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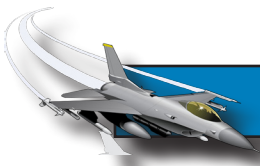
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ON THE COVER >> 187CES Firefighter Hazmat exercise, Saturday, 7 Dec. (Photo by TSgt Chris Baldwin)



**BEST
WISHES
MR.
ROSLIN
BURRELL**

Mr. Burrell reflected on 28 years of working as a civilian employee for the 187 FW during his retirement ceremony, held 5 Dec, 2013 in the Dining Facility. (Photo by TSgt Chris Baldwin)



NEWS FROM THE TOP

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP)

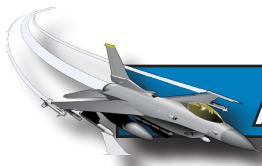


723 Guard members, dependents, and other family members and friends attended the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program (YRRP) on Saturday, December 7, 2013. The Yellow Ribbon Event was held for wing members preparing to deploy. The YRRP is where National Guard members and their Families connect with community resources before, during and after a deployment. The YRRP provides support throughout the deployment cycle. The overall goal is to minimize the stress of a deployment and family separation. This event informed service members and their families about benefits, educational opportunities, financial counseling, legal assistance and more. The following Providers were available to Guard members and their families:

- Airman & Family Readiness Program
- American Veterans (AMVETS)
- American Red Cross
- Central Veteran Health System, VHA
- Chaplains Corp – Wing
- Department of Veteran's Affairs (VA) benefits and enrollment
- ESGR (Employer Support Guard & Reserve)
- FRSA
- Judge Advocate General - Wing
- Military Family Life Consultants
- Military One Source
- Personal Financial Counselors
- Recovery Care Coordinator (RCC)
- State Education Services Office
- TRICARE
- USAA



Photos by TSgt Chris Baldwin



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187 FW Chaplain Assistant Positions Available

(DEADLINE JAN 12 2014)

OVERVIEW

ANG Chaplains tend to the spiritual needs of ANG personnel of all faith groups. The Chaplain Assistant provides vital support to the Chaplains during missions and everyday activities.

As a Chaplain Assistant you will primarily provide support to the Religious Support Team worship services, programs, unit exercises, and unit inspections.

Some specific duties include: coordinating Religious Support Team activities; maintaining physical security of Religious Support Team facilities/equipment; safeguarding privileged communications; arranging religious retreats and memorial ceremonies; supporting the Religious Support Team readiness program; and maintaining Chaplain Vestments and religious items.

Plus, you'll be building a better future. In civilian life, the skills learned as a Chaplain Assistant can be applied to similar positions assisting clergy members in churches, synagogues, or mosques.

JOB DUTIES

- Synchronize religious support in the contemporary operating environment
- Coordinate force protection for religious support operations
- Coordinate the circulation of the religious support team in the contemporary operating environment
- Operate communication equipment and digital reporting systems
- Assist in planning religious support operations and deployments
- Maintain reports, files and administrative data for religious operations.
- Apply technology to religious operations
- Conduct specialized peer counseling for combat stress casualties

REQUIREMENTS

- SrA through SSgt with 5 level score of 35 in Administration or 44 General
- Resume
- Letter of Recommendation from CC or 1Sgt
- 3 Letters of Reference from military or civilian

TRAINING

Job training for a chaplain assistant position requires 5 weeks of training where you'll learn:

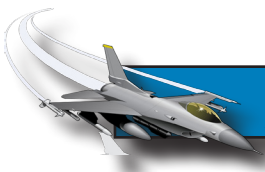
Some of the skills you'll learn are:

- Administrative Tasking ie power points
- Typing and clerical skills
- Counseling and crisis intervention
- Roles and responsibilities of chaplains
- Various religious backgrounds and religious accommodations

HELPFUL SKILLS

- Interest in organization and keeping accurate records
- Preference for clergy office work
- Experienced operating typewriters, computers and other office machines
- Ability to organize and plan

** Please submit all documentation to the Chaplains Office by the end of day on January 12, 2014. You can deliver by email Robin.Bell@ang.af.mil or hand-carry to the chaplain's office. If you have any additional questions or concerns please feel free to contact TSgt Robin Bell 334-394-7127 COMM **



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From the 1st Shirt Desk

ADDITIONAL DUTY 1ST SERGEANT

Troops,

Per the ANG first sergeant functional manager and 187 Command Chief, CMSgt McCall, I am authorized to announce that the 187 First Sergeant council will be interviewing qualified candidates for Additional Duty 1st Sergeant positions.

AFI 36-2113 (Jan 2010) paragraph 3.3 references the specific duties however, a rewrite is currently taking place and should be released within the next couple of months. You may also visit our Share Point page under Wing Programs/First Sergeant/Shared Documents. The folder title is "BEING A 1ST SERGEANT what it's all about".

TSgts, yes that's E-6 and above may qualify for an interview. Our goal is to have one additional duty for each diamond wearer. This additional duty could be used as a "trial" period when considering to become a full up diamond wearer. If you are ready to move up to the next level of leadership, we may have an opening for you.

To request more information and specific qualifications, respond via e-mail.

MSgt Matt Cooper
AMXS 1st Sergeant

Online Personnel Services: myPers website... For your online personnel services

The Air Force online personnel services website, known as myPers, is a total force source for personnel information and services. As a RegAF, Guard, Reserve or civilian employee, use myPers to get your questions answered and conduct personnel business online when it's convenient for you. The myPers website has informative articles on personnel programs such as promotions, reenlistments, benefits, and transfers. Online services available include requesting your service verification letter, reviewing your current retirement points, accessing your official military personnel records, or nominating a member for a Federal award.

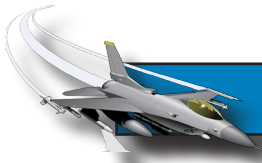
Upon entry there is a personalized home page just for you. Sections like "I Would Like To", "Most Viewed Articles," "Announcements for Airmen," and a search function make it easy for you to stay up-to-date and allow you to access the virtual Personnel Center – Guard/Reserve, or vPC-GR, and other applications. If you are not already a myPers user, visit the website

from any computer, anytime, at mypers.af.mil. You can log in using your common access card or a login name and password.

If you need assistance, you can reach the myPers-Total Force Service Center by selecting the "Contact Us" link from the myPers webpage. You can select the "Email Us" link to correspond electronically, or choose the "Other Contact Information" link to find the toll free 800 number and other options available for reaching the myPers-Total Force Service Center.

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for personnel information
and services***



HOLIDAY GREETINGS

by Chaplain (Maj) John Bailey
187th Fighter Wing Chaplain Office

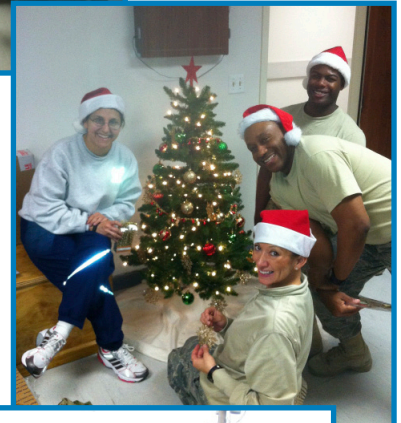


As the holiday season is upon us, it seems it was only yesterday I arrived to the 187th FW. I am delighted to be here and especially grateful for the opportunity to serve. I transferred in from the

117th ARW in Birmingham, AL by way of the 164th AW in Memphis, TN. As you can see I am no stranger to the Air Guard family and by no way no stranger to the military after serving 16 years in the enlisted ranks. I am very familiar with the stresses of military life especially as it relates to the holidays. In fact, I have spent three of the last five holiday seasons serving in support of a long war, which consists of Landstuhl, Germany in 2008, Balad, Iraq in 2009, and Bagram, Afghanistan in 2011. In fact, I received a Facebook notification just the other day, saying, "hey sir, back in our old stomping grounds..."

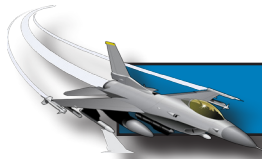
As we begin to reflect on the mission and how we made it through the holidays as a Air Force family away from family, it was a reminder of how rewarding it is to serve with fellow Airmen all across the Air Force!

As we focus on the excitement of the holidays, let us remember it may not be a cheerful time for some. For some the holidays are more of a "hollow" time facing many challenges and stresses to just make it through another day. But just as the Facebook notification served as a reminder of my deployment, it also served as a reason to be thankful for my experience to be able to help someone currently deployed. So as you enter into this holiday season, take the time to be thankful and cherish each moment you have.



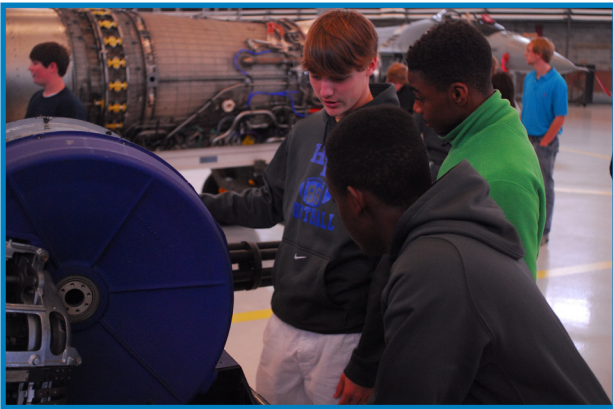
HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!





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Highland Home High School Visit



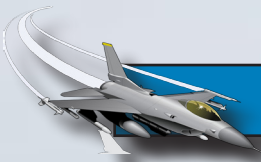
Photos by TSgt Matthew Garrett

Students from Highland Home high school visited the 187th Fighter Wing Dec. 6, 2013 to learn about career opportunities offered by the Alabama Air National Guard. The visiting students were juniors and seniors and were accompanied by Assistant Principals Morgan Cook and Gary Coleman. Master Sgt. Robert Owen from Quality Assurance and pilot 1st Lt. Martin Smith conducted a tour of the base for the students.

The base tour started in Ops with a visit to life support section. Lt. Smith showed the students different components of the pilot's flight suit and survival gear, and a demonstration of the night vision goggles. After life support, everyone went outside to watch the F-16s taxi and take off.

From Ops, the visitors made their way over to the aircraft hangar to continue the tour. Static displays of engines, weapons systems, and a F-16 were set up for the students. After the kids looked at the static displays, they had time for questions with Master Sgt. Owen and other members of the 187th.





RECRUITING & RETENTION



VISION

The vision of the 187th Fighter Wing Retention Office is to ensure the right people are in the right job at the right time. Utilization of retention resources will enable the retention team to retain qualified ANG members within the force structure which in turn will assist the Alabama Air National Guard's effort to meet and/or exceed its ANG mission.

MISSION

The mission of the 187th Fighter Wing Retention Office is to utilize all retention resources in motivating and guiding all members toward their full potential in the Alabama Air National Guard. Utilization of these resources will result in an outstanding performance and identify and eliminate career irritants.

187th Fighter Wing Retention Office

1. 1st Quarter FY14 Incentives are \$20,000.00/6 year enlistment for qualified non-prior service applicants. \$20,000.00/6 year and \$10,000.00/3 year enlistment for qualified affiliation applicants, and \$15,000.00/6 year and \$7,500.00/3 year enlistment for qualified prior service applicants.

1st Quarter FY14 National Incentive List AFSC's for enlistment are:

1P0X1-Aircrew Flight Equipment, 2A3X3-Tactical Aircraft Maintenance, 2A6X1-Aerospace Propulsion, 2A6X2-Aerospace Ground Equipment, 2A6X4-Aircraft Fuel Systems, 2A6X5-Aircraft Hydraulic Systems, 2A6X6-Aircraft Electrical and Environmental Systems, 2F0X1-Fuels, 2S0X1-Material Management, 2T2X1-Air Transportation, 2W0X1 Munitions Systems, 2W1X1-Aircraft Armament Systems, 3D1X2-Cyber Transport Systems, 3D1X3-RF Transmission System, 3M0X1-Services, 3P0X1-Security Forces, and 4N0X1-Aerospace Medical Service.

1st Quarter FY14 Local Incentive List AFSC's for enlistment are:

187FW-2T3X2-Special Vehicle Maintenance, 3E9X1-Emergency Management, 3E2X1-Pavement and Construction Equipment / 280CBCS-3E1X1-HVACR / 280CBCS-3D0X1-Knowledge Operations Management / 226CCG-3E0X2-Electrical Power Production.

For 1st Quarter FY14 National/Local Incentive List Officer AFSC's or any other question concerning Incentives please contact the Recruiting Office for details.

2. If you have REENLISTED recently please stop by the Retention Office in Bldg. 1502 to claim your Sgt Ski thank you item.

3. Please go to our Share Point at; <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/187FW/Post%20911%20GI%20BillChapter%2033%20Information/Forms/AllItems.aspx> for the most recent information from NGB to include the current application and transfer procedures. There, you will also find slide shows for the POST 9-11 IMPROVEMENTS, POST 9-11 TITLE 32 AGR and ARPC LOC. More information concerning the Post 9/11 GI Bill / Chapter 33 benefit or any of the other GI Bill Chapter benefits can be found at www.gibill.va.gov <<http://www.gibill.va.gov>> .

Contact Master Sgt. Stanley K. "Ski" Krasinski at stanley.krasinski@ang.af.mil or call (334) 394-7480



RECRUITING & RETENTION

4. REENLISTING FOR PROMOTION OR DEPLOYMENT? If you do not have retainability for that upcoming promotion or deployment and are currently on an incentive (Bonus) you must extend to acquire the required retainability.

If you are allowed to reenlist, early, you void the conditions of your Bonus contract. Your incentive will be terminated and recoupment will be required. Please keep your money and extend to cover the time you need!

SERVICE REQ & TIER PERCENTAGE

SERVICE REQUIREMENTS (AFTER 910001 AN INDIVIDUAL MUST SERVE AN AGGREGATE OF)	PAYMENT TIER PERCENTAGES
At least 36 months	100
At least 30 continuous days on active duty (Must be discharged due to service-connected disability)	100
At least 30 months, but less than 36 months	90
At least 24 months, but less than 30 months	80
*At least 18 months, but less than 24 months	70
*At least 12 months, but less than 18 months	60
*At least 6 months, but less than 12 months	50
*At least 90 days, but less than 06 months	40

*Excludes time in Basic Military Training and/or Skill Training including Coast Guard

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A motto for life: "People like hot fries!"
-CMSAF Robert D. Gaylor (Ret)

REFERRAL SHEET

NAME OF REFERRAL:

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PHONE NUMBER:

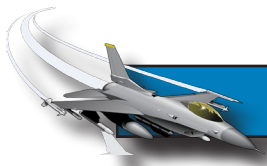
EMAIL:

REFERRED BY:

Tell us a little bit about yourself or your referral so we can assist you

A	Age :	DOB:
P	Physical Condition: (Surgeries, Medication, Broken Bones, Etc; Explain in remarks below)	Ht: Wt:
P	Prior Service: (Years of service, Re-enlistment Code; explain in remarks below)	Branch: Year Separated:
L	Law Violations: HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CHARGED, ARRESTED, CITED, OR HELD FOR ANY LAW VIOLATION TO INCLUDE TRAFFIC OR VEHICLE INFRACTIONS INCLUDING SEALED RECORDS? (EVEN IF YOU WERE TOLD THAT YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO DISCLOSE) (If yes, explain in remarks below)	
E	High School Attended: Did you graduate or will you graduate: Highest level of education:	Year Grad:
M	Marital Status: Married Single Divorced # of Minor Dependents	

Remarks:



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187CES Firefighter Hazmat Exercise



Photos by TSgt Chris Baldwin

187th Firefighters wearing Level A suits follow Emergency Response Guide procedures for an unknown hazardous material spill during an exercise scenario Dec. 7, 2013 at Dannelly Field, Ala. The hazardous material exercise scenario included an incapacitated driver that was transporting a 55 gal. drum with a unknown hazardous material inside.

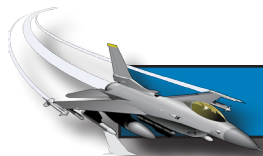
Think of how to “Operationalize” our Core Values

Integrity First: Have I done the right thing today?

Service Above Self: Have I looked for an opportunity to serve someone today?

Excellence in All We Do: Have I done my very best in all of my duties today?

Infect as many as you can with your positive attitude. ~ Col. Samuel Black



TOUCH & GOS

2013 UTA SCHEDULE

December 7-8

2014 UTA SCHEDULE

January 11-12

February 1-2

March 1-2

April 5-6

May 3-4

June 7-8

July 12-13

August 2-3

September 6-7

October 4-5

November 1-2

December 6-7

JOIN THE HONOR GUARD

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 Color Guard 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 nonfunctioning pistol.

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 Color Guard, 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 Color Guard!"

If you are interested in joining the 187th Color Guard, then send me, TSgt Matthew Garrett and TSgt Luis Enriquez an email expressing your interest. We would love to have you aboard!



Fitness Honors

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



PERFECT SCORE in November
CAPT Damon Denzin - MDG

EXCELLENTS in November

SMS Janis Bipes	FSS	SSG Jeffrey Shively	AMXS
A1C Alby Morris	FSS	TSG Michael Meadows	MXG
LTC Eric Finch	100FS	TSG Kamee Layer	OPS
MSG Wiley Porterfield	CES	COL Robert Clark	MDG
CAPT Edward Mastin	MDG	TSG Cassandra Dandrimont	LRS
CMS Ann Moody	CES	SRA Ryan Shelton	MXG
LTC Michael Cartwright	MDG	SSG John Norman	COMM
SRA Damian Lomeli	AMXS	MSG John Straka	MXG
SSG Jeremy Hernandez	LRS	LTC Matthew West	MDG
		A1C Jerry Cooper	AMXS