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ON THE COVER >> *In commemoration of St. Patrick's Day shamrocks don the cover of this month's In Formation, as well as a "stamp of approval" for an excellent UCI showing by the Unit. See Col Black's message on page 3.*

Submission deadline for the April 2012 publication is March 15. Articles must be submitted electronically to 187FW.PA@ang.af.mil. For more information, contact Public Affairs at (334) 394-7292.



SSgt Eldridge Scott (center) delivers a Post Briefing to an inspector and SSgt Daniel Ricks (right) delivers M9&M4 specs on Sat., 4 Feb 2012, during the 187 FW UCI. (Photo by TSgt Chris Baldwin)



NEWS FROM THE TOP

“Congratulations on a job well done”

by Col. Samuel W. Black
187 Fighter Wing Commander

Congratulations to each of you, the members of the 187th Fighter Wing, on the phenomenal UCI and LCAP results. We all believe that we’re among the best wings in the Air Force, but it’s nice to have that fact validated from outside of our wing - especially by our active duty counterparts.

Thank all of you for the amazing amount of work that you did and the dedication to excellence you’ve shown during the preparation for these inspections.

The overall result from the LCAP was an EXCELLENT rating.

The UCI doesn’t receive an overall grade, but the results place us solidly in the upper tier of all ANG fighter wings with regard to compliance. (We know we’re THE BEST at execution.) Well done!

The most important thing you accomplished during this inspection was sending the message to our leadership, both in the ANG and the active duty Air Force, that we are a world-class, mission-focused wing who will be able partners in the Total Force. And I believe they did hear the message loudly and clearly.

As budgets continue to shrink, the importance of our Total Force partnership will continue to grow. Later this year, three or four officers and forty five or so enlisted members will join us from the Active Duty. We look forward to welcoming them into our wing and training them to the highest standards. As they return to the Active Duty in a few years, our reputation will go with them.

So thanks again, and congratulations! I’m very proud and humbled to be a member of the 187th Fighter Wing - your wing. We’re looking forward to great things in our future!



(Official Photo)

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Tomorrow may be too late

by Chaplain Samuel Kim, Captain
187th Fighter Wing Chaplain Office

Psalm 119:57-64

“Thou art my portion, O LORD: I have said that I would keep thy words.

⁵⁸ I intreated thy favour with my whole heart: be merciful unto me according to thy word.

⁵⁹ I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

⁶⁰ I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments.

⁶¹ The bands of the wicked have robbed me: but I have not forgotten thy law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments.

⁶³ I am a companion of all them that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.

⁶⁴ The earth, O LORD, is full of thy mercy: teach me thy statutes.

Everyone has habits. Most of which are neither good nor bad, simply neutral. A typical characteristic of habits is that they make us act without thinking. We keep forgetting that we have habits. Accordingly, once they are established, it is hard to break them. This would be okay, if we had only good habits. However, we have many bad habits as well, and one of the worst habits, which many of us easily form and find hard to get rid of, is the habit of “procrastination” or “postponement”. We often put off doing something that should be done. Particularly, in regard to religious matters, we have the tendency of holding back to a later time. In going to church, there is no hurry. However, those who have the habit of procrastination do not realize the truth of life and death that “tomorrow may be too late.”

Here is an interesting story. Once upon a time, an assembly of evil spirits was held. On the throne sat

their dark ruler, Satan, asking in a loud voice: “Who will go to earth and persuade men to accomplish the ruin of their soul?” One attendant spirit said, “I will go.” “And how will you persuade them?” asked the grim monarch. “I will persuade them that there is no heaven.” But Satan replied: “No, that will not do. You will never be able to force such a belief on the general group of mankind.” Then a second spoke up and said, “I will go.” “And how will you persuade them?” asked Satan. “I will persuade them that there is no hell.” But again Satan answered: “You will never persuade the general public that is so, for conscience will witness against you. We must have something which will appeal to all classes and ages and dispositions and which will be acceptable to the human race as a whole.”

Thereupon an evil spirit glided forward and said, “Satan, I will go.” “And what will you tell them?” asked Satan. “I will tell

them,” answered the spirit, “that there is no hurry.” He was the spirit chosen to go – and he is still abroad on earth.

Many people living today, as in years past, suffer from the dread disease of procrastination. Fortunes have been lost, promotions have been given to others, simply because someone thought there was no hurry, or simply because someone was too late in breaking his habit of postponement.

Then, how do we break the habit? If we would live like Jesus, we must ask God through prayer to help us to acquire the habits that Jesus had. A psalmist said, “When I think of thy ways, I turn my feet to thy testimonies; I hasten and do not delay to keep thy commandments.” (Psalm 119:59-60). The psalmist felt the urgency to be right with God in all his earthly activities. He did not believe in “procrastination.” He did not believe “there was no hurry.”

Tomorrow may be too late!

*You may contact the 187th Chaplain's Office at 334-394-7268.
Prayer requests or comments can also be sent to 187FW.HC@ang.af.mil.*



Smartphones and Geotagging: Be Aware

(Reprinted from the Fall 2011 *"The Guardian Antiterrorism Journal"*)

“A new function of many portable computing devices such as smart phones, digital cameras, and even some portable game systems is the ability to track the user’s location to near-GPS precision. While these locations service features can be fun and useful they also present a risk.

Many devices imbed location data into photos by default. Known as geotagging, the data becomes part of the image file and goes wherever the image goes. By uploading or sending such images through the Internet, the user may inadvertently provide an adversary with critical information.

Consider:

- . Public sharing sites such as Flickr® and Google™ Maps can make a user’s information openly available online. Adversaries can search for photos tagged in specific locations and use this information to research the users who upload the photos.

- . Even users who make their profiles private could compromise their security if the privacy controls are not set properly. The hosting service itself could sell or lose your data as well.

- . Pictures taken at sensitive locations can lead adversaries directly to supply depots, command centers, or to our troops. Pictures taken from home, which are often found in the same user’s profile, can also paint a target on friends and family.

- . If one user has many photos available or a group of related users (several individuals in the same military unit, for example) make their photos available, an adversary may be able to use the photographs’ imbedded location data to determine behavior patterns for such individuals or groups.

What to Do:

Be Aware. Knowing these risks, think twice before taking and sending photos. You can test a device’s geotagging capability by taking a photo and checking its properties in Windows® Vista or higher. Some photo

editors and several custom applications allow the user to view and manipulate location data as well.

Evaluate the Need. Ask yourself whether you have a specific point or purpose to tagging photos. If you do not, it is much simpler to disable the feature than to try to remove the location data later. If you are unsure of how to disable the feature, search for the model of your phone with keywords “disable” and/or “geotag.”

Bottom Line:

Even if photos only appear online briefly, they can enable the adversary to capture vital information and record exact grid coordinates. Consider disabling the feature and avoiding the risk entirely.”

Detecting this type of terrorist activity is crucial and is everyone’s responsibility validating the tremendous importance of our Eagle Eyes Program and the absolute necessity of accomplishing our RAMs (Random Antiterrorism Measures) correctly and on time. **BE ALERT, REPORT ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY BY CALLING 334-394-7277**



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AROUND THE PATTERN

Job fairs set for AL Guardsmen, Reservists and Vets

Information courtesy of the Joint Forces Headquarters, Alabama Air National Guard

During the month of April 2012 Job Fair will be conducted in three locations in Alabama. This is a concerted and cooperative effort to assist all Veterans, Guard and Reserve members and eligible spouses in locating a job or a better job. These job fairs are sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, U.S. Dept. of Labor Veterans Employment and Training Services, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, Alabama National Guard and Reserve units and other organizations.

Dates are as follows:

Mobile: Thurs., April 19, at the Mobile Civic Center Expo Hall from 0900 - 1400

Birmingham: Tues., April 24. Time and Location are TBD

Montgomery: Thurs., April 26, at the Fort Taylor Hardin Armory from 1000 - 1400

Additional information will be forwarded to all units as it becomes available. The Alabama ESGR will be participating in all of the Job Fairs and all attendees are encouraged to come by and register at the ESGR booth.

The point of contact for this event is John Q. Adams, john.q.adams@us.army.mil, 205-531-3774.

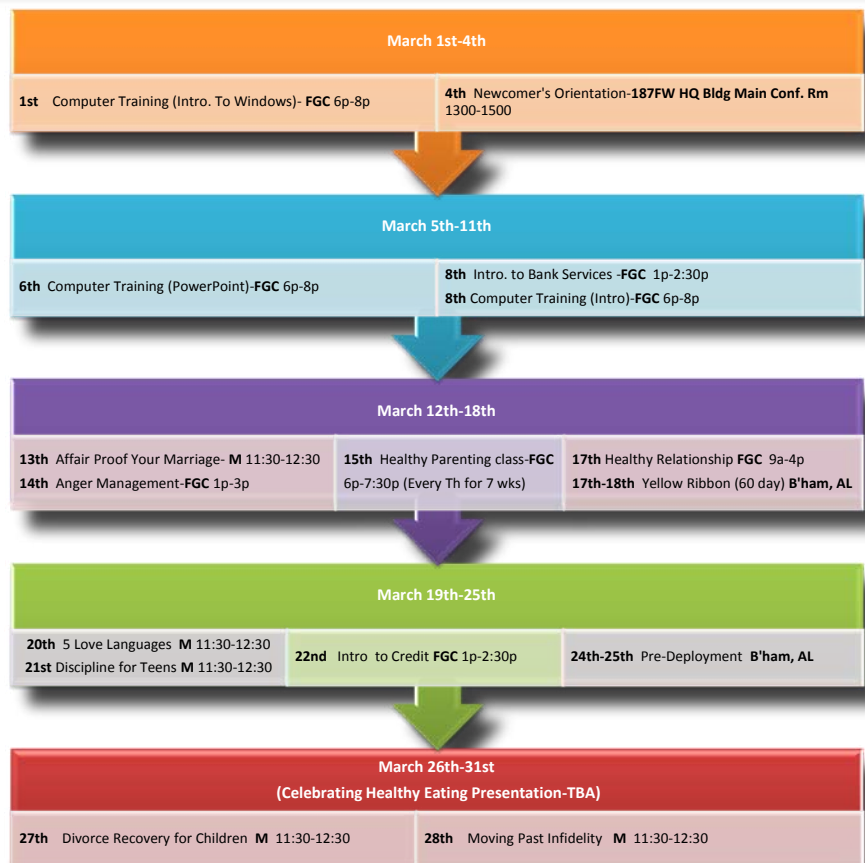
AIRMAN & FAMILY READINESS MARCH CALENDAR

March is National Nutrition and Healthy Eating Month

*Classes fill fast, call today to register:
Sharon Hubbert 334-394-7119*

Locations:
Family Guidance Center (FGC)
Maxwell Air Force Base (M)

Friendly Reminder:
Monday, April 2nd is the application deadline for the following Camps:
Air Force Services Space Camp, Teen Leadership Camp, and Teen Aviation Camp





AROUND THE PATTERN

What does "Integrity first, service before self, and excellence in all you do" mean to you?



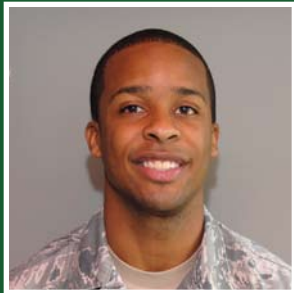
CMSgt John Rowe
187MDG/SGA
Health System Specialist

"Overall the Core values are my way of life. It is all about putting service before self. These are standards that I try to live by everyday"



SSgt Eldridge Scott
187SFS
Security Forces Specialist

"As a Security Forceman we are known as the Tip of the Spear. We are the first impression of the installation. It is our duty and responsibility to ensure adequate security for entry and exit of all authorized personnel on the installation. I take pride in doing my job."



SrA LaDarius Reed
187FSS/FSMPM
Customer Service

"Core values to me means being the best person you can be, doing the best job, leading by example, being respectful and manor able to the customers, treating the customers how I would want to be treated and always keeping a smile on my face."



SSgt Eric Gramatzki
187LRS/LGRMSP
NCOIC of Individual Protection Equipment and Individual Equipment Element

"Integrity first to me means doing it right the first time. Service before self to me means working extra hours coming in on your off days when you have to get stuff done. Excellence in all we do to me means to put your best foot forward every day, do your job and take pride in yourself and take initiative to do your job."



A1C Octavius Mack
187OG/OSO
Flight Records

"The Air Force Core Values means a lot to me. It is the way I live my life. I instill the Air Force Core Values in my everyday life. Having a sense of pride in what you do represents the person you are and the way you live your life"



MSgt Stanley Krasinski
187FW/FSDP
Retention Office Manager

"When it comes to Integrity first I act as if the good Lord is looking down at me and my wife and kids are right there in front of me. Service before self to me means happiness in life comes from serving others and having a subservient attitude serving others what goes around comes around. Excellence in all we do God don't expect us to be perfect he expects us to strive for perfection. My Motto for life is, "People like hot French fries"



TSgt Amanda Rodgers
187CF/SCXK
Management Assistant

"Integrity first to me means doing what is right even when no one is around. Service before self to me is putting customers first; you put aside what you are doing to help the members of the unit first. Excellence in all we do means that I help make sure that everyone I can is compliant with tasks at hand and encourage all members in the unit to give 110% in their ability to do their job. If they do this they will never fail."

Interviews conducted by: TSgt Monique Randall
Photos by: TSgt Chris Baldwin



RECRUITING AND 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.

FIT TO FIGHT!



A motto for life: "People like hot fries!"

~Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Robert D. Gaylor (Ret)

187FW National Enlisted Incentive List AFSCs for 01 Jan - 31 Mar 2012

2A3X3-Tactical Aircraft Maintenance
2W0X1-Munitions Systems
2W0X1-Aircraft Armament Systems

187FW Local Enlisted Incentive List AFSCs for 01 Jan - 31 Mar 2012

3E4X1-Water/Fuel Systems Apprentice
3E0X2-Electrical Power Production
3E3X0-Structural Apprentice

280CBCS Local Enlisted Incentive List AFSCs for 01 Jan - 31 Mar 2012

3D1X3-RF Transmission Systems.

280CBCS and 232CBCS Local Officer Incentive List AFSCs for 01 Jan - 31 Mar 2012

17D3-Cyberspace Operations Officer

CAREER MOTIVATION PROGRAM / UNIT CAREER ADVISORS TRAINING MEETING

We will have our first post UCI quarterly CMP/UCA Training Meeting on Sunday, 04 Mar 2012 from 0900-1100 in the Wing HQ Conference Room, Bldg. 1502. All UCAs please plan to attend and bring all CMP questions, comments, suggestions, UCI experiences, etc. with you. See you there!

NEWCOMERS' ORIENTATION BRIEFING

We will have our quarterly Newcomers' Orientation Briefing for all members who have not attended or whom have joined between 05 Dec 2011 and 27 Feb 2012 on Sunday, 04 Mar 2012, from 1300-1500 in the 187FW Headquarters 2nd Floor Conference Room, Bldg 1502. Spouses or significant others are also encouraged to attend. See you there!

Post 9/11 G.I. Bill (Chapter 33)

To view the newest POST 9-11 CHA 33 APPLICATION PROCESS, the new POST 9-11 IMPROVEMENTS slide show, and the new ARPC LOC slide show access the 187FW Share Point by going to: 187FW Home > 187MSG > 187FSS > RETENTION OFFICE.

Contact Stan Krasinski at stan.krasinski@ang.af.mil or call (334) 394-7375



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.*

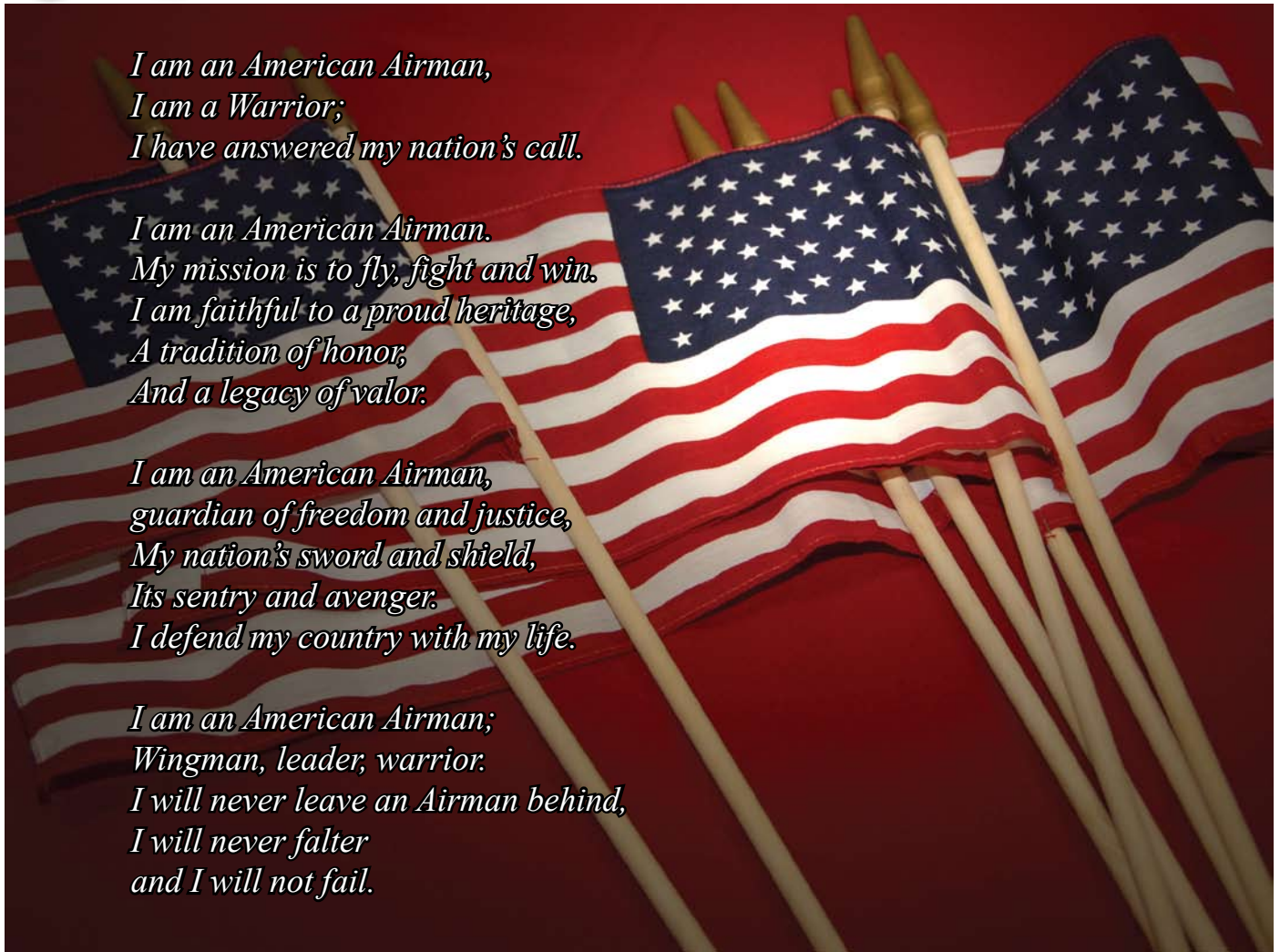


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Chris Baldwin

187TH FIGHTER WING *Dining Out*

**RESCHEDULED FOR
SATURDAY, JUNE 9, 2012**

6:30 P.M.

**EMBASSY SUITES HOTEL
300 TALLAPOOSA ST**

UNIT POCS

MDG - CAPT THOMAS

MSG - LT RIZZO & LT SANDERS

MXG - LT DALEY & LT MERIWEATHER

OG - LT CLENDENIN

FW - CAPT ROBERTS & LT PRUITT



SMSGT & UP - \$60

TSGT & MSGT - \$50

AB - SSGT - \$40

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(PAYABLE TO 187 FW EVENT FUND)**



Air Force women trace history to World War II

by Martha Lockwood
Defense Media Activity

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) -- The Air Force's acceptance of women into the force dates back to long before the first "Women's History Week" celebration in 1978.

In 1942, the U.S. Army Air Corps took the unheard-of step of forming and employing two women's aviation units. That same year, a unit of flight nurses who had not yet quite finished their training, were sent into North Africa on Christmas Day following the Allied invasion in November of that year.

And the history of women--civilian and military--was forever changed.

WASPS, WAFS and a Willingness to Serve

Originally, the idea of using women pilots was first suggested in 1930, but was considered "unfeasible," according to information maintained at the National Museum of the Air Force in Dayton, Ohio.

Then, in mid-1942, an increased need for World War II combat pilots, favored the use of experienced women pilots to fly aircraft on non-combat missions.

Two women's aviation units--The Women's Auxiliary Ferrying Squadron (WAFS--with a capital S) and the Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs) were formed to ease this need. More than 1,000 women participated in these programs as civilians attached to the USAAC, flying 60 million miles of non-combat military missions.

These two units were merged into a single group, the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) program in August 1943, and broke ground for U.S. Air Force female pilots who would follow in their footsteps decades later.

Of the more than 25,000 women who applied for pilot training under the WASP program, 1,830 were accepted, 1,074 were graduated, and 916 (including 16 former WAFS) remained when the program was disbanded in December 1944. WASP assignments were diverse--as flight training instructors, glider tow pilots, towing targets for air-to-air and anti-aircraft gunnery practice, engineering test flying, ferrying aircraft, and other duties.

Although WASPs had the privileges of officers, they were never formally adopted into the USAAC. In November 1977--33 years after the WASPs program was disbanded--President Carter signed a bill granting World War II veterans' status to former WASPs.

"Winged Angels."

It was a slightly different story for flight nurses who were members of the military from the beginning. As it was with so many advances and innovations resulting from World War II, the USAAC radically changed military medical care, and the development of air evacuation and the training of flight nurses were advanced to meet this need.

After the invasion of North Africa in November 1942, the need for flight nurses exceeded the supply, and women who had not yet finished their training were

called into action and sent to North Africa on Christmas Day. Finally, in February 1943, the first class of Army Nurse Corps flight nurses graduated.

Unlike their stateside-stationed counterparts in the WASPs, flight nurses (nicknamed "Winged Angels") in the Army Nurse Corps served in combat. They were especially vulnerable to enemy attacks because aircraft used for evacuation could not display their non-combat status.

These same aircraft were also used to transport military supplies. In anticipation and preparation for almost any emergency, flight nurses were required to learn crash procedures, receive survival training, and know the effects of high altitude on a vast array of pathologies.

Of the nearly 1.2 million patients air evacuated throughout the war, only 46 died en route. About 500 USAAC nurses (only 17 died in combat) served as members of 31 medical air evacuation transport squadrons throughout the world.

When President Harry Truman signed The National Security Act of 1947, creating the Department of Defense, the U. S. Air Force became a separate military service. At the time, a number of Women's Army Corps (WACs) members continued serving in the Army but performed Air Force duties.

The following year, some WACs chose to transfer to the Women's Air Force (WAFs--with a lower case s) when it finally became possible to do so.

Originally, the WAFs were limited to 4,000 enlisted women and 300 female officers, all of whom were encouraged to fill a variety of ground duty roles--mostly clerical and medical--but were not to be trained as pilots, even though the USAAC had graduated the first class of female pilots in April 1943, during wartime.

In 1976, when women were accepted into the Air Force on an equal basis with men, the WAF program ended, but not before many milestones were achieved and marked along the way in preparation for today's Air Force woman.

The WAFs in Evolution

The first WAF recruit was Sgt. Esther Blake who enlisted on July 8, 1948, in the first minute of the first day that regular Air Force duty was authorized for women. She had been a WAC, and she transferred in from Fort McPherson, Ga.

The first recruits reported to Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, in 1948. When basic training was desegregated in the Air Force the following year, many African-American women recruits joined, even though the integration of quarters and mess had not yet been achieved.

At first, WAFs wore men's uniforms with neckties. It was "a look" that didn't last long, and inter uniforms for WAFs were modeled after flight attendants' uniforms, using the same material as the men's winter uniforms.



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The necktie was abandoned early on, and was replaced with tabs on the collar. The summer uniform--a two-piece dress made of cotton-cord seersucker--didn't fare as well. Ill-fitting, it required frequent ironing. It would be years before a suitable women's uniform would be achieved.

Milestones Along the Way

In its 10-year lifespan, from 1951 to 1961, the 543rd Air Force Band (WAF) was served by 235 women musicians, with approximately 50 members at any one time. This band, the WAF Band as it was known, along with the all-male Air Force Band, served as ambassadors of the Air Force simultaneously.

The WAF band marched in both of President Eisenhower's inaugural parades, and they played for President Kennedy's inauguration, among other concert engagements throughout the nation. The band was deactivated in 1961. Some say that it was a victim of its own success.

It was during this same time period--1956--that a WAF section was introduced into the college-level Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program, and by 1959 four universities were running ROTC WAF sections. By 1970, they had achieved a national presence. Concurrent with the expansion of the ROTC women's cadet program, Congress passed Public Law 90-130 in 1967, lifting grade restrictions and strength limitations on women in the military.

And with the end of Selective Service (the "draft") in 1973, recruiting practices changed. Shortly afterwards--1976--the separate status of WAF was abolished, and women entered pilot training as military personnel for the first time. (The WASPS and WAFS of World War II had come in to service as civilians with pilots' licenses.) Our country's bicentennial year also saw women entering the service academies, which had not been opened to them prior to President Ford's administration.

By 1993, women were receiving fighter pilot training, and Lt. Gen. Susan J. Helms (then Maj. Helms), member of the first class of the U. S. Air Force Academy to graduate women, was also the first American military woman in space as part of the Space Shuttle Endeavor team.

Coming, full circle, the final chapter for the WAFS and WASPS of World War II was achieved in 1977, when President Jimmy Carter awarded them full status as veterans, complete with benefits. A fitting epilogue was added in 2010 with the awarding of the Congressional Gold Medal. Today, there are approximately 300 of the original women air force pilots still living.

By the Numbers

The milestones cited above are just that--the highlights of women in service to their country. Each day, women in the Air Force distinguish themselves and honor those who have gone before them by doing the jobs that matter to us all--performing in professional, administrative, technical and clerical positions.

Women make up 19 percent of all Air Force military personnel and 30.5 percent of all civilian personnel. Of the female officers,

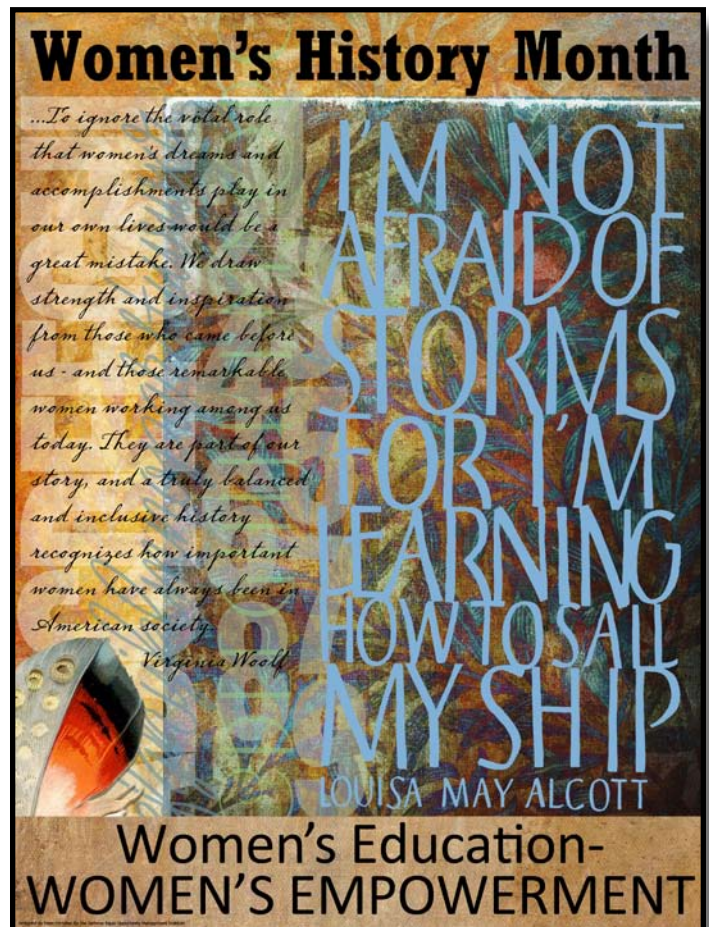
55 percent of the female officers are line officers, and 45 percent are non-line. Of the 328,423 active duty personnel, 62,316 are women, with 712 female pilots, 259 navigators and 183 air battle managers.

Women's History Month

Today, Women's History Month awareness for all the armed services is initiated by the Defense Equal Opportunity Management Institute headquartered at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.. Among the tools and initiatives for observing this month-long celebration of the role women have played throughout history, the Institute is making available a free download of this year's Women's National History Project poster, "Women's Education--Women's Empowerment."

Empowerment of women has strengthened the services. Starting with the WASPS and WAFS of World War II, through the WAFs of the '50s and '60s, through the acceptance and promotion of women at the service academies, each generation of women and their evolved sense of service to their country, has prepared the future for generations of women seeking unlimited opportunity.

(Martha Lockwood is the chief of Air Force Information Products, Defense Media Activity)





TOUCH & GOS

2012 UTA SCHEDULE

January 7-8	<i>May 19-20</i>	September 15-16
February 2-5	<i>June 9-10</i>	October 20-21
March 3-4	July 14-15	November 3-4
April 14-15	August None	December 1-2

* *Denotes changes released by the commander on 27 Jan 2012*

DATES TO REMEMBER

June 9	187 FW Dining Out (Embassy Suites)
TBD	187 FW Bowling Tournament

SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Interested in joining the Alabama National Guard Speakers' Bureau? Contact 187 FW/PA for additional details at (334) 394-7292.

117 ARW FREE RETREAT

The Strong Bonds Marriage Retreat weekend hosted by the chaplain staff of the 117th ARW will feature the Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage curriculum. Lodging, food, etc., is FREE to attendees. It will be held along the beautiful Lay Lake at the Alabama 4-H Center in Columbiana, Alabama. from 16-18 March 2012. Registration is from 1830-1915. Dress Code: Business Casual. Couples are expected to attend all sessions. Contact Sharon Hubbert at 334.394.7119 for more information.

GTC/ TRAVEL REMINDER

DoD travelers are reminded that use of the Government Travel Cards is mandatory. Also please be reminded that travel vouchers are to be submitted within five days upon return from travel.

CHAPEL SERVICE

Chapel Service will be held, Sunday, Feb. 8, 0800, in building 1501 (Dining Facility). Contact the Chaplain's Office at 334-394-7268 for additional information.

2012 AFR/ANG TEEN LEADERSHIP SUMMITS

The AFR/ANG Teen Leadership Summits are open to 15-18 year old dependent teens of current Air Force Reserve or Air National Guard military members. Applicants will be required to complete entire application to include essay questions.

Classic Teen Leadership Summit - 17-22 June 2012 Wahsega 4-H Center: Dahlonega, Georgia

Nestled in a valley of the Chattahoochee National Forest, Wahsega 4-H Center plays host to the Classic Teen Leadership Summit. During this week long adventure, teens will participate in high adventure activities such as high ropes, zip line canopy tour, white-water rafting, hiking, fishing, archery, survival classes, and more! Leadership classes taught throughout the week include True Colors and the General Hugh H. Shelton Leadership Challenge. Attendees will be introduced to community partners such as 4-H, BGCA, American Legion, YMCA and others who provide support to military families in communities across America. This Summit also includes military traditions and community service projects.

Adventure Teen Leadership Summit - 7-12 Aug 2012 Cheley Colorado Camps: Estes Park, Colorado

Bordering Rocky Mountain National Park, Cheley Colorado Camps, a family owned and operated summer camp for over 90 years, will host the Adventure Teen Leadership Summit. During this Summit, teens will participate in daily adventure activities including hiking, mountain biking, horseback riding, horse colt training, arts & crafts, woodworking, technical climbing, and archery. Leadership classes taught throughout the week include True Colors and the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Each evening, teens will gather for programs including campfires and songs, musical performances, and environmental education classes. This Summit also includes military traditions and community service projects.

Contact Sandra Mason at sandra.mason.ctr@ang.af.mil or call 240-612-8138, DSN 612-8138 for more information.