportunity to learn and demonstrate their creative abilities.

Second, continue to work toward the Dannelly 20/20 vision. This vision will blaze a path for the 187th Fighter Wing receiving the Joint Strike Fighter. The Wing is on track with all measures; Increase our PAA, plan for an aircraft upgrade or aircraft replacement to bridge us to a 24 PAA F-35 Fighter Wing, successful deployments and excellent inspections. Understanding this vision will help you identify areas within your work center that can be improved.

Third, make time for your family. Don't divide your time between work and family rather make time for work and for family. Don't forget who we are working for and why we serve. Our ability to serve at such a high level of proficiency and readiness starts at home. Plan to be at those events you will treasure forever. Don't let birthdays and anniversaries sneak up on you. Be sure your family knows well in advance when your duty will take you away from those special occasions.

Finally, resolve to be strong in mind, body, and spirit. Know your job and the effort it will take to exceed expectations. Know the status of your health and pick two things to improve upon in 2010. Spend 5 minutes every day, to reflect on how your service has added to who you and how you can improve your fellow Airman. Identify the things you are thankful for and endeavor to preserve them.

I look forward to serving with you in 2010.



Thanks to all unit members who submitted a name for the Student Flight Name Contest. The winning entry and the name of our new Student Flight Program is **F.A.L.C.O.N. Flight. (Future ANG Leadership Cadre Orientation and Necessities)** Congratulations to MSgt Jeff Shirley and TSgt Steve Huffman for winning the Student Flight Name Contest. Both received a \$25.00 gas card and the wonderful opportunity to speak to FALCON Flight during the next UTA.

Anti-Terrorism

by Col. (Ret) George R. McCurdy III
187th FW/ATO



Facts about Muslims

The War on Terrorism is a war where the enemy is primarily of the Muslim faith. Here is some basic information about Muslims, and by the way, this information is taken directly from the slides that Maj. Hasan used in giving his brief at Walter Reed Hospital. We will begin with his slide on definitions, they are as follows: **Islam** – The name of the Muslim religion; **Muslims** – The people who practice Islam; **Islamist** – Advocates rule by God's law-Islamic political rule/Sharia ie (No separation of Church and State); **Fatwa** – Religious

rulings/legal opinions from Islamic leaders/scholars; **Jihad** – A Muslim Holy war or spiritual struggles against infidels, Islam is made up of 85% Sunni's and 15% Shia with the Shia primarily being located in Iran.

There are approximate 1.2 billion Muslims worldwide and approximately 1.9 billion Christians worldwide. The countries with the largest Muslim populations are Indonesia and Pakistan with 18% of the Muslim population being of Arab origin. According to Maj. Hasan's slides there are approximately 15,000 Muslims in our military. The five pillars of Islam are: **Shadah** – Testifying our allegiance to God (I declare there is no God except God and I declare that

Muhammad (SAWS) is the messenger of God); **Salat** – daily prayers; **Zakat** – annual charity; **Saum** – month long fasting; **Hajj** – The pilgrimage to Mecca.

Articles of Faith: Allah (SWT); Angles (Gabriel, Michael; Books of **Allah** – (Gospel, Torah, Koran, etc.); **Prophets of Allah** – Abraham, Jesus, Mohammad (SAWS); **Day of Judgment**- Supremacy of God's Will.

Always be alert and report any suspicious activity by calling 394-7277. You are the key to victory in the Global War on Terrorism.

**Eagle Eyes Eagle Eyes Eagle Eyes
Eagle Eyes Eagle Eyes Eagle Eyes**

U.S. Senate Youth Program Seeks Military Mentors

by National Guard Bureau

The National Guard Bureau is looking for military officers (O-1 through O-4) to be Mentors for the 2010 Senate Youth Program. The program, instituted in 1962 by U.S. Senate Resolution and held annually in Washington, DC, is designed to give the nation's top-rated high school seniors a working knowledge of American politics through personal interaction with high-level government agencies and officials. Military Mentors serve as counselors, facilitators and role models for the 104 students (two from each state and territory), giving them a better understanding of defense missions, personnel and lifestyle. For more information about the program, visit the U.S. Senate Youth Program website at www.ussenateyouth.org.

Military Mentor officers who are selected must be on Permissive TDY or leave status for the duration of the program to include two days of pre-program training. Inclusive dates of the program are Thursday, 4 March through Saturday morning, 13 March 2010 (Senior and Assistant

Senior Mentor Officers will be required to attend three additional days of training beginning on Monday, 1 March.)

The Hearst Foundation, which sponsors the program, will pay for lodging, meals, and incidental costs such as laundry and dry-cleaning. Officers who have participated in the past are eligible and encouraged to participate in the 2010 program (provided they are O-1 thru O-4). The volunteer Military Mentors are responsible for their own transportation costs to get to Washington, DC.

DEADLINE: Nomination packages must be submitted electronically to Margaret.moffett@us.army.mil NLT Wednesday, 6 January 2010. If you have any questions, please contact Peg for further information via e-mail or at DSN 327-2614 (Commercial: 703-607-2614). The final selection of Mentor Officers and Senior Mentor Officers will take place by 25 January 2010.

First Shirt

by SMSgt Steve Russell
187th FW First Sgt/ MSG

“SEND ME”

The theme of the Enlisted Leadership Symposium was “Send Me” and the focus of the First Sergeants breakout session was on areas that support deployments. In order to support deployments, First Sergeants must focus on Family Care Plans, Force Development and Force Management. Proper documentation of ANG personnel’s family care plans according to AFI 36-2908 guidelines is imperative and is a gradable item on UCI’s. This helps ensure Airmen have prepared for deployment

by ensuring their family members have a plan for their care and well-being. Also, force development is critical to maintaining combat and deployment readiness. First sergeants need to ensure all training requirements of their Airmen are accomplished and kept up to date. A strong component of force development should be mentorship through the utilization of (myEDP). First Sergeants also need to make sure their own personal development is preparing them for positions of leadership once their current tenures are complete. Finally, proper force management is important to maintaining a mission capable unit. First Sergeants should work closely with their Commanders and Human Resource Advisors to ensure force management planning incorporates diversity that focuses on the diversity of skills and demographics. I will lead from the front. Send Me!

Check for authorization and wear guidance of the Sage Green Fleece in next month’s In-Formation

Prattville Elementary spends day with 187th



“Point of Order!”

“Here, Here!”

“To the Mess!”



Dining Out



How to Construct a Static Display



The static display is marshalled into place with a Lowboy extendable truck. The truck was outfitted with special guard rails to haul the aircraft for transport. The refurbishment took place in Peachtree City, GA. Clayton International Inc. painted the F-16 using a bead-blasted method which incorporates an air compressor spray that completely strips the old paint off. This creates a better surface to paint. Once painted the truck delivered the F-16 back to the 187th FW.

The aircraft is hoisted on to the existing pedestal in front of Headquarters. The F-16 is designed with a special sling that evenly distributes the weight and allows for precise placement into the cradle. At \$800.00 an hour for the crane, time is a factor in achieving proper placement. As technical advisor, SMSgt Robert Owens explained, "Being a part of an F-16 Wing empowers us to use the right tools to ensure successful completion in the most efficient way possible."



Once the F-16 is on the cradle of the pedestal, the bolts are installed to firmly secure it in place. Six bolts are installed into the center line keel beam. These are the same type of bolts used on the weapon pylons. The ropes seen below help keep the aircraft from spinning while it is being stabilized.

The Crane is used for safety purposes while the last couple of bolts are used to mount the F-16. Final preparation is employed here to safely remove the sling.



From left to right- SMSgt Robert Owen, Col Kathy Johnson, MSgt Stephen Shanks endorse the newly refurbished static display. Owen was the technical advisor throughout the process, Shanks handled the contract paperwork with the statement of work and Col. Johnson helped to supervise the project.

The finished product! What a fitting tribute to the 187th FW and the Tuskegee Airmen.

Happy Holidays and Seasons Greetings! See you in January.

This article was written by Capt. Will Cambardella and SMSgt Robert Owen. Photos by TSgt Jamie Pitcher and TSgt Adam Pruitt



Retirements

Chief Master Sergeant Gene Cody- 12/6/09

Senior Master Sergeant Penelope Howard
12/1/09

Master Sergeant Vonsetta Love- 12/1/09

Technical Sergeant L.V. Nelson- 12/6/09

Promotions

SrA

John A. Horne

SSgt

Stephen E. Hahn

Dwight C. Upton

Martin D. Smith

Daniel K. Phillips

TSgt

Akilah V. Dale

Ben A. Praytor

Kenneth B. Pope

MSgt

Stanley Krasinski

Reenlistments

Raymond L. Brothers Matthew W. Cooper

Eric T. Calvert John M. Greene

Charles W. Causey Anthony B. Ross

David W. Ellen Ronald Whitehurst

Zachary R. Greene Brian K. Brasher

Minter Haynes Dwayne C. McKinney

Gary Prichard Paul J. Meadows

Christopher Ray George A. Miller

Marquis Webster Keith A. Stanley

Washington Capers

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Fitness Program Update

from Col. Yvas Deshpande
NGB/A1-Director

Revised Assessment under the new Fitness Program will now be effective 1 Jul 10. This draft instruction currently in staffing reflects testing for ANG AGR and drill status guardsmen only ONCE a year under the new guidelines.

1. Per revised AF/A1 timeline for the new Fitness Program implementation, Air National Guard members who require Fitness Assessment between 1 January 2010 and 30 June 2010 will be assessed under current requirements/scoring as defined in Air National Guard Instruction 10-248. Effective 1 July 2010, all members will test under the new Air Force Instruction 10-248 Fitness Program requirements. This draft instruction currently in staffing reflects testing for ANG AGR and drill status guardsmen only ONCE a year under the new guidelines.

2. During the 1 Jan - 30 Jun 10 testing period, unit Physical

Training Leaders (PTLs) will provide two scores where possible: one being the actual score under the ANG Instruction and one showing the projected score had the new Air Force Instruction standards applied. This will help Airmen gauge performance under the new test. Members evaluated during this period via STEP will not receive additional scores as the new standard precludes STEP testing.

3. This program implementation approach will enable us to get into the new fitness battle rhythm while allowing Airmen the opportunity to see how they'll fare under the new standard; it will also afford commanders adequate time to adjust fitness programs and to enhance awareness.

Please utilize the chain of command to address questions and concerns.

Human Resources Bulletin

2009 FEDERAL EMPLOYEES HEALTH BENEFITS PLAN EXTENDED THROUGH 31 DECEMBER 2009 (ARNG/ANG TECH): OPEN SEASON OPPORTUNITIES:

Enroll in, change, or cancel an existing enrollment in a health plan under the FEHB Program.

Go to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/rates/non-postalffs2010.pdf> for health plan rates.

Go to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/health/search/plan-search.aspx> to compare health plans.

RISE OF THE CYBER WINGMAN

10 Principles Every Airman Should Know

Every day, malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks attack Air Force computers hardware, software and the Internet. They infiltrate classified information and compromise national security. In response, the Air Force is stepping up its mission to defend cyberspace.

Cyberspace adversaries attack Department of Defense computer networks every day. They range from individual hackers, criminal organizations and terrorists, to nation states. Though they aren't successful the majority of the time, they have stolen classified information from networks and computers, including future weapon systems, logistics information and Airmen's personal information.

Mission success is the goal of protecting networks from attack. In August, Chief of Staff Gen. Norton Schwartz outlined steps the Air Force is taking to centralize this mission. He said that those steps are just the beginning. "To make significant progress we must also change the way we think about the cyberspace domain," General Schwartz wrote to AF members in a service-wide email.

The most common way of getting information is phishing. This attack targets the weakest link in network security – the user. It involves sending e-mails containing attachments and linked Web sites that appear legitimate. Phishing tricks Airmen into downloading malicious code which provides a door into that network or computer from remote locations. Phishing happens at work or home.

"We must all conduct ourselves as "Cyber Wingmen," recognizing that our actions and activities on the network affect every other Airman and impact our ability to execute the broader Air Force mission," said Air Force Chief of Staff General Norton Schwartz.

Applying our Wingmen in the cyberspace domain gives us a powerful advantage – every Airman is a defender in cyberspace," said General C. Robert Kehler, Air Force Space Command commander.

The activation of 24th Air Force Aug. 18 helps define Air Force requirements and establishes training standards for cyber warriors. The next step is to educate every Airman about the Cyber Wingman campaign.

We must all conduct ourselves as "Cyber Wingmen," recognizing that our actions and activities on the network affect every other Airman and impact our ability to execute the broader Air Force mission," General Schwartz said.

The "Rise of the Cyber Wingman" philosophy incorporates the following 10 guiding principles every Airman needs to know and use to secure cyberspace.

1. The United States is vulnerable to cyberspace attacks by relentless adversaries attempting to infiltrate our networks- at work and at home- millions of times a day, 24/7.

2. Our adversaries plant malicious code, worms, botnets and hooks in common Web sites, software and hardware such as thumbdrives, printers, etc.

3. Once implanted, this code begins to distort, destroy and manipulate information, or "phone" it home. Certain code allows our adversaries to obtain higher levels of credentials to access highly sensitive information.

4. The adversary attacks your computers at work and at home knowing you communicate with the AF network by e-mail, or transfer information from one system to another.

5. As Cyber Wingmen, you have a critical role in defending your networks, your information, your security, your teammates and your country.

6. You significantly decrease our adversaries' access to our networks, critical USAF information, and even your personal identity, by taking simple action.

7. Do not open attachments or click on links unless the email is digitally signed, or you can directly verify the source- even if it appears to be from someone you know.

8. Do not connect any hardware or download any software, applications, music or information onto our networks without approval.

9. Encrypt sensitive but unclassified and/or mission critical information. Ask your CSA for more information.

Finally install the free Department of Defense anti-virus software on your home computer. Your CSA can provide you with your free copy.

By embracing, understanding and applying each of these rules, we will deliver on our promise to fly, fight and win in air, space and cyberspace," General Schwartz said.

Practice and understand these valuable principles for the upcoming ORE/ORI May, July, Sept and November

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Chaplain's Corner

by Captain (Ch) Brandy Brown
187th FW Chaplain



Greetings from JBB! Tis' the season for MRAPs, HMMWVs, and IBA; you know... your typical Christmas in the desert!

While you're on tour, you attempt to bring as much "home" to your combat environment as allowable by DoD. As the days quickly turn from November into December, the stockings, lights,

garland, and trees are taking residency in the hallways and offices. The dust is being covered by all things red, green, blue, and white and for some cherished moments, we get to imagine the holidays at home. We still have our missions and taskings but during this time of the year, the comraderie grows and the season's cheer spreads across the base. Carolling is common and of course and no party would be complete without some sort of stealing-the-present game. We make the best of our deployment with what we have, and obtain

what we need at the PX or from care packages.

I am a Chaplain in Iraq during the holiday season serving arm-in-arm with my Air Force troops and all the other sister services. I am offering ministry to humbled warriors, Airmen and Soldiers in the very place where "it" all began thousands of years ago! I may never have another opportunity to pass this way again, so I will take this blessing and watch God at work. Our Rabbi will celebrate Chanukah, our Priest will celebrate the Advent, and I will join in with the rest of the Protestants and celebrate Christmas. We are, after all, in the same desert where persons of biblical times celebrated their religious holidays, so we're just reenacting, if you will. Military chaplains, in my opinion, lead a blessed life.

May your halls be decked and your days be merry and bright. And we're all dreaming of that white Christmas this year! Blessings to you and your family during this holiday season and of course, Merry Christmas!

Luke 2:13-14

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of heavenly hosts praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on the earth peace, good will toward men."



Bring your military ID for one complimentary ticket to the 2009 Papa John's Bowl at Legion Field, Birmingham, AL. On Jan 2 at 1:00 CST University of USC Gamecocks will play the UCONN Huskies. For more information call 205-413-4849

Angel Tree and Magnolia House receive 187th gift donations

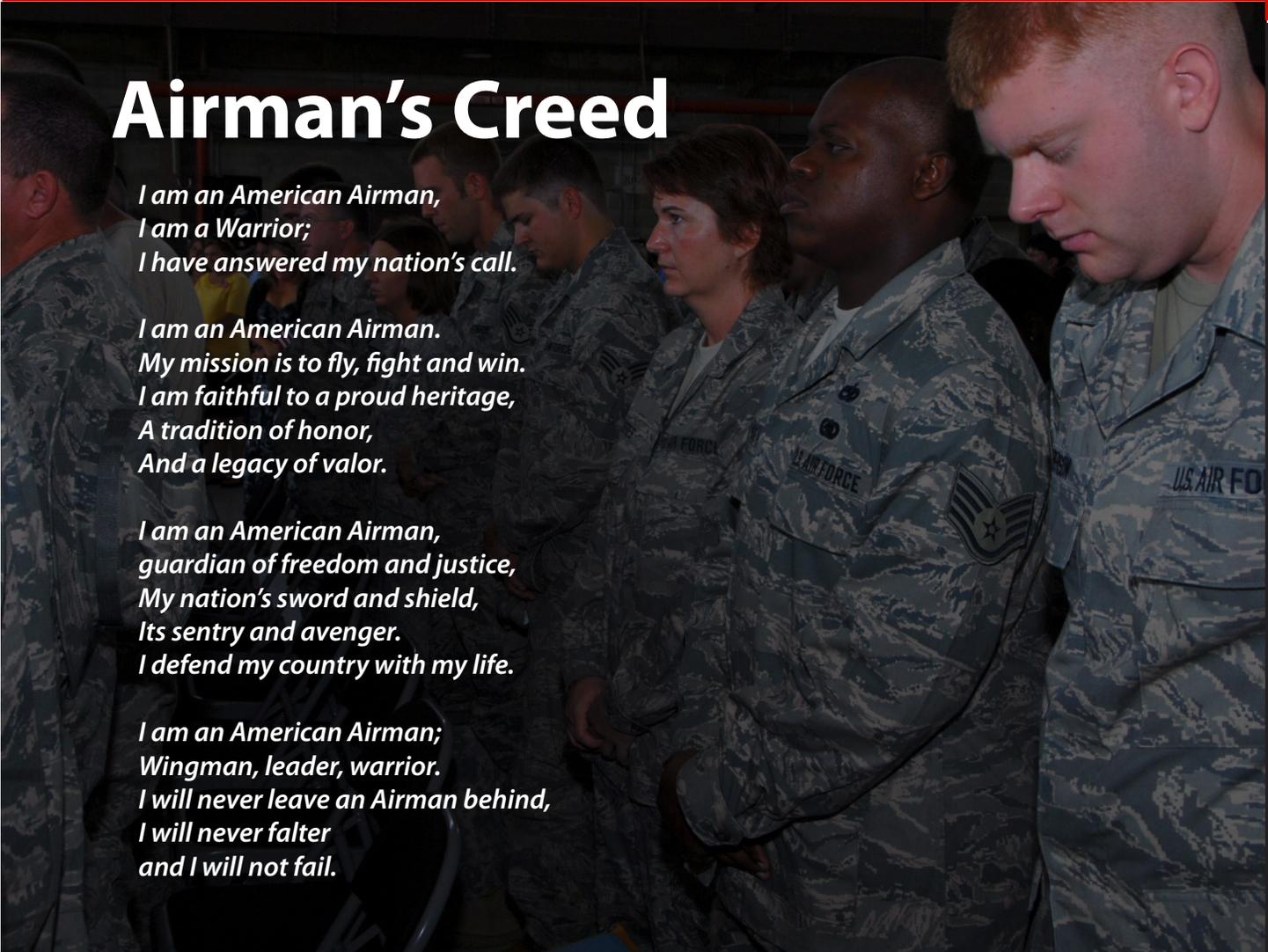
by MSgt Lisa McDay

187th FW NCOIC/AMXS



Thanks to everyone for the gifts received to sponsor children in the local community. The Non-commissioned Officer Academy Graduate Association obtained 60 angels to sponsor, and as always the members of the 187th went above and beyond to make this project a success. When the employees from the Salvation Army arrived, the employees

were overjoyed with the number of items collected. The room shown was filled to capacity with suggested gifts for the sponsored children. Again, thanks 187th Fighter Wing members for having such a generous spirit in giving back to the community. Gift donations were also taken to the Magnolia House in Prattville Alabama.



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.

Bulls-Eye

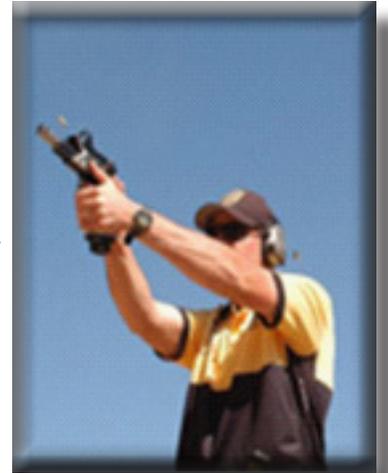
by Lt Col William Ruehl
187th FW/ Safety Officer

187th Fighter Wing Marksmanship Program

The 187th Fighter Wing has a long, proud tradition dating back to the late 1950s of producing some fine marksmen for the unit, and the State of Alabama. The history behind the military's marksmanship programs has roots in the Civilian Marksmanship Program (CMP). The CMP history goes back to late 19th century efforts by U.S. military and political leaders to strengthen our country's national defense capabilities by improving the rifle and pistol marksmanship skills of members of the Armed Forces. The CMP traces its direct lineage to 1903 when Congress and President Theodore Roosevelt established the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice (NBPRP) and the National Matches. From then until 1996, the Department of War and later the Department of the Army managed the program that became known as the "Civilian Marksmanship Program." During this period, program objectives shifted from military marksmanship to training civilians who might serve in the military to developing youth through marksmanship training. In 1996, Congress acted again to establish the Corporation for the Promotion of Rifle Practice and Firearm Safety that now governs the CMP.

There was a period between 1993 and 1997 that the 187th did not have an active shooting program. In 1997 the program was reactivated by myself and a few others competing with the M1 Garand at Ft Benning and other venues in the Southeast. The team was lead from 1998 to 2003 by Lt Col Carl Jones who had been on the Marine Corps Marksmanship Team prior to coming to the 187th FW. The team had growing pains caused by equipment issues. The M1s were sent to the CMP for sale to the public in 1999 and all the team's pistols had been sent to Anniston Army Depot for destruction during the years of 1993 to 1997. We were able to use M-14s from the Alabama Army National Guard from 1999 until 2002 when the Army recalled those weapons for use in the "War on Terror". When unit funds were not available to purchase team weapons, shooters bought and provided their own weapons starting in 2002 and began using the modern AR-15 (civilian equivalent of the M-16). The Wing Commander agreed to continue to provide equipment and ammunition when funding allowed so that the team could compete. Heavy operations tempo have made it difficult since 2002 for many members on the team to compete, however there has been resurgence in the competitive spirit in the last six months and the team has expanded its Marksmanship Program to include not only service rifle shooters but action shooters and soon a sniper team.

The 187th Marksmanship Unit (MU) enhances the unit's recruiting effort, which will help raise the standard of the unit's marksmanship proficiency and will support the unit's small arms procurement initiatives in order to raise the unit's overall combat readiness. If shooting has an "Extreme" sport, then action shooting would be it. Competitors move, negotiate obstacles, run, speed-reload, and drive their guns through each of several courses as fast as their skill will allow. In this sport, just as in combat, both speed and accuracy are equally important. A fast run with poor hits or misses will likely cost you the match just as perfect shots and a slow time will not win out. The key to success is a balance of speed and accuracy, just like in a gun fight. The airman's close quarters and mid range combat skills to include; accuracy, refined shot placement, reloading effectiveness, engaging moving targets, engaging targets while moving, using foreign weapons, and night fire is an overall objective of the 187th MU. In other words, we increase the survivability and lethality of Airmen on the modern urban battlefield.



Privately Owned Firearms

Possession or use of personal privately owned firearms is prohibited on all Alabama National Guard premises. The only exception is for individuals serving in an authorized law enforcement capacity.

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Vacancies



187th CES
ELECTRICAL POWER PROD
PEST MANAGEMENT

187th LRS
AIR TRANSPORTATION APP
VEH EQUIP MAINT

187th MXO
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

187th MXA
INFORMATION MANAGEMENT
TACTICAL AIRCRAFT MANAGEMENT
AVIONICS SYSTEMS
ARMAMENT SYSTEMS

187th MXM
TACTICAL AIRCRAFT MAINT
JET ENGINE MECH
ACFT FUELS

ACFT ELEC/ENVIRON
STRUCTURAL/CORR SPEC
AEROSPACE GROUND EQUIP
MUNITIONS SYSTEMS
AVIONICS TEST STATION

187th MDG
FLIGHT SURGEON
PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT

232nd CBCS
ELECT POWER PRODUCTION

226TH CBCS (5-level qualified only)
HVACR
GROUND RADIO



EOC Testing

Saturdays 1300-1600
Sundays 0900-1200
Location MPF Testing Room

UTA Pay Dates

Dec UTA 16 Dec 2009
Jan UTA 3 Feb 2010
Feb UTA 3 Mar 2010
March UTA 3 Apr 2010

UTAs 2010

	UTA	SUTA
JAN	23-24	9-10
FEB	20-21	6-7
MAR	6-7	13-14
APR	24-25	none
MAY	15-16	none
Sentry Aloha	27 Mar - 10 Apr 2010	

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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.

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.

Check your personnel AND pay records online

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.

Military Personnel Flight Customer Service Hours

Tuesday - Friday
0800-1730

Closed for lunch
1200-1230

Closed for training

Wednesday 1230-1430

Minimum staffing 1630-1730

UTA Hours 0900-1500

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.