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On the cover: Senior Airman Fretiri Hamilton and Airman First Class Jasmine Humphries are 187th Fighter Wing security forces members. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Jared Rand/Released.)



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VACANCIES

Air National Guard Technician

<u>POSITION TITLE</u>	<u>ANNC NUMBER</u>	<u>CLOSEOUT DATE</u>
POWERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS MECHANIC	ALAF16-054	3/23/2016
LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST	ALAF16-055	3/24/2016
AIRCRAFT ENGINE MECHANIC	ALAF16-059	4/7/2016
RECRUITING & RETENTION MANAGER	16-008	3/22/2016
SUPPLY TECHNICIAN	16-009	3/29/2016
AIRCRAFT ARMAMENT SYSTEMS MECHANIC	16-010	3/29/2016
F16 INSTRUCTOR	16-012	4/5/2016

Click the link below for more available jobs

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



RECRUITING & RETENTION

If you are due for reenlistment, please stop by to see Master Sgt. Mark Word, your Retention Office Manager. We can discuss features and benefits that make your continued service more valuable than ever. Among those benefits are:

- Your continued eligibility for GI Bill benefits
- Potential eligibility for Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits
- The Alabama National Guard Educational Assistance Program
- The ability to transfer 9/11 GI Bill benefits to your dependents for their use
- Earning a military retirement
- Earning additional monthly pay
- Continued availability of low-cost health insurance
- The flexibility to change career fields
- The potential to promote and seek leadership positions within the unit
- Continued access to base facilities such as the Base Exchange, Commissary, and gym facilities

Contact Master Sgt. Mark Word, 187th Fighter Wing Recruiting and Retention Manager, at DSN 358-9190, Comm: 334-394-7190.

Wing and GSUs members, We need your help! Please refer your qualified family members and friends to one of your five recruiters.

Master Sgt. Word and his team would love to work with your referrals to help them become a member of our great Alabama Air National Guard.

Your five recruiters are:

Master Sgt. Word 334-221-7277

Tech. Sgt. Howard 334-233-1163

Tech. Sgt. Milford 334-221-8690

Tech. Sgt. Nelson 334-221-7571

Staff Sgt. Freeman 334-414-2431

187 FW Mentoring Program

Something new and exciting is on the horizon!!! The 187FW Mentoring program officially began January UTA. The purpose of the mentoring program is to provide guidance, encouragement, direction and insight to our Airman. If you would like more information on the mentoring program please contact one of the following committee members. Thank you!!

Senior Master Sgt. David Betts(FW) x7178

Senior Master Sgt. Stan Skipper (FW) x7161

Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Shirley (LRS) x 7513

Senior Master Sgt. Becky Daniels (LRS) x7486

Senior Master Sgt. Kristie Pomilia (FW) x7177

Senior Master Sgt. Mataya Williams (CE) x7515

Master Sgt. Lisa McDay (FSS) x7463

Master Sgt. Lou Enriquez (CF) x 7444

Master Sgt. Samantha McLeod (FW) x7170



TOUCH & GOs

2016 UTA SCHEDULE Next Drill is April 9-10

May 10-15
June 4-5
July NONE
August 6-7

September 10-11
October 1-2
November 5-6
December 3-4

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



If you are interested in learning about opportunities with the Base Honor Guard, contact [Tech. Sgt. Mia Davis](#)



Greetings from the new Command Chief...

As the new 187FW Command Chief, I'm sure that I will have several opportunities over the coming months to share my views and expectations for the enlisted force of the wing, but for now let me just express my appreciation to those that have helped me get here. If I've learned anything over these many years as an Airman in this wing, it's that you don't achieve success on your own. I am where I am today because of four things:

1. The opportunity to work with the finest collective group of men and women ever to wear the uniform. Not only have they allowed me to be a part of something special, but time and time again have exceeded expectations, set records, and done what naysayers said could not be done; then graciously allowed me and other leaders to receive credit for the incredible things they've accomplished.
2. The great fortune to have had many superb leaders, mentors and trainers. All have taught me to do my job to the best of my ability, held the expectation bar up high for themselves and everyone around them, and believed in personal accountability.
3. The constant encouragement of my wife, seasoned with good counsel when I needed it most.
4. The unmistakable mercy and blessing of a loving God.

As I begin my 30th year as a member of the 187th, I believe that our best days are yet to come. I am excited to be a part of them. I look forward to our journey together.

-Chief Master Sergeant John Harris