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## More Changes for 184th

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## UTA REMINDER

April UTA: April 5-6

May UTA: May 3-4

June UTA: June 7-8

Deadline for July edition of Jayhawk Flyer is June 9.

## THANK YOU

*On behalf of Mrs. Cheryl Warne and the Salvation Army, thanks to all the selfless Jayhawks (and family) who volunteered to help with the 2007 Angel Tree Program. 184th personnel volunteered many hours throughout November and December and were very prompt, professional and easy to work with. Because of the outstanding volunteerism of these Jayhawks, over 14,000 families were helped for Christmas. Please accept her appreciation for all your support and for your care and concern for people less fortunate in our community.*

## THE 22D CONNECTION

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## WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the newest (as of Feb. 25) members of the 184th Intelligence Wing.

Capt Marilee Smalley  
 MSgt Riblett, Michael  
 SSgt Adkins, Terry  
 SSgt Bosquez, Lindsay  
 SSgt Kordish, Michael  
 SSgt Stine, Shawn  
 SSgt Vogt, Stephen  
 SSgt Yi, Danny  
 SrA Russell, Tyrone JR  
 SrA Smith, Nathan  
 A1C Ayres, Amanda  
 A1C Delarber, Ryan  
 A1C Dillon, Cory  
 A1C Elder, Kaitlyn  
 A1C Giebler, Neal  
 A1C Godlewski, Trisha  
 A1C Owen, Joshua  
 A1C Palmer, Sean  
 A1C Shaughnessy, Ceara  
 A1C Voges, Mark  
 A1C Weishaar, Adam

## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Please contact the Public Affairs Office for any upcoming events worthy of historic documentation. You may submit your ideas to [jflyer@ksmcco.ang.af.mil](mailto:jflyer@ksmcco.ang.af.mil) or call a member of the Editorial Staff below.

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Jayhawks, to begin I'd like to say what a privilege it is to be named as the commander of the Fighting Jayhawks – it's an awesome responsibility and I very much look forward to leading this superb organization into its bright, promising future as the 184th Intelligence Wing.

I'd like to share my expectations on the wing's goals and focus for our future. I don't intend to revamp our current wing goals; Be Mission Ready, Exceed Standards, and Develop Personally and Professionally – I believe they capture the overall intent and direction all personnel should strive for. On the other hand, I

do want to dial into a couple of near term tactical focus items relating to overall Mission Success: Proficiency, Positive Attitude, and Recruiting/ Retention (PPR).

***“This isn’t about me – it’s about YOU the Fighting Jayhawks.”***

**Proficiency** - We've weathered the conversion storm and now it's time to focus on getting up to speed in our new mission areas. It won't be long until we are the de facto experts in our respective endeavors (in many instances we already are).

**Positive attitude** - I'm a glass half full vs. half empty kind of guy. This wing has been blessed with a wide array of opportunity and we can all be proud of our accomplishments. Bottom-line, a positive, upbeat attitude across the board is contagious and goes a long way towards showcasing our Jayhawk pride and spirit.

**Recruiting / Retention** - We must continue to bolster our ranks with new recruits. The senior staff and I have set a goal of 88 % manning by April of 2009. This equates to 120 new recruits which may seem a bit daunting (especially to our recruiting team!) nonetheless I believe it's a reasonable and attainable goal. This distills down to 10 recruits a month for 12 months. Remember, we are all recruiters. Collectively we can do this – one recruit at a time!

I'd like to close with a few words I expressed at my change of command: “This isn't about me – it's about YOU the Fighting Jayhawks.” I can't run this wing by myself, it's definitely a team effort and I'm humbled and honored to be named as your commander – the commander of the first and finest Intelligence Wing in the Air National Guard. I appreciate your support and I very much look forward to leading this outstanding organization to continued excellence.

See you around campus.

Mike



When was the last time you saw a former coworker who moved to one of our new missions? In our transition to being an Intelligence Wing, we now have more people working behind locked doors than ever before. You may wonder how the Jayhawk family can stay together, when you can't even visit your old friends. The answer is, through wing wide events. We have some coming up that we can all participate in to keep the Jayhawk family together.

Wing Family Safety Day is coming up on Saturday, May 3 (UTA). This is a large event that the Safety office and Family Readiness office put on every year with activities for both adults and kids. Help is always needed. Bring your family out to the base and share a fun afternoon learning interesting, helpful tips about personal and family safety while enjoying great food and enjoyable events.

Also during May, there is the Wichita Riverfest. In the past, members of the wing participated in several events during this weeklong event, such as the softball tournament, bath-tub race and the river run, just to name a few. Let's do it again! What a great way to show your Jayhawk pride, and who knows, you might even come across a potential recruit. If you're interested in organizing a team to participate in one of these events, let me know.

Kick off your summer with the Kansas Special Olympics Summer Games held at Wichita State University's Cessna Stadium

May 29 – June 1. Put on your red Jayhawk hat and volunteer. It is easy; just contact TSgt Janet Stuhlsatz at 759-7316.

In the fall we have the Wing Dining-Out at the Hyatt on November 1. I hope you will attend. Until then, every Thursday the Dining-Out committee holds a lunchtime fundraiser to help reduce the ticket prices. Get out of your office, socialize with old coworkers and support the Dining-Out.

The First Five is another great way to be involved in wing activities. If you're a Staff Sergeant or below, go to the First Five meetings and see how you can help their organization. This year, like last year, the First Five is taking on the task of the Riverfest parade and the Wing Holiday party so I know they could use some help.

As you can see, there are many opportunities to help keep the Jayhawk family together. All you have to do is step up and participate in some of these events with your fellow Jayhawks.

## QUARTERLY AWARD WINNERS

### AIRMAN



**SrA Ashley Carpenter** is a Medic within the 184th Medical Group. She was identified as one of two personnel selected to train at Galichia Heart Hospital Intensive Care and Trauma Center. This training enabled her to attain quality Readiness Skills Verification training not attainable within the med group. SrA Carpenter enhanced relationships with the medical personnel in Wichita, improving community perceptions of the Guard.

SrA Carpenter volunteered to deploy to the 332nd Air Expeditionary Medical Group, Balad AB, Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She rapidly transitioned to the combat environment, delivering high quality nursing care. Ashley adapted quickly to a full range of war trauma, pediatrics and humanitarian care. She defeated the language barrier and worked with interpreters ensuring 100 percent care to wounded Iraqi soldiers. She also performed nine post-attack unexploded ordinance sweeps and reported results to the Medical Control Center; her diligence ensured the safety of 450 personnel.

SrA Carpenter is pursuing a Health and Pre-Med Degree at Fort Hays State University with a 3.4 GPA, in addition to a Community College of the Air Force degree in Allied Health. She is a leader and mentor of the College Age Ministry at Fort Hays State University and a volunteer Emergency Medical Technician.

### NCO



**TSgt Justin Moody** is assigned as a Chaplain's Assistant in the 184th Headquarters Section. TSgt Moody excels in his duties in the Chaplain's office and has established an impressive record. His outstanding work in the recruitment and preparation of a new chaplain assistant eased manning shortages and demonstrated Justin's determination and ability to see a process through where others had failed. He also administers and instructs the Wing's Student Flight Program. Justin created the curriculum to ensure all new members were learning about the Air Force and their new jobs. He trained new recruits on drill and ceremony, rank structure, arranged guest speakers and led fitness training.

TSgt Justin Moody has a Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education from Wichita State University, a CCAF Degree and a Master's in School Leadership (Administration) from Baker University. Justin works as a teacher and instructor for the award-winning JROTC program at USD 259 and he is a frequent volunteer for a number of charities in the Wichita area. Justin is also an active member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard for the State of Kansas.

**Join Our Team!  
Contact a Guard Recruiter  
at 759-7424**

### SrNCO



**MSgt Jennifer Allen** is assigned to the 184th Headquarters Section, performing duties of orderly room manager and Wing administration. As orderly room manager, she manages more than 45 people in one of the the busiest, most complex organizations in the Wing. She expertly oversees the schedules of the three most senior offices in the Wing, playing a huge role in Wing's high visibility Protocol efforts to include a Wing-wide Commander's Call and Command Chief retirement during the award quarter.

MSgt Allen acts as a frontline ambassador for the unit as the Wing's front office manager. She frequently is the first person VIPs and perspective unit members meet, and her complete professionalism, organizational skills, and pleasant demeanor leave a great first impression.

MSgt Allen helped organize Wing volunteer efforts for the Salvation Army Angel Tree program and volunteered to manage the Wing level awards and decorations program, a huge additional duty. Jennifer overhauled the program and now in her first quarter on the job the headquarters section has more personnel being nominated and receiving awards than the past year.

MSgt Allen is an active member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard for the State of Kansas.

# HATS OFF

## PME GRADS

AWC	Lt Col	Winningham, James	NCOA	SSgt	Brennecke, Kirk
SNCOA	MSgt	Abbey, Kelly	NCOA	SSgt	Gabbard, Jayme
SNCOA	MSgt	Baker, David	NCOA	SSgt	Kallansrud, Jason
SNCOA	MSgt	Evans, Troy	NCOA	SSgt	Krones, Anthony
SNCOA	MSgt	Frey, Robert	ALS	SSgt	Krueger, Jerad
SNCOA	MSgt	Lind, Elisabeth	ALS	SSgt	Ballance, Maurice
SNCOA	MSgt	Longberg, Richard	ALS	SSgt	Carman, Quinn
SNCOA	MSgt	Reynolds, Jack	ALS	SSgt	Carpenter, Ashley
SNCOA	MSgt	Touhey, Selina	ALS	SSgt	Mirabal, Jodi
SNCOA	MSgt	Webber, Jack	ALS	SSgt	Nguyen, Phuong
NCOA	MSgt	Nicholas, Chad	ALS	SSgt	Nikolas, Jorge
NCOA	MSgt	Riblett, Michael	ALS	SSgt	Stump, Heather
NCOA	TSgt	Brown, Curtis	ALS	SrA	Wullenweber, Rachel
NCOA	TSgt	Christman, Justin	ALS	SrA	Barker, Jason
NCOA	TSgt	Cox, Crystal	ALS	SrA	Cravens, Chanse
NCOA	TSgt	Denton, Jimmy Jr	ALS	SrA	Crawford, Teresa
NCOA	TSgt	Fraser, Hugh Jr	ALS	SrA	Gigax, Brian
NCOA	TSgt	Harvey, Robert	ALS	SrA	Howard, Cody
NCOA	TSgt	Kollar, Brian	ALS	SrA	Kerr, Jason
NCOA	TSgt	Salazaraguirre,	ALS	SrA	Lippert, Mark Jr
NCOA	TSgt	Edgar	ALS	SrA	Peyton, Steven
NCOA	TSgt	Schroeder, Joseph	ALS	SrA	Velasquez, Kyle
NCOA	TSgt	Voss, Ryan	ALS	SrA	Wheeler, Jennifer
NCOA	TSgt	Willis, Joel	ALS	SrA	Whitley, Graham
NCOA	SSgt	Wiser, Joshua			

## PROMOTIONS

CMSgt	Foster, William	SSgt	Halderson, Jared
CMSgt	Walker, Danny	SSgt	Mirabal, Jodi
MSgt	Nicholas, Chad	SSgt	Nguyen, Phoung
TSgt	Chavez, Marsha	SSgt	Nikolas, Jorge
TSgt	Denton, Jimmy	SSgt	Rucker, Shawn
TSgt	Gonsalves, Pedro	SSgt	Stevens, Kerry
TSgt	Hopkins, Stephen	SSgt	Stump, Heather
TSgt	Mcnew, Angela	SSgt	Venneberg, Silliphon
TSgt	Miller, Bobbi	SSgt	Vogt, Jennifer
TSgt	Perusich, Jami	SSgt	Wullenweber, Rachel
TSgt	Sargent, Tony	SrA	Armbrister, Kyle
SSgt	Ballance, Maurice	SrA	Cybulski, Joseph
SSgt	Bryant, Jonathon	SrA	Delarber, Ryan
SSgt	Carman, Quinn	SrA	Mccord, Stephanie
SSgt	Carpenter, Ashley	SrA	Platt, Honey
SSgt	Gillenwater, Melissa	SrA	Rivera, Adam

## NEW 1ST SERGEANTS

MSgt	Kerr, Kenneth	299 NOSS	TSgt	Graber, John	161 IS
MSgt	Smith, Lawayne	184 MSG	TSgt	Nice, Marvin	161 IS
TSgt	Evans, Kim	184 HQ	TSgt	Wallet, Stacy	184 SFS

## AWARDS & DECS

### Meritorious Service Medal

Col	Link, Bradley
Lt Col	Austin, Peter
Lt Col	Culp, James
Lt Col	Froncek, Francis
Lt Col	Krueger, Ronald
Lt Col	Mahoney, Anthony
Lt Col	Molnar, Frank Jr
Lt Col	Morris, Charles
Lt Col	Waddell, William
Maj	Bowman, Greagory
Maj	Garst, Billy
Maj	Hamilton, Eric
Maj	Hupp, Joanna
Maj	Knobbe, Jason
Maj	Lee, Rip
Maj	Nash, Gary
Maj	Obrien, Michael
Maj	Smith, Kyle M.
Maj	Smith, Timothy
Maj	Venerdi, Michael
Capt	Rieger, Todd
CMSgt	Hamilton, Michael
CMSgt	Kramer, Edwin
CMSgt	Logue, Elmer
CMSgt	Mohr, Gene
CMSgt	Morris, Willard
CMSgt	Payne, Sheila
CMSgt	Ramsey, Richard
CMSgt	Solter, Jack Jr.
CMSgt	Stacey, Williams III
CMSgt	Wilson, David
SMSgt	Brotemarke, Harold
SMSgt	Clampitt, David
SMSgt	Clarke, Kristine
SMSgt	Dillon, Brian
SMSgt	Hennes, Gregory
SMSgt	Hooper, Debora
SMSgt	Kolb, Curtis
SMSgt	Lucas, Jerry
SMSgt	Mecalla, John
SMSgt	Price, Lisa
SMSgt	Turner, Eugene

MSgt	Aiken, Clark
MSgt	Andrews, Larry
MSgt	Bante, Kevin
MSgt	Buchanan, Amy
MSgt	Cook, Frank
MSgt	Daniels, Willie Jr.
MSgt	Dearmond, Steven
MSgt	Eck, Kim
MSgt	Frakes, Jammie
MSgt	Greenlee, Timothy
MSgt	Hamel, Christina
MSgt	Hamel, Stephen
MSgt	Hansen, Mary
MSgt	Johnson, Chad
MSgt	King, Wayne
MSgt	Larson, Daniel
MSgt	Mark, Randy
MSgt	McKinley, Leland
MSgt	Powell, Mitchell
MSgt	Steadman, Kenneth
MSgt	Vermillion, Ross
MSgt	Vermillion, Roxann
MSgt	Weiner, Barry
MSgt	Welshans, Jeff
TSgt	Brack, Richard
TSgt	Diekhoff, Tona
TSgt	Gardenhire, William
TSgt	Legrande, Charles
TSgt	Magee, Damion
TSgt	Munn, Stephen

### AF Commendtion Medal

Lt Col	Hatfield, Lloyd
Maj	Hutchinson, Jamie
Capt	Sojka, Jesse
Capt	Watts-Harkness, Kate
Capt	Woods, Jeffrey
CMSgt	Clark, Sharon
SMSgt	Crabb, Carolyn
SMSgt	Oaks, Evan

SMSgt	Sims, Russell
MSgt	Banning, Andrea
MSgt	Champagne, Richard
MSgt	Gattis, Thomas
MSgt	Goodrum, Tamara
MSgt	Hill, Randi
MSgt	Kortkamp, Jack
MSgt	Price, Cynthia
MSgt	Turner, Lenice
MSgt	Webber, Jack
MSgt	Youngblom, Conrad
TSgt	Atwater, Valinda
TSgt	Gregg, James
TSgt	Habtemariam, Lilianna
TSgt	Hites, Ronnie
TSgt	Mller, Bobbi
TSgt	Voss, Ryan
TSgt	Wall, Mark
TSgt	Willis, Joel
TSgt	Wiser, Joshua
SSgt	Balderes, Elaina
SSgt	Fear, Michael
SSgt	Kenny, David
SSgt	Pagels, Christopher
SSgt	Riley, Karen
SSgt	Tibbetts, Derick
SrA	Carpenter, Ashley
SrA	Wheeler, Jennifer

### AF Achievement Medal

TSgt	Christman, Justin
TSgt	Devader, Henry
TSgt	Fortner, Adam
TSgt	Halderson, Emily
TSgt	Mcgowin, Nesia
TSgt	Mecum, Seth
TSgt	Steele, David
SSgt	Ballance, Maurice
SSgt	Davis, Justin
SSgt	Dickinson, Cheryl

SSgt	Gary, Dearlyn
SSgt	Kaul, Brett
SSgt	Morris, Quentin
SSgt	Riddel, David
SrA	Daley, Philip
SrA	Lyne, Jennifer
SrA	Mcqueen, Matthew
SrA	Nguyen, Phoung
SrA	Ross, Tomasiena
SrA	Smith, Steffan
SrA	Stiner, Brian
SrA	Sutherland, Matthew

## RETIREMENTS

Lt Col	Coln, Curtis
Lt Col	Morris, Charles
Maj	Bowman, Gregory
Capt	Rieger, Todd
CMSgt	Ebenkamp, Michael
CMSgt	Hamilton, Michael
CMSgt	Ramsey, Richard
SMSgt	Hennes, Gregory
SMSgt	Lucas, Jerry
SMSgt	Mccalla, John
MSgt	Andrews, Larry
MSgt	Baker, Rickey
MSgt	Engstrom, Patrick
MSgt	Maes, Martin
MSgt	Mark, Randy
MSgt	Mosier, Daryl
MSgt	Williams, Steven
TSgt	Diekhoff, Tona
TSgt	Green, Timothy
TSgt	LeGrande, Charles
TSgt	Weber, Marvin

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

### HONOR GUARD



**SrA Francis Nguyen** has been a member of the 184th Honor Guard since October 2006. Shortly after joining the Honor Guard team and becoming proficient in all drill and ceremonies, he was appointed as a trainer; one of only five.

As a trainer of the Honor Guard team, he is responsible for training and participating in dozens of colors presentations, funeral honors details and miscellaneous ceremonies. He has served in the Honor Guard at many local events such as change of command ceremonies, award and retirement ceremonies, flag folding ceremonies and various parades.

His professionalism, flawless performance and decorum make him a first choice for interacting with the 22nd ARW Honor Guard; without question a shining representation of the Wing.

He is a JROTC/Leadership Instructor at Hamilton Middle School, where he marches cadets during parades, to include the Veterans' Day Parade and the River Festival Parade. SrA Nguyen is currently attending Wichita State University and is pursuing both his CCAF Associate's Degree in Construction Technology and his Bachelor's degree in Aerospace Engineering.

### FIRST SERGEANT



**MSgt Stephen Hamel** is assigned to the 184th Civil Engineer Squadron. In this role, he is responsible for the welfare of the Airmen in the 184th CES. He is also the acting First Sergeant for the Logistics Readiness Squadron. He excels in his duties as First Sergeant and has established an impressive record. During the unit's Silver Flag deployment, he was in charge of 225 Guard, Reserve, and Air Force personnel, coordinating travel, sick call, emergency leave, extra duties and transportation. His performance was rated "best seen to date." He serves as an organizer of Dining Out fundraisers and volunteered in the clean-up of Greensburg. He spearheaded the creation of a unique unit coin, instilling unit pride and improving squadron camaraderie.

MSgt Hamel is pursuing a degree from the Community College of the Air Force majoring in Production Control. MSgt Hamel is a Member of the Kansas Enlisted Association, Air Force Sergeants Association and American Legion. He is a role model and teacher of an after school Crusaders program at Wellington First United Methodist Church as well as teaches a weekly Senior High Sunday School class.

### CGO



**1Lt Alyson Stockton** is deputy chief of public affairs in the 184th Headquarters Section. In this role, she is responsible for advising wing leadership on public opinion matters and managing the 184th's public image. As such, she enabled news coverage of the 184th's immediate Military Assistance to Civil Authority responses to three major natural disasters in 2007, to include leading a national press conference in Greensburg. Additionally, as a special projects officer, she has undertaken numerous tasks in the Wing's conversion to its new intelligence and communications missions.

Lt Stockton lent her PA expertise to the State Partnership Program while Armenian political sensitivities were high and served as lead public information officer during a state-wide terrorist attack exercise. She is a leader in the Wing's Honor Guard and a key writer/editor for the Jayhawk Flyer.

A Drill Status Guardsman, Lt Stockton also takes a leadership role in the local community, working as a journalist for the local newspaper and pursuing a Master's in Business Administration at Wichita State University while volunteering as a personal finance budget counselor and tax preparer.

*Buckle Up for safety...on base and always!*

# 184th Ops Group: Mission Complete

by TSgt. Sabrina Foster  
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

12/8/2007 - SOUTHWEST ASIA -- The flying chapter was finally closed Dec. 1 for the last two members of the 127th Air Refueling Squadron at a base in Southwest Asia.

Maj. Gary "Sluggo" Nash, KC-135 pilot, and MSgt. Steven "Bull" Albers, KC-135 boom operator, both assigned to the 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron here, flew their final refueling mission supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom - closing the doors of the 127th ARS forever.

"This is a bittersweet day for us," said Maj. Nash. "We knew it was coming, so it's just good to put it behind us and look forward to the future."

Maj. Nash is now working to stand up the 284th Air Support Operations Squadron. He started his military career 21 years ago as an enlisted crew chief on the T-37, F-4 and the F-16. He eventually went Palace Chase and later earned his commission. He was a B-1B Weapons



courtesy photos

Above - Maj. Gary "Sluggo" Nash and MSgt. Steven "Bull" Albers performed 38 refueling missions during their holiday deployment, the last one being the last flying sortie of the former 127th Air Refueling Squadron.



Left - Maj. Gary "Sluggo" Nash, 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron KC-135 pilot, checks out the gauges in the cockpit as he piloted his final refueling flight during an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission Dec. 1. Major Nash is deployed from the 127th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard.

Below - MSgt Steven "Bull" Albers, 340th Expeditionary Squadron boom operator, prepares to fuel an approaching F-16 during an Operation Iraqi Freedom mission Dec. 1. Sergeant Albers is deployed from the 127th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard. The 127th officially closed its doors Sept. 9 due to the BRAC 2005 list.

System Officer, Electronics Warfare Officer, Range Control Officer and Weapons Instructor Course graduate before becoming an aircraft commander of the KC-135.

MSgt. Albers has started a new career in Munitions. He began his military career 20 years ago as a crew chief on the F-4, F-16 and then finally the B-1B. When the unit converted to KC-135s, he became a boom operator.

Upon the completion of their mission, members of the 340th EARS were standing by to welcome them back and to shower them with buckets of water to personally thank them for their support and to wish them the best in the future.

The last two members of the 127th ARS wrote the final chapter with a combat refueling sortie, a fitting end to an era of combat and combat support from the Flying Jayhawks. Flight over. Mission complete!



## SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS



**1Lt Don McClure** was selected as the 480th Intelligence Wing's 2007 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance (ISR) Award Program's Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence CGO of the Year. Lt McClure is assigned to the 161st Intelligence Squadron serving with the Distributed Ground Station Kansas Detachment. As an ISR Mission Operations Commander, he has commanded Predator ISR exploitation operations for more than 100 sorties, supporting special operations forces, Troops-in-Contact, Improvised Explosive Device searches, battle damage assessments, and direct missile engagements.

As one of four Instructor Rated Operators, in addition to providing time-critical hands-on training during operational missions, Lt McClure taught academics for Predator, U-2 and Global Hawk sensor exploitation. He personally trained 10 mission commanders from four different Air National Guard units, which led to increased commonality and communication between ANG sites standing up similar intelligence missions. As a highly qualified and experienced Predator Mission Commander, he has lead the exploitation efforts for more than 1000 hours of near real-time intelligence support in 700 combat operations during MQ-1 Combat Air Patrols.

As the training flight commander, he is responsible for all the 161 IS Operations Training. His training achievements have proven absolutely pivotal to the establishment of the squadron's 24/7 capabilities.



**SMSgt Robert Sauer** has been selected as the 480th Intelligence Wing's 2007 ISR Award Program's Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence Senior NCO of the Year. SMSgt Sauer is assigned to the 161st Intelligence Squadron serving with the Distributed Ground Station Kansas Detachment. He demonstrated meticulous oversight of Intelligence Operations and his leadership directly contributed to the Air Operations Center identifying DGS-KS as exceptional. Because of this recognition, the squadron was assigned a high profile mission to support a sensitive political situation with reporting read directly by the President of the United States. He managed and coordinated mission crews for exploitation, analysis, and dissemination of more than 180 ISR missions in direct support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The operational impacts resulted in more than 2200 targets exploited and 1600 intelligence products delivered to warfighters.

As Imagery Operations Chief, SMSgt Sauer coordinated and approved local procedures and crew information files, greatly reducing output errors in intelligence products to a best-ever 98 percent accuracy rate. As a mission examiner, he performed 32 Initial and Mission Qualification Evaluations, culminating in a 100 percent Combat Mission Ready crewmember status for analysis and exploitation capability, resulting in a zero mission lost rate.

SMSgt Sauer also voluntarily managed and promoted the unit's active duty status members' fitness program.



**TSgt Lurina Scott** is the 497th Intelligence Group's ISR Award Program's Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence NCO of the Year for 2007. TSgt Scott is assigned to the 161st Intelligence Squadron as an Intelligence Analyst, in the position of Tactical Communicator and Mission Support Analyst. During this period, she completed hundreds of missions in support of the Global War on Terror. TSgt Scott's efforts resulted in the production of thousands of intelligence products and the identification of hundreds of confirmed and possible improvised explosive devices. She has been instrumental in establishing the 161st TACOMs for the unit's unprecedented growth by training and evaluating not only Kansas personnel, but also those from other states preparing for their own mission stand up. TSgt Scott obtained and implemented mission software, providing a critical situational awareness tool that enhanced DGS-KS crews' ability to monitor warfighter operations and maneuvers.

TSgt Scott is the squadron subject matter expert/program manager for all TACOM personnel, developing training and mission standards. Her program was singled out by the 480th Intelligence Wing for the most effective use of the TACOM position. TSgt Scott has earned the respect of commanders, crewmembers, peers and the warfighter. Her dedication for mission perfection has contributed to DGS-KS being identified by supported combatant commanders as star performers to the 497 IG/CC.

## SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS



**1Lt Greg Thomas** of the 184th Finance Section was recently selected as the Air National Guard Financial Analysis Officer of the Year. He acts as the Budget Officer, reviewing and monitoring the status of Wing and organization accounts while managing the Annual Training Workday program.

Lt Thomas was directly responsible for the near-perfect 99 percent execution rate of the Wing's annual budget, ranking the 184th as one of the most efficient units in the ANG. His diligent efforts led to our best fiscal year closeout ever! Through his leadership of the Financial Working Group, agencies reduced unneeded obligations, which freed up \$281,000 in funding at end of the fiscal year that was used to buy mission-critical equipment.

Lt Thomas has a Bachelor's degree in education. He is working with Sedgwick County, Derby and Rose Hill on an aviation partnership program. He is a member of the National Guard Officers Association for the State of Kansas.



**SSgt John Baxter** of the 184th Finance Section was recently named Air National Guard Financial Management Airman of the Year. Currently he is serving as the Accounting Liaison Officer (ALO). In this capacity he manages and processes documents for 83 Wing cost centers. He also managed civilian pay records for more than 400 technicians involving \$32 million dollars annually.

SSgt Baxter has attacked the challenging ALO job by processing over 3,000 payments a quarter and reducing outstanding obligations by over two-thirds. His work at the end of the fiscal year was paramount in the Wing receiving more than \$2 million in fall-in dollars as John's processing speed and accuracy proved to the ANG that our Wing could execute any additional funding that came our way.

SSgt Baxter is an active student in a financial degree program and a member of the Enlisted Association of the National Guard for the State of Kansas.

## Equal Opportunity Coming Out and About

by SSgt Cory Arellano, NCOIC,  
Military Equal Opportunity

The Equal Opportunity staff, in conjunction with the Human Relations Advisor, will be conducting "Out and About" visits each UTA weekend. This is a process used to provide commanders a tool for gathering information on the work environment to enhance mission accomplishment.

Participation is voluntary and information obtained is documented without the use of names. Out and Abouts are not an opportunity for members to file formal or informal complaints related to discrimination or sexual harassment complaints. Those must still be filed through the EO office.

These informal visits in the work area focus on EO/human relations factors that impact morale and mission readiness and may include but are not limited to: general impressions, bulletin board and public display items (individual/group recognition, policy letters/posters, etc), work conditions and environment, accessibility to unit leadership, personal display of inappropriate pictures, posters, artifacts.

Other items of interest under EO include: sexual harassment and discrimination, racist behaviors, overall EO climate and positive EO behaviors.

These visits are required by the EO office under ANGI 36-7.

The EO staff consists of:

Capt Sherry Barnes 759-7047

SSgt Dan Radford 759-7046

SSgt A. Cory Arellano 759-7048

The Human Resource Advisor's role is to advise command leadership on issues leading to the enhancement of the organization's culture, promoting opportunities for all ANG members to maximize their potential for success without regard to cultural differences.

The Human Resource Advisor will discuss issues and trends on the following topics: mentoring initiatives, diversity education, force development and management and community involvement. The HRA is CMSgt Danny Walker, 759-7023.

The EO staff and CMSgtWalker are all located in Building 65.

## Are you developing professionally?

Access professional development articles on the Intranet or check out a book from the library at the commander's office.

## FAMILY READINESS GROUP UPDATE

Hilari Delarosa, FRG Coordinator



The 184th Family Readiness office, the Kansas State Youth Coordinator and 134th volunteer Stephanie Woodrome have begun a “TDY Wednesday” program at Prairie Elementary in Haysville. This program was made possible by Stephanie’s connection to the school and a need she saw in military children attending the school. Lesson plans are available on topics such as: family, deployment, reunion and feelings. This program is one of the first of its kind and plans are being made to make it a statewide program for all schools to be able to participate. If you would like to see this program implemented in your school, contact Dezaree Harding at 785-806-1750 or my office.

The 184th Family Readiness office is looking for Key Volunteers to help support the various squadrons. A Key Volunteer is someone who can facilitate communication and information flow between the squadron commander, the First Sergeant, unit members, and the Family Readiness office. Duties are to provide information and referral services to unit families and act as a role model to demonstrate good coping and stress management skills. If you know of a spouse, son or daughter, parent, or community member who possesses these qualities and would like to help your squadron, please have them contact me.

### Upcoming events:

-College PREP Course on April 5. This program will show how to apply for financial aid, where the scholarships are, and introduce colleges and universities in Kansas. The program will run from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Office at 7001 W 21st St. North, Wichita. Register online at [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) or watch for the registration form in the mail. Deadline to register is April 2.

-Family Safety Day on Saturday, May 3. Families, come out and enjoy the

festivities! Some things to come and see include car seat safety, motorcycle safety, personal security and bicycle safety. Don’t forget to bring your bicycle and helmet to ride our course! There will be lots of freebies and fun!

Great things are happening with Family Readiness and Support. If you wish to volunteer or get on the newsletter list, please contact me at 759-7092 or Hilari. [delarosa.civ@ksmcco.ang.af.mil](mailto:delarosa.civ@ksmcco.ang.af.mil).



photo by Hilari DelaRosa

Key volunteer Stephanie Woodrome helps a child during a “TDY Wednesday” at Prairie Elementary.

## HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICE UPDATE

CMSgt Danny Walker, Human Relations

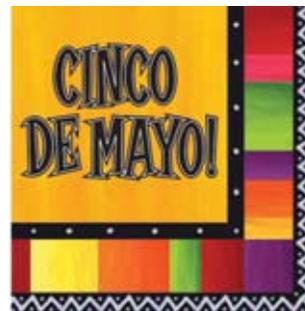


The fifth day of May can be a wonderfully fun day for Americans, enjoying warm weather as we sip margaritas and possibly don a sombrero. But let’s also consider what this day means for the Mexican people.

Cinco de Mayo celebrates a great Mexican victory at the battle of Puebla,

which was during the French-Mexican War. On May 5, 1862, a much-outnumbered band of poorly supplied Mexican soldiers held their ground against a professional European army. They triumphed against overwhelming odds. The victory inspired Mexican patriots in their heroic fight for liberty, and for democracy. Cinco de Mayo is a joyful day in Mexican history, and it’s an important milestone in the history of freedom. It symbolizes the country’s ability to defend its sovereignty against a very powerful European nation.

Hispanic Americans boast some great military leaders. Here are some specific



accomplishments:

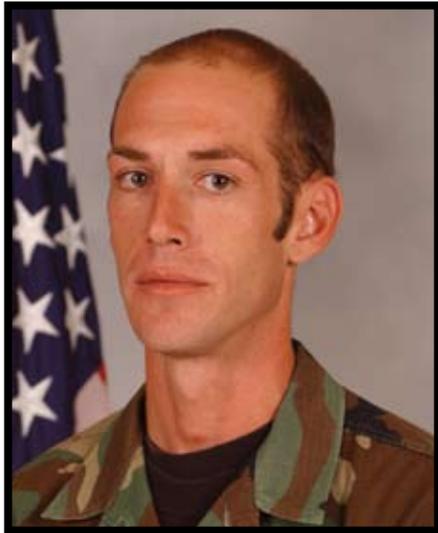
-First Hispanic Medal of Honor recipient was not awarded until 1989. David Barkley was presented the Medal of Honor posthumously for action in France November 1918 during World War I.

-In 1964, Horacio Rivero became the U.S. Navy’s first Hispanic four-star Admiral.

-Sgt. Alfredo Gonzalez was killed in action in Vietnam and was awarded the Medal of Honor. A U.S. Navy guided missile destroyer was named after him in 1996.

Celebrating Cinco de Mayo is a great way to recognize contributions made by a great people to America’s rich history.

## JAYHAWK SPOTLIGHT: TSGT JOHN GRABER, 161 IS FIRST SERGEANT



Member of the 184th since February 2000.

**Why he wanted to be a First Sergeant:** I'm a people person. I enjoy getting to know people and this is a great opportunity for me to serve my fellow Airmen.

**Hobbies:** I enjoy just about everything outdoors: fishing, hunting, camping, golf (although I'm not very good at it) and any type of racing.

**Goals and ambitions:** Short term goals are to finish my CCAF and the Senior NCO Academy. Long term would be to be the best First Sergeant I can be to continue to make the 184th IW be the best in the Air National Guard.

**Favorite 184th memory/moment:** The B-1 going away get-together. Coming from a maintenance background, it was nice to see everyone get together for one last hoorah. Very sad to see them go, but it was a great memory!

### ON THE MONEY

By 1Lt Greg Thomas, 184 IW/FM

Traditional thinking has been that it is time to refinance when rates drop two percentage points below your current rate. In today's low-interest market, we need to discard this traditional thinking. When rates were 9.5 percent, the two percentage points would actually mean a 21 percent drop in the overall interest rate. If you just recently financed a house at 6.25 percent, this same 21 percent drop would equate to a new rate of 4.93 percent. Is it worth the money? Let's see.

We will use a typical \$150,000 loan financed at 6.25 percent for 30 years with a monthly payment of \$923.58 (\$182,487 paid in interest). After two years we get the opportunity to lock in that 4.93 percent rate for the remaining 28 years. We use our two years' worth of equity (\$3,651) to pay for the refinance and take a small vacation. The entire \$150,000 is now financed again for 28 years and our payment is \$824.07 per month. After the full 30 years we've paid only \$145,426 in interest, saving \$33,410 once we take out the money we spent on the refinance and the vacation, which are paid for!

If we invest the \$99.51 we saved every month at 8 percent for the entire 28 years, the \$36,601 turns into \$124,245!

Only you can decide if it's worth another two hours doing paperwork.

### THE SAFETY NET

By SMSgt Keith Decker, 184 IW/SE

101 - Does this mean anything to you? Here's a hint: it starts the Friday before Memorial Day. It's a little more than just the start of a long weekend. It's the start of the 101 Critical Days of Summer campaign and it doesn't end until the Tuesday after Labor Day. It's during this time when the Air Force experiences a sharp spike in mishaps and fatalities. There are more non-combat related fatalities during these three months than the rest of the year combined, and they're preventable!

We will officially kickoff the 101 CDS on May 3 with our Family Safety Day in building 41. The focus is on home and recreation safety. We will have targeted informational booths and activities of all kinds to increase your awareness and ability to prevent a mishap. Family Safety Day will empower you to make informed decisions and have the courage to take action when you see fellow Airmen accepting unnecessary risk. Whether it's taking a vacation, cooling off in the swimming pool, or just barbecuing in the back yard, applying personal risk management and being a good wingman in every situation is the expectation.

The time from Memorial Day through Labor Day may be the 101 Critical Days of Summer, but *you* are what's most critical to us and the mission.

### A HIGHER CONNECTION

By Chaplain (Maj) Terry Williams

The book The Long Walk tells the story of six men who walked out of a Soviet prison camp in the Siberian arctic in 1941. They left in the winter with an axe, a knife and a week's supply of food between them. They walked thousands of miles through some of the worst conditions on the planet. Four survived the journey of more than a year of daily walking, climbing and sometimes crawling.

What was the most important key to their survival? Each other. They shared the Russian language but they also knew other languages that proved essential to their survival. They had different strengths and skills, all proving to be necessary. They literally kept each other alive on tops of mountains and in the blazing desert.

One expert said that resilient people have the "freedom to depend on others." It seems contradictory to say "freedom" to "depend" on others. Most people think that freedom is independence; it's not. Historically, people who live or attempt to live independently of others are not very resilient; they do not handle crisis or change well. The resilient person has personal strength, and the ability to stand alone when necessary. They do, however, have the strength to operate as a team.

Life is a long walk; it is not smart to walk alone.

## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

*Editor's note: This will be a recurring column in which Jay Hawk provides official answers to frequently asked questions around the Wing.*

Hey Jay,

*I've heard of people earning extra money through the G-RAP program. Tell me how to get in on this.*

Happy to. The Guard Recruiting Assistant Program is open to Traditional Guardsmen and retirees. You need to complete the online training to become a recruiting assistant, and then you're in business to earn \$2,000 for enlisted members and \$4,000 for officers as a contractor for Docupak.

It does require a little knowledge of where the unit vacancies are, and of course the standards for enlistments. Make sure to pre-qualify your potential Airmen by helping them prepare for the entrance tests (ASVAB, AFOQT) and fitness standards. Across the nation, the G-RAP program accounts for 25 percent of new recruits. This is a great way for drill status Guardsmen and retirees to be our scouts in the community and get our unit back to 98 percent manning!

Visit [www.guardrecruitingassistant.com](http://www.guardrecruitingassistant.com) for more details.



illustration by TSgt Matt McCoy  
Jay Hawk, all-knowing and all-seeing advisor and provider of answers.

## LOOK WHO VISITED THE 184TH



photo by 1Lt Alyson Stockton

Mark Bannister and Roger Powers pose with former 184th Wing Commander Col. Roebuck in front of the Minute Man during a recent visit to the Wing. Bannister is Chair of the Department of Information Networking and Telecommunications at Fort Hays State University. Powers is the President of Flint Hills Solutions.

## 'Jaydoc' trifecta: Maj. Hutchinson serves community, state, nation as nurse

By Pam Martin

**GREAT BEND, Kansas**-- Maj. Jamie Hutchinson had a relatively short tour in Iraq -- 90 days -- but the experience she had as chief nurse at the Air Force Hospital at Baghdad International Airport will remain with her the rest of her life.

"I'm glad I got to experience it," Hutchinson said. "I'd go back if I was needed but I don't want to. It's scary," she admitted. "Here, it's so quiet and peaceful.



photo by Dale Hogg, Great Bend Tribune

The 184th Medical Group's Maj. Jamie Hutchinson serves the Kansas Air National Guard as a nurse and Great Bend's Heartland Cancer Center as its director. Recently, she served her country with a deployment to Iraq.

It's never quiet there and if it is, you wonder what's going to happen."

The soldiers used to laugh at the hospital staff who jumped when a bomb went off, she said. The soldiers never flinched.

The hospital had been attacked the week before Hutchinson arrived but was not targeted during her stay. She has a theory as to why. An Iraqi, who brought in his wife with broken legs and arms, turned in several people he thought were responsible. In all probability, they were also responsible for the base attack.

Hutchinson, Heartland Cancer Center director, began her tour in July 2007. A 15-year member of the Kansas Air National Guard, Hutchinson served with the 447th Expeditionary Medical Support. She had one day with the outgoing chief nurse to try to glean as much information as possible from her.

After arriving at 4 a.m. and suffering from jet lag, her training began immediately. She had two hours of sleep in the afternoon followed by more training and then the former chief nurse was gone the next morning.

The reality of the situation hit her almost immediately. During Hutchinson's first morning at the hospital, a Patriot ceremony was held to honor four Navy SEALs who had been killed while on duty.

The assignment was challenging, Hutchinson said. She was also in charge of an emergency room and pharmacy.

Hutchinson supervised a staff of about 30 people, reporting to the hospital commander. She worked 24 hours on and 24 hours off, but because the commander could ask her for information at any time, she tried to keep on top of what was happening at all times. Patients' stays were 24 hours to 10 days.

Hospital staff also treated inpatients with ailments such as viruses, kidney stones and dehydration — the latter two conditions the result of the arid desert climate.

Although patients were predominantly men and women from all U.S. Service branches felled by a sniper's bullet or by bombs, they treated Iraqis training and working with the U.S., and service men and women from other countries. Iraqis who work with Americans put themselves at tremendous risk, she said.

The Iraqis work seven days on and seven days off to avoid suspicion, Hutchinson said. Their lives are constantly on the line.

Because of the danger, Hutchinson was forbidden to leave the military compound. Just walking on the compound could be a matter of life and death.

"You just come to the realization that if it's your time to go, it's your time to go."

Now, she's back to her routine at home and work, appreciating sitting on her deck and listening to the "quiet."

*Editor's Note: This article is from the Jan. 4 issue of the Great Bend Tribune. Reprinted with permission.*

## Officials detail scope, units of AFCYBER Command: 299th NOSS will join

**3/14/2008 - BARKSDALE AIR FORCE BASE, La. (Air Force Link)** -- The work of building Air Force Cyber Command continues with officials releasing details of what the scope of the command will look like and how it will function in lieu of having a permanent base named for its headquarters location.

"We are aggressively moving forward with plans for having initial operations capability by the Oct. 1 deadline mandated for us by the secretary of the Air Force," said Maj. Gen. William T. Lord, AFCYBER (Provisional) commander. "That (IOC) means we will have a portion of the staffing we need and the organizational structure in place to continue to build the command until we reach full operational status."

Conditions for initial operations capability include, but are not limited to, establishing a budget, articulating details of organizational realignments, developing and assigning manpower requirements, and establishing policies and procedures for daily operations. Many of these details are either still being defined or are under review.

HQ AFCYBER is authorized 541 positions to carry out its mission, and officials are planning to organize the command under a distributed command concept, whereby those positions will be spread across numerous bases.

As Secretary Wynne said on Capitol Hill recently, "We've asked (the command) to become virtual. In other words, we've said, we don't want you to be a standard ... command as you might see from the Napoleonic era. ... We asked them to look (into commercial) companies (to) see how they operate and minimize the headquarters. ... (Many of our units are) already located in the various states around the country, so our first inclination is to leave those in place."

### How the command will be structured

The proposed organizational structure of the command calls for a headquarters, a Numbered Air Force, to be designated as 24th Air Force, and then four wings with more than 65 squadrons assigned to those wings collectively, to include units from the Reserve Command and Air National Guard.

The headquarters will oversee the Air Force Network Operations Center and through the NAF, will command an Air and Space Operations Center. These functions serve to set policy, enforce standards and guide the rest of Air Force in its daily cyberspace operations.

There will be four wings within AFCYBER to include the creation of a new Electronic Warfare Wing and a new Cyberspace Wing. Joining the new wings will be the Air Force Information Operations Center, located at Lackland AFB, Texas, which will be re-designated as the 688th Information Operations Wing. Finally, the 67th Network Warfare Wing, which includes our 299th Network Operations Security Squadron, will round out the command.

The 450th Electronic Warfare Wing will consist of various electronic attack and protection units, and well as have operational input for the EC-130J Hercules and EA-6B Prowler aircraft and flying missions. Part of the EC-130J aircraft's

mission is to essentially provide an electronic shield around ground forces that deny the enemy the ability to use many of their technological assets against them. The EA-6B aircraft has the ability to jam hostile radar and communications.

The 689th Cyberspace Wing will consist of primarily communications and information functions and various deployable communications capabilities. This wing will assume functions performed currently by the Air Force Communications Agency, located at Scott AFB, Ill., and the Global Cyberspace Innovation Center, located at Langley AFB, Va. Those two organizations will then deactivate when AFCYBER declares IOC.

Establishing the two new wings will require the same basing process as the headquarters has undergone, but until then they will operate at interim locations as well. Plans call for the

EWW's interim location to be at Lackland AFB and for the CW to be at Scott AFB. Details about the structure and manning of these units are still under review.

### Still working details

Working these details has been the task of 160 members of the provisional staff, who have been working since September to chart the command's course to IOC.

"We have a lot of smart people looking at how to proceed. Ideas are great, but then we have to follow through . . . so we've been very flexible in how we've approached our many challenges," said General Lord. "We're making history, and the (Air Force) has not stood up a command like this, in this way, ever. So, we are being extremely careful and thoughtful in how we move forward on this to ensure we do this right. Some of these things may change, but this is what we're looking at right now."

Once IOC is declared, the new team will then continue to work to bring the command to full operational capability, which may take another full year to complete.



## Don't Forget...

Dining Out fundraisers are held every Thursday and will help keep ticket prices low for everyone. Support your Wing Dining Out Committee by buying lunch at fundraisers and buy your tickets beginning September UTA.

# Wing gives support and its leader to Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center

By TSgt Jamie Perusich, 184 IW/HQ

In April 2007, Gov. Kathleen Sebelius and Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting announced a proposal to develop regional training centers focused on enhancing the state's capabilities to defend against terrorism and respond to disasters and emergencies.

Col. Randy Roebuck has assumed command of one such regional training center. He has begun to stand up the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center (GPJRTC) located in Salina KS.

The regional training centers concept resulted from The Adjutant General's Department working with numerous state and local government agencies and public safety professional organizations. Together they determined how best to integrate the needs of emergency responders, public safety and the National Guard into realistic training and exercise facilities. The 2007 Kansas legislature approved funding to begin the project, with the first year's resources dedicated to building the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center.

The GPJRTC is set to open this summer, and will offer training to military units as well as state and local first-responders. The goal of the GPJRTC is to provide "real training for the real world." Headquartered in Salina, the GPJRTC will bring together the Kansas Air National Guard's Smoky Hill Weapons Range and 284th Air Support Operations Squadron, the Kansas Regional Training Institute, a Kansas Army Guard Pre-mobilization Training Assistance Element (PTAE), and a newly created Crisis City.

Each component of the GPJRTC

brings a unique training/support element to the mix. The Smoky Hill Weapons Range provides training for Kansas Guardsmen, as well as active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen and soldiers from other states. In addition, the BRAC directed 284th Air Support Operations Squadron, which will be located at Smoky Hill Weapons Range, will offer Mine Resistant Ambush Protected vehicle training to ANG and active duty Air Support personnel from around the nation. The ASOS will not be fully operational until October 2009, but an interim detachment is already operating at the GRJRTC Headquarters.

Two other members of the GPJRTC, the Kansas Regional Training Institute and PTAE, will provide Kansas units the opportunity to "deploy" to Salina for real-world training. Having those pre-mobilization capabilities in Salina will eliminate the need for lengthy pre-deployment time away from home. It will also ensure our troops and their families

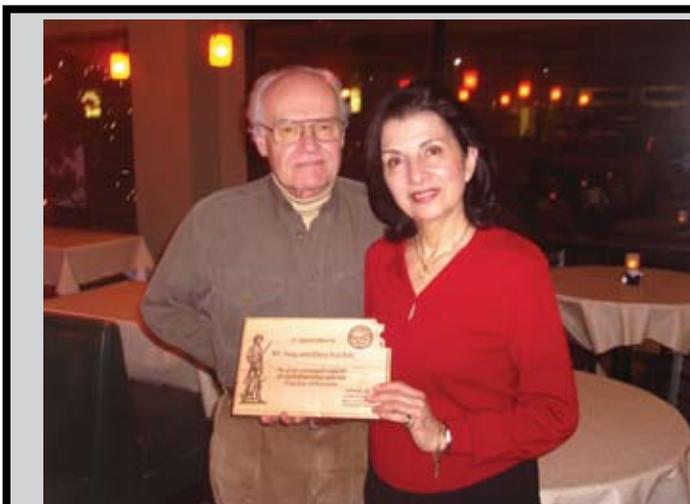


graphic by TSgt Matt McCoy

To accompany the opening of the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center, a new emblem has been designed to represent the center and the training it will provide. The elements of the new emblem consist of a wheat stalk with thirteen grains, representing the State of Kansas and its birth from the original colonies; a saber representing the Army Guard's participation; an Unmanned Aerial Vehicle representing the Air Guard's participation; an axe representing the first responders' participation; a badge representing law enforcement participation and three green hills, representing all elements working as one for the good of the State.

are getting their needs met at a critical time.

Lastly, the GPJRTC Crisis City will offer homeland security training for civilian and military first-responders. Crisis City is poised to be an asset for the people of Kansas who are depended upon for State and Local emergencies. It will also fill the need for a realistic training environment for Kansas National Guardsmen to hone their Military Assistance to Civil Authority mission critical skills.



## The hosts with the most!

Haig and Rima Kurdian, Armenians-born Wichitans, have volunteered countless hours to the Kansas National Guard State Partnership Program. Mr. Kurdian serves as an additional translator when our Armenian counterparts visit, and he and Mrs. Kurdian have hosted the Armenians in their home to make them more comfortable in Kansas.

For their selfless contributions to the Guard, Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting presented them with an appreciation plaque.

photo by Lt Col Joe Jabara

## Wanted: A Few Good Airmen

By 1Lt Alyson Stockton, 184 IW/PA

The 184<sup>th</sup> Honor Guard is seeking sharp, motivated Airmen to help them achieve their top mission: to honor with dignity.

Although most unit members only see the Honor Guard perform colors presentation at Wing events, this is not why the team exists.

The primary reason for the existence of the 184<sup>th</sup>—and all other units—Honor Guards is to perform funeral honors at the funerals of veteran and retired service members, giving them one last show of gratitude for their service to their country. Our team acts as an augment to the 22<sup>nd</sup> Air Refueling Wing's, assisting with funerals and special events in Wichita. In addition to funerals and unit events, our honor guard has performed at River Festival parades, Veterans' Day parades, judged local Junior ROTC drill competitions, and presented colors at Wichita Thunder hockey games.

Mission changes and retraining have left the honor guard short-staffed and looking for the next generation of leaders who can further the Wing's positive image on base and in the community. Membership in the base honor guard increases retention rates of those already in the unit and, because of the community presence, helps recruit new members.

SMSGT Bill Angstadt handles recruiting for the honor guard. He said if commanders and supervisors will loan sharp troops to him, he can return them an even better Airman.

"The honor guard gives its members extra experience



photo by MSgt Neil Fogg

The 184<sup>th</sup> Honor Guard provides funeral honors at a repatriation ceremony in 2005. Our members served as pallbearers, firing party and Color Guard for this event.

wearing the uniform perfectly and performing military duty flawlessly, which builds confidence in any Airman," he said. "That confidence follows them into the workplace as well."

In 2006, our own SSgt John Baxter was named Air National Guard Honor Guard Member of the Year. Currently, SrA Francis Nguyen is competing for the same honor.

Anyone interested in joining the honor guard should be in good standing with their squadron, have a passing physical fitness test score of 75 or higher, and permission from their immediate supervisor and commander. Availability for practice the Monday following drill is also desired. Funeral duty rotation is for one week a month, held the week after UTA. The ceremonial uniform and dry cleaning is provided at no cost to the member.

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## Air Force Excellence Scholarship Available to Family Members

U. S. Air Force active and reserve service members, their spouses and dependent children under the age of 23 may apply now for the Air Force Association-First Command Educational Foundation Air Force Excellence Scholarship. Eligibility will be determined by using the DEERS database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are currently enrolled in the DEERS database and that they have a current military ID card.

Applicants must be enrolled or

planning to enroll full time or part time in the fall of 2008 in an undergraduate or graduate program of studies leading to an Associates, Bachelors or Masters Degree at an accredited college or university.

The awards are made without regard to race, creed, color, sex, religious belief, national origin, rank or length of service of the sponsor. These awards are made without regard to financial need.

This scholarship was created by the Air Force Association in partnership with the First Command Educational Foundation, who have provided the funding for the award. Five scholarships in the amount of \$3,000 each will be awarded. The program is administered by the Air Force Association, which is solely responsible

for the selection of the scholarship recipients, and its decisions are final.

The First Command Educational Foundation will coordinate with the winners to assign the scholarship award to their selected school. Payment will be made directly to the school by the First Command Educational Foundation.

Applicants must submit the Scholarship Application Form and three essays to the Air Force Association no later than April 30, 2008. This is a receipt date, not a postmark date.

184<sup>th</sup> Family Programs coordinator Hilari De la Rosa can provide the scholarship application.

# Family Safety Day

Location: Building 41

Date: May 3, 2008

Events begin at 1100



## Events Include:

12th Annual Chili Cook Off - \$2 per taste kit

Children's Bicycle Rodeo, 12 & under, bring bikes and helmets

ATV Certification Course - Must pre-register with Safety Office

Fire Engine Rides and Smoke House

And more!



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