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ON THE COVER >>

A deploying member shares a last moment prior to departure.
(Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Baldwin)

Red Tails arrive in Afghanistan click the picture below for video:



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May is... FAMILY SUPPORT MONTH



Mother's Day is
May 11th





AROUND THE PATTERN



“Direct or Indirect Mentoring – Force Development”

By: Senior Master Sgt David Betts, Human Resource Advisor
187th Fighter Wing

Chief Master Sgt Lindsey McCall, 187th Fighter Wing command chief once told me, “I have learned from everyone.

I have learned the most from those who desired to share, and I have learned more from those who desired not to share. There were those who gave me jobs to do and retired to their offices to read the paper during UTA. Either way, I have learned...” Certainly you are mentoring and developing forces whether you want to or not. Some will set goals and engage those they mentor and some will set stumbling blocks and hope you never gain a step. “Where will we be in the next five years?” says Col. Samuel Black, 187th Fighter Wing commander. “Infect as many as you can with your positive attitude.” We can reflect on your engagement or non-engagement. You choose. Remember your oath? “I do...”

“*ANG Force Development (FD) is to create an ANG which is responsive to local, State, and Air Force requirements while simultaneously expanding our pool of future leaders. ANG must have credibility in Total Force forums which require experienced and educated guardsmen who are on par with Reg AF counterparts. It is necessary to open dialogue between members and supervisors to allow individuals to achieve their full potential while building a bench of highly qualified individuals who can serve in key leadership positions at the highest levels in the wing, JFHQ and DoD.



"Direct or Indirect Mentoring – Force Development" *continued*



ENLISTED SCORECARD



- Required
- Enlisted Leadership Assignment
- Civilian Education
- Developmental Education
- Career Broadening Opportunity
- Executive Core Qualifications / Competency
- Fundamental Competency

Enlisted Service (Years): 4, 10, 16, 20, 24

Accessions / BMT	Technical Training	5-Skill Level / OJT	ALS	OJT Trainer	TDY / Exercise Deployment	7-Skill Level / OJT	Supervisor	Deployment	NCOIC	NCOA	Special Duty Assign / 1st Sergeant	CCAF Degree	Section / Flight Chief	SE - JPME	UC / ORI Team	HQ Staff / Stat Tour	SNCOA	9-Skill Level / OJT	Superintendent	Wing / State HRA	CEM Code	CEC / CLC	Wing / State CCM	
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Leadership Competencies:

Interpersonal Skills	Oral & Written Communication	Continual Learning	Creativity & Innovation	External Awareness	Flexibility	Resilience	Strategic Thinking	Vision	Conflict Management	Leveraging Diversity	Developing Others	Team Building	Accountability	Customer Service	Decisiveness	Entrepreneurship	Problem Solving	Technical Credibility	Financial Management	Human Capital Management	Technology Management	Partnering	Political Savvy	Influencing / Negotiating	
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I work in the hospitality industry as a front desk supervisor. I have led a team of 10 people responsible for servicing 75,000 customers annually. I have received the #1 Company Customer Satisfaction Award the past two years.

Leadership Competency Definitions: www.ang.af.mil/careers/forcedevelopment



OFFICER SCORECARD



- Required
- Command
- Civilian Education
- Supplemental/Military Education
- Joint Matters
- Senior Leadership Assignment
- Career Broadening Opportunity
- Executive Core Qualifications / Competencies
- Fundamental Competencies

Commissioned Service (Years): 8, 14, 16, 18, 21

Accessions AMS/OTS	Tech Training	Special Duty AO/Exec	BDE	Flight CC	Deployment	Staff	IDE	Special Duty Fellowship	IDC	Squadron CC	Masters Degree	Deployment	JQO Level II	CDC	Group CC	Deployment	Staff	SDE	Staff	JQO Level III	Wing CC	Defense Strategic Course	
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I am a Certified Financial Advisor in the Insurance Industry. I have been responsible for the development and leading of teams of 25-50 people. I am a District Manager responsible for the Northeast Territory. I have a Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation, a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation, and am a Certified Funds Specialist (CFS).

Leadership Competency Definitions: www.ang.af.mil/careers/forcedevelopment

The goal for ANG FD is to prepare airmen for both current and future challenges through a deliberate and individualized development process conducive to the Citizen Airman schedule and inclusive of civilian experience."

Each Airman - Officer or Enlisted - supervisor, First Sergeant, Commander, Senior NCO or Chief should act now and document a scorecard. Here are samples. You can obtain a blank scorecard from the Force Development website or from me.

"Tomorrow's Air Force and Air National Guard is relying on today's leaders to prepare and equip the next generation," said Chief Master Sgt. Sean L. Strong, Air National Guard Recruiting and Retention Career Field Functional Manager. "If we don't focus on growing leaders today, what does the Air Force and Air National Guard look like five or ten years from now? That is our responsibility as Chiefs."

Take the time to review the Leadership Competencies by following the link on the Force Development page. A good performance feedback may depend on it. There is no tomorrow if you cannot live today.

References:
 *ANG Force Development (FD)
<http://www.ang.af.mil/careers/forcedevelopment/index.asp>
 MyHELPList
<http://www.ang.af.mil/shared/media/document/AFD-121126-025.pdf>

AROUND THE PATTERN

Officers' Promotion Matrix

Promotion to Grade	Unit Vacancy	Mandatory	Required PME
Colonel / O-6	3 years	Not Applicable	Air War College
Lieutenant Colonel / O-5	4 years	7 years	Air Command & Staff College
Major / O-4	4 years	7 years	Squadron Officer School
Captain / O-3	2 years	3 years	None
1 st Lieutenant / O-2	2 years	2 years	None



Promotion Requirements



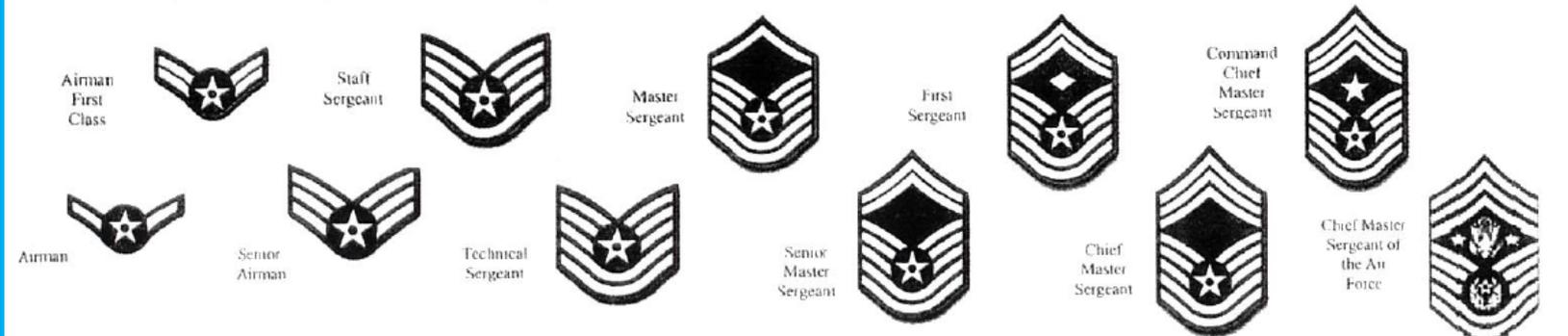
Where are you now?

Are you ready to take the next step?

Amn – E2	A1C – E3	SrA – E4	SSG – E5	TSG – E6	MSG – E7	SMSG – E8	CMSG – E9
				Sole occupant of at least a TSG UMD position	Sole occupant of at least a MSG UMD position	Sole occupant of at least a SMSG UMD position	Sole occupant of a CMSG UMD position
6 months TIG	6 months TIG	6 months TIG	2 years TIG	2 years TIG	2 years TIG	2 years TIG	2 years TIG
6 months TIS	6 months TIS	6 months TIS	4 years TIS	6 years TIS	9 years TIS	13 years TIS	17 years TIS
1-level PAFSC	1-level PAFSC	3-level PAFSC	5-level PAFSC	7-level PAFSC	7-level PAFSC	7-level PAFSC	9-level PAFSC
PME – BMT (Note 1)	PME – BMT (Note 2)	PME – N/A	PME – ALS	PME – N/A	PME – NCOA	PME – SrNCOA	PME – SrNCOA

Note 1. Promotion to Amn (E2) will be automatic, 6 months from the date member departs for BMT / Tech School, unless the unit commander requests the promotion to be delayed. (The MPF will publish orders / update the Personnel Data System for promotion to E2).

Note 2. TIG requirement is computed from date of entry on the Initial Active Duty Training (date member departs for BMT / Tech School).



ALABAMA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

FIELD ELEVATION 221 FT.



Family and friends of approximately 200 deploying members from the 187th Fighter Wing, Alabama Air National Guard unit gather inside the maintenance hangar to wish them well and to see them off on their latest deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM. (photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Baldwin)



AROUND THE PATTERN

SGLI Premium Rates Increase

SGLI Premium Adjustment Effective July 1, 2014

Posted 4/28/2014 Updated 4/28/2014

4/28/2014 - WASHINGTON -- The Service members' Group Life Insurance program will adjust its monthly premium rate from 6.5 cents per \$1,000 back to the 2006 rate of seven cents per \$1,000 of insurance, a modest increase to ensure the SGLI program remains in a strong financial position.

The Department of Veterans Affairs continues to place the interests of Service members first and foremost by keeping SGLI premiums as low as possible while also maintaining the necessary reserve levels to ensure funds are available to pay claims to Service members' beneficiaries. Since the start of the SGLI Program in 1965, monthly premiums have decreased from 20 cents per \$1,000 to the current 6.5 cents per \$1,000. There have been periodic increases and decreases, but over the past 30 years premiums have fluctuated only 2.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance.

In order for the program to remain in good financial condition, it is now necessary to increase the premium rate by half a cent per \$1,000 of insurance. Since 2008, as a result of the half-cent reduction and decreases in interest rates, reserve funds have decreased. Insurance companies hold reserve funds to ensure they can pay future claims. It is common practice in the group insurance industry to adjust premium rates as reserve funds increase and decrease. VA also uses actuaries, individuals who deal with financial impact of risk, to conduct program experience studies when evaluating and adjusting reserve assumptions; and each year, an independent auditor verifies the accuracy of their reserve calculations.

For a Service member with the maximum \$400,000 of life insurance, this change will mean an increase of two dollars a month.

The new premium rate will take effect on July 1, 2014. Individual Ready Reserve members who are drilling for points toward retirement or who do not receive pay for other reasons will be billed by their branch of service for the higher premium beginning in July 2014. For information on the new rates, visit <http://benefits.va.gov/insurance/sgli.asp>.

Cost/Rates

If you have SGLI coverage, you pay a monthly premium that is automatically deducted from your base pay. The current basic SGLI premium rate is 6.5 cents per \$1,000 of insurance. The premium includes an additional \$1.00 per month for Traumatic Injury Protection coverage ([TSGLI](#)). Effective July 1, 2014, SGLI premiums are increasing from 6.5 cents per month per \$1,000 to 7 cents per month per \$1,000.

SGLI Premium Rates July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2014

Coverage Amount	Monthly premium rate	TSGLI Premium	Total Monthly Premium Deduction
400,000	\$26.00	\$1.00	\$27.00
350,000	\$22.75	\$1.00	\$23.75
300,000	\$19.50	\$1.00	\$20.50
250,000	\$16.25	\$1.00	\$17.25
200,000	\$13.00	\$1.00	\$14.00
150,000	\$9.75	\$1.00	\$10.75
100,000	\$6.50	\$1.00	\$7.50
50,000	\$3.25	\$1.00	\$4.25



Congratulations to our State level award winners during the Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama (ENGAA) Conference awards banquet at the Sheraton Hotel ballroom located in Birmingham, Ala., April 26. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Baldwin)

FIRST SERGEANT



Commemorative Bricks

by Senior Master Sgt Kristie Pomilia
187th Fighter Wing 1st Sgt

Commemorative Bricks at the 187th Fighter Wing...you have an opportunity to create a lasting tribute.

The First Sergeant Council is kicking off its commemorative brick fundraiser. The funds raised will be used to cover the costs of Wing morale events. It is an excellent way to recognize a devoted career, to honor service, or acknowledge the dedication and support of spouses and family members.

Members can purchase a 4X8 brick for \$30.00. Each brick is engraved using state of the art laser technology, ensuring durability and resistance to the elements. The bricks can have up to three lines of type with 18 characters per line, including spaces. The finished product will be engraved in ALL CAPS.

When a total of 100 brick orders are received, the information will be submitted to Gift Bricks for engraving. Once the engraving is complete, Gift Bricks will immediately ship the finished product for placement in Memorial Park located near building 1501.

For more information contact a First Sergeant. For ordering your commemorative brick, request an order form from a First Sergeant or visit the website at www.187fw1sgt.donationbricks.com.



Customize a Brick for Someone Special Today

About the Bricks

Beautiful, engraved commemorative clay brick paver, 4"x8" can be purchased for \$30.00.

Installation

Bricks will be ordered when a minimum of 100 brick orders are pending, the bricks will be installed once received, and placement is at Memorial Park.

Example:
CMSAF #1
PAUL W. AIREY
APR 1967-JUL 1969

Personilaztion

Bricks have a three line maximum, with no more than 18 uppercase letters per line, including spaces and punctuation. Finished bricks will be centered. Please use proper rank, etc. No logos or graphics.

Maintenance

Engraved bricks are durable and versatile clay. Normal wear and weather is to be expected and can enhance the plaza's appearance.

Purchaser's Information

Ordering Information for tracking purposes (and so we can reach you to correct any errors associated with your order)

Name _____ Rank/Title _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Email Address _____ Contact Phone _____

Please print clearly. will be personalized exactly as appears

Make check or money orders payable to: 1st Sgt Council

Mail to: 1st Sgt Council
Attn: SMSgt Kristie J. Pomilia
5187 Selma Hwy
Montgomery, AL 36108

Or... go to www.187fw1sgt.donationbricks.com

			Payment Information	
Date	Order Received	Payment Received	Method (Cash, Check, MO)	
Initials			Check/MO #	
Brick Order Number			Payment \$30.00	
			+Additional Quantity	
			\$ Order/Payment Total	
			Initials	

[\(click here to print form\)](#)



CHAPLAIN



Arguing It To Death!

Submitted by Chaplain Tyler Cox, 187FW/HC

Three fools are in the forest when they spot a set of tracks. Fool No. 1 says, “Hey, deer tracks!”

Fool No. 2 says, “No, dog tracks!”

Fool No. 3 says, “You’re both crazy – they’re cow tracks!”

They were still arguing when the train hit them.

Sometimes we find ourselves in a situation where we, or someone we know, cannot let an issue go until we have made our point. Sometimes that point must be made repeatedly before the person, or people, listening can clearly comprehend the importance of what we have to say. If they refuse to agree with us, we need to bring our point up at a later time because without an appreciation of how we feel the person will falsely think they are right. We are actually doing them a favor by correcting their faulty logic with the clarity of our brilliance.

The problem with living our lives like this is that we routinely find ourselves in conflict with others. Sometimes we spend so much time focusing on the little differences of opinion that we miss the whole issue. Instead we argue and strategize on how to get the upper hand. We let projects go incomplete or missions fail. We allow bitterness to control our interactions with others and destroy our relationships.

Proverbs 20:3 tells us that, “Avoiding a fight is a mark of honor; only fools insist on quarreling.” The three fools above were more interested in proving the others wrong that they didn’t see the truth until it hit them. Interacting with others requires us to not only communicate our opinions but also to step back and allow others to communicate theirs.





ABSENTEE VOTING

Deploying Wing Members,

Please exercise your right to vote by submitting your Absentee Voting application to your county election office.

Alabama voters please visit <http://www.alabamavotes.gov/uocavavoterinstructions.aspx?m=voters>

Members who live in another state please visit <http://www.fvap.gov/>

It's not too early to register for Absentee Voting, as a matter of fact the earlier the better.

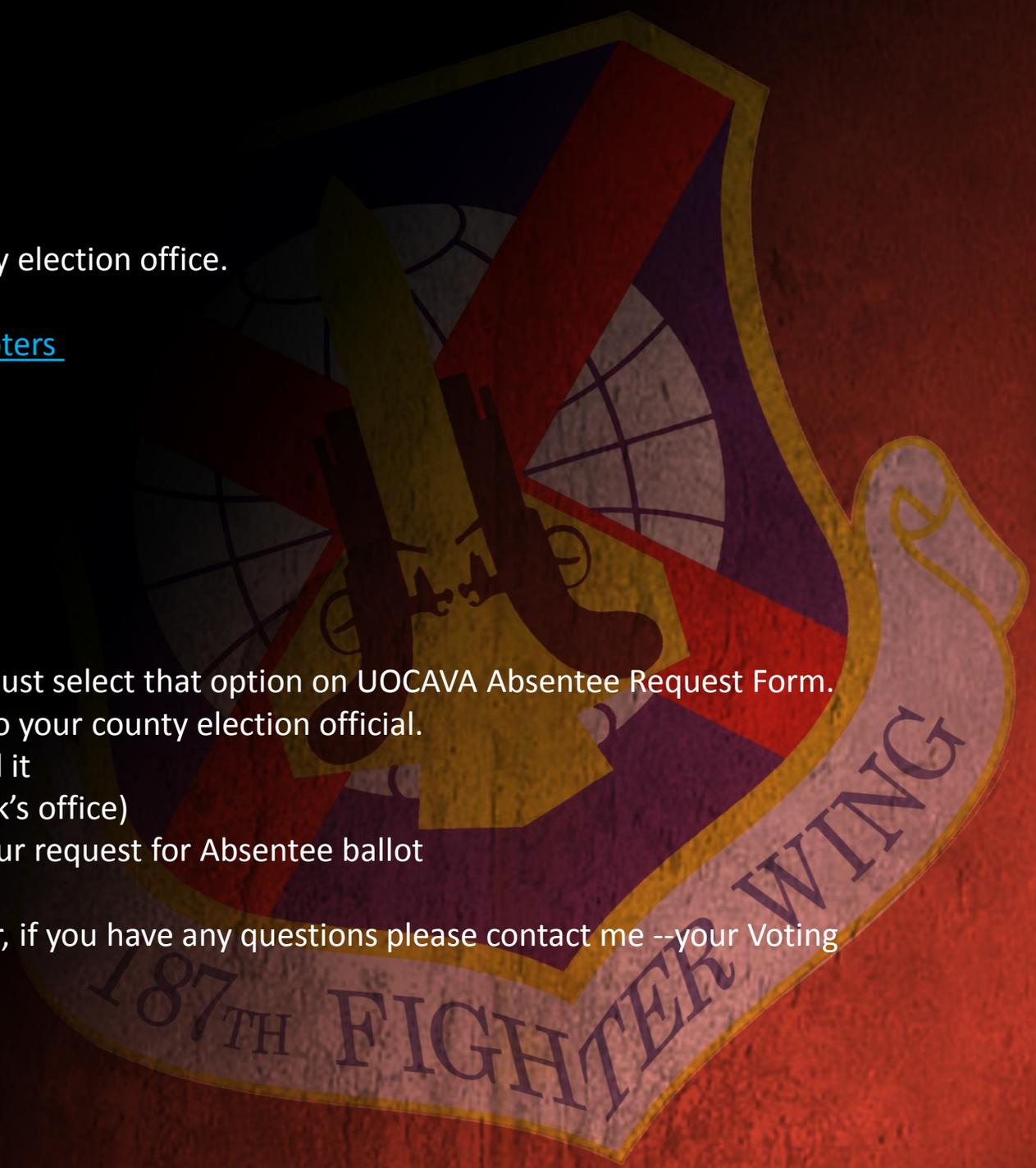
Other useful information:

- Currently all requests must be mailed to the county election official.
- Under Federal Law, you can decide to have the federal portion of the ballot emailed to you. Must select that option on UOCAVA Absentee Request Form.
- You must hand mail both parts of the Ballot via U.S. Mail or Commercial Carrier(UPS, Fed-Ex) to your county election official.
- The best way to fill-out your Absentee ballot is utilizing the online assistant then print and mail it
- Municipal elections are not covered under this process (You must apply through your City Clerk's office)
- The preferred method to receive your ballot is via email. However, you must specify this on your request for Absentee ballot

The websites above are very helpful and walk you through the process pretty clearly . However, if you have any questions please contact me --your Voting Assistance Officer-- [via email](#) or cell at 334-657-5485.

Respectfully,

Charles P. Griggs, Lt Col, AL ANG
Wing VAO/MSG-Dep CC





Deploying members prepare for takeoff on their latest deployment in support of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM, April 21. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Baldwin)



FAMILY READINESS

Mrs. Sharon Hubbert
Airman & Family Readiness Program Manager

Teen Leadership Summit
coordinated by the
University of Georgia 4-H
program. The Extension-
Military Partnership is, once
again, offering free weeks of
camp to military teens in a
high adventure setting.



Free weeks of camp! Sign me up!

Click the link below to find out how

[Teen Leadership Summit](#)

For more information please contact Mrs. Hubbert at
334-394-7527 or email sharon.hubbert@ang.af.mil

PT SCORES & FITNESS

Fitness Honors

The following individuals scored EXCELLENT during last month's Fitness Assessment.

PERFECT SCORE

LTC	Cyrus Graham	MDG
SMS	Eric Schuffert	AMXS

EXCELLENTS

COL	Samuel Black	FW
COL	William Sparrow	FW
LTC	Edward Casey	OPS
LTC	James Jones	MDG
MAJ	Angela Mayberry	FSS
MAJ	Robert Stimpson	FW
MAJ	Michael Tewalt	FW
MAJ	Raymond Fowler	100FS
MAJ	Monoletto Hosea	SFS
MAJ	Rhonda Ellison	CERF-P
MAJ	Pauline Meadows	CERF-P
CPT	Sean Rizzo	FSS
CPT	Adam Sanders	CES
CPT	Peter Hairston	CERF-P
SMS	Jason Hornsby	AMXS
SMS	William Morrison	COMM

SMS	Sean Emenhizer	CES
MSG	Beverly Shaver	MSG
MSG	Allison Meadows	LRS
MSG	Marecause Hinton	LRS
MSG	Karen Dean	AMXS
MSG	Crystal Powers	COMM
MSG	Miles Vaughan	COMM
MSG	Somphavone Sakorn	CERF-P
TSG	Michael Jackson	AMXS
TSG	Nathanael Adams	CES
SSG	Johnny Brascom	AMXS
SSG	Corey Burnette	LRS
SSG	Michael Fomby	CES
SSG	Thomas Stewart	CES
SSG	Ryan Shell	CES
SSG	Joshua Bradley	CES
SSG	Dawn White	CERF-P
SRA	Matthew Guiser	AMXS
SRA	Wesley Norton	AMXS
SRA	Paul Williams	AMXS
SRA	Jasmin Bass	SFS
SRA	Patrick Howard	CES
SRA	Kristopher Lowery	CERF-P
SRA	Derek Skelton	CERF-P
SRA	James Smith	Student
A1C	Robert McAdam	AMXS
A1C	Harold Noble	AMXS
A1C	Isaiah Trotman	AMXS
A1C	Votonda Franklin	CERF-P
A1C	Clayton Bengtson	CERF-P

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



ASIAN-PACIFIC AMERICAN HERITAGE

By: Staff Sgt. Stephanie Speckman
Special Emphasis Program Committee
187 FW Representative

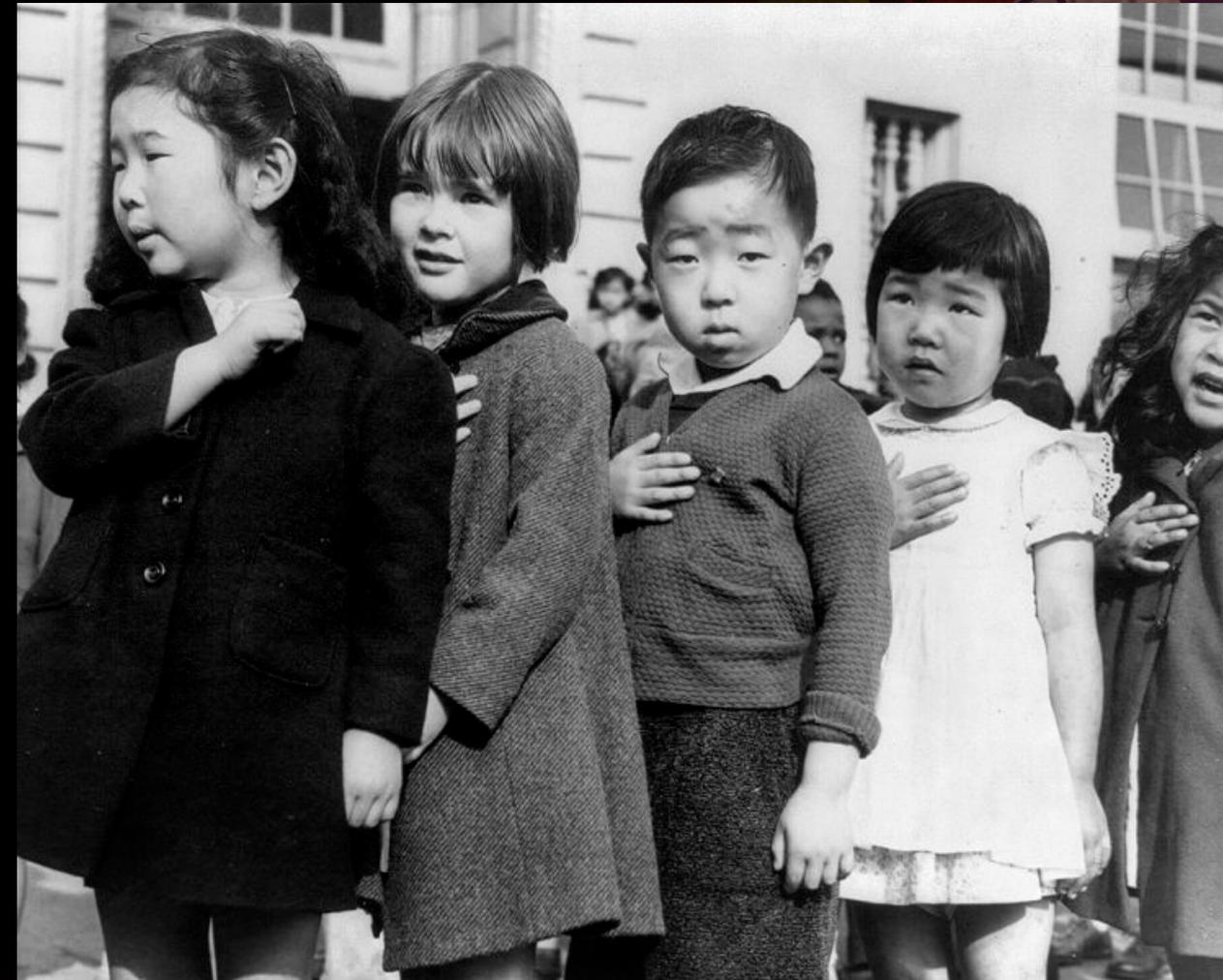
“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands...” This American creed of loyalty, patriotism, and unity has been recited by Americans from all walks of life throughout generations. The pledge is a sentiment that is poured out on the battle fields, and is a statement that echoes proudly through the school halls.

For some Americans, pride in the colors has been tested through injustice and hardship. In 1942, Executive Order 9066 was signed by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, which called for the round-up of more than 100,000 Japanese Americans. They were brought to internment camps or “relocation centers” because their loyalty was called into question after the Japanese Attack at Pearl Harbor.

Prejudice and injustice is not uncommon to the Asian American experience. The bitter struggle can break down a group of people, indeed, it can break down the soul. For Asian-Pacific Americans, however, adversity was met with fortitude. Where there was injustice, endurance held strong. Where prejudice permeated, the American will prevailed.

In 1978 President Jimmy Carter signed a joint resolution proclaiming the first ten days of May as Asian Pacific Heritage Week. Later, President George H.W. Bush extended the week-long celebration and declared May as Asian-Pacific Heritage Month. The month of May is particularly special to Asian-Americans and specifically chosen. In May 1843, the first group of Japanese immigrated to America. Years later, in May 1869, the transcontinental railroad was completed. Chinese immigrants were the majority of those who labored on the tracks.

Asian Americans fought for this country while their families were held at internment camps. They fight for our country today. Many have contributed greatly to our government, science and medicine, education, and the arts. We take this time in May to celebrate and honor our fellow Americans of Asian-Pacific Islander heritage. Not only do we celebrate this month, but we should remember our history and learn from it. We should understand our allegiance and hold fast to our words when we say, “One nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”



First-graders, some of Japanese ancestry, at the Weill public school, San Francisco, Calif., pledging allegiance to the United States flag. The evacuees of Japanese ancestry will be housed in War relocation authority centers for the duration of the war. (Previously restored file: [File:JapaneseAmericansChildrenPledgingAllegiance1942.jpg](#); U.S. War Relocation Authority. Via US Library of Congress)



VACANCIES

Air National Guard Technician

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>ANNC NUMBER</u>	<u>CLOSE DATE</u>
MATERIALS HANDLER	ALAF14-068	5/5/14
INFORMATION SECURITY SPECIALIST	ALAF14-069	5/8/14
IT SPECIALIST (CUSTSPT)	ALAF14-070	5/16/14
INFORMATION RESOURCES SPECIALIST	ALAF14-076	5/8/14
IT SPECIALIST (PLCYPLN)	ALAF14-077	5/19/14
TELECOMMUNICATIONS SPECIALIST	ALAF14-083	5/23/14
FUEL DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM MECHANIC	ALAF14-088	5/24/14

Click the link below for more available jobs

<http://alguard.state.al.us/Careers/HRO/jobannouncements/default.aspx>

Enlisted National Guard Association of Alabama – State Level Award Winners



Airman of the Year – Airman 1st Class Chaka Nettles



NCO of the Year – Staff Sgt. David Parnell



Governor's Award – Senior Airman Shatoria Hunt



SNCO of the Year – Master Sgt. Matthew Cooper

Command Chief Master Sgt. Lindsey McCall accepted the award on behalf of Master Sgt. Cooper.



TOUCH & GO's

2014 UTA SCHEDULE

Next Drill is *June 7-8*

July 12-13	October 4-5
August 2-3	November 1-2
Gulfport, MS August 24-28	
September 6-7	December 6-7

Reminder: Don't forget to take advantage of the on base gas pumps; it contributes to the wing's morale fund for YOU!

JOIN THE HONOR GUARD

JOIN THE 187TH FIGHTER WING BASE HONOR GUARD COLORS TEAM Do you look sharp in your Service Dress uniform? Have you wanted to better represent the 187th, but didn't quite know how? How about earning a little extra money?* Boy howdy, have I got an exciting opportunity for you! The 187th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard Colors Team is always looking for professional Airmen to join our ranks. Perform precision like drill with a flag in front of an audience of adoring fans. Learn about the history of the US Flag. Carry a parade and ceremony M-1 rifle. All of this sound too good to be true? Well don't take my word for it, listen to the testimony of TSgt Matthew Garrett: "I waited 9 years before joining the Colors Team, and my only regret is that I did not join earlier. It is an amazing group of professional Airmen and we always have a great time at events. Seeing myself in the Service Dress uniform has boosted my self-image. "Thank you Colors Team!"

If you are interested in joining the 187th Fighter Wing Base Honor Guard, then send me, [TSgt Matthew Garrett](#) and/or [TSgt Mia Powell](#) an email expressing your interest. We would love to have you aboard!



REMINDERS & NOTICES



IMPORTANT NOTICE



In accordance with the ALNG TAG'S Policy Letter dated 21 November 2013, Privately Owned Weapons (POWs) are allowed on ALNG installations. Members must adhere to the following to comply with the policy:

- POWs are **NOT** allowed until member receives a commander's brief,
- POWs are **NOT** allowed until member signs a statement of understanding,
- POWs are **NOT** allowed inside any building,
- POWs must be stored in a locked privately owned vehicle,
- Members must be eligible to carry a POW, according to all statutes and ordinances,
- Park in a valid designated area; (DANG defines a valid designated parking area as any legal POV parking space).
- Personnel will not use POWs under any circumstances to aid Security Forces**
- POWs are **NOT** allowed on federal installations, i.e. Maxwell and Gunter AFB.

****This is the TAG's policy and it's not negotiable.****

For additional information contact:

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Final Photo



Deploying members from the 187FW take off in a commercial jet as they deploy in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. (Photo by Tech. Sgt. Christopher Baldwin)