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Jayhawks return  
to "The Roost"

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Cover photo by Capt Alyson Stockton: The oldest and youngest members of the 184th Services Flight, SMSgt Robert Gates and A1C Karina Vazquez help Brig. Gen. Ed Flora and Col. Mike Foster cut the ribbon at the grand opening of the new dining facility Aug. 1.

## UTA REMINDER

October UTA: Oct. 4-5  
 November UTA: Nov. 1-2  
 Decemere UTA: Dec. 6-7  
 Deadline for the January edition of the Jayhawk Flyer is Dec. 4.

## JACK-O-LANTERN JAMBOREE

**KIDS, COME AND ENJOY:  
 COSTUME CONTESTS!  
 GAMES!  
 FACE PAINTING!  
 SNACKS!**

**SATURDAY, OCT. 25  
 FROM 2 TO 4 P.M. AT  
 HANGAR 41.**



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Treat yourself to a massage at the Fitness Center. Call 759-4009 to make an appointment.

If you're planning a child's birthday party, think Tornado Alley, where there are different bowling packages to fit your party needs.

## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

Please contact the Public Affairs Office for any upcoming events worthy of news coverage. 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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Keep your chain of command informed! If you have any involvement with civilian police officers, notify the command post.

24/7: 759-7070

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Col Michael Foster, Commander, 184 IW



### Many Missions .....One Team: The Fighting Jayhawks.

For decades the 184th was known as the Flying Jayhawks and our wing's mission could be summarized as fixing and flying jets. As we all know the wing's focus is no longer aircraft centric – we have a myriad of missions with a much broader span. We now identify ourselves as the Fighting Jayhawks and we all remain integral parts of the larger Jayhawk team.

Since the football season is upon

us I'll talk about the Jayhawk team using a football analogy. A successful team consists of many individual components – the offense is composed of linemen, running backs, receivers and the quarterback. On defense there are linebackers, cornerbacks and safeties. In addition, there are the specialty players; kicker, punter, long snapper. Less obvious but vitally important are all the coaches, trainers, equipment managers and doctors who make significant contributions to the team's overall success. Collectively all of the individual players interact as an orchestrated unit. Many missions....one team.

Just as a football team has many individual specialties so does the 184th Intelligence Wing – but instead of kickers, quaterterbacks, and coaches – we have a variety of team members with a wide spectrum of specific qualifications. The concept is the same; this wing's success is based upon many individual players

ultimately pulling together to form a single team. Many missions.....one team.

To be a successful team it's important to know your teammates and understand how they integrate. In the old days the wing's teammates were more visible and accessible. Due to the classified nature of some of our new missions we've lost that accessibility. Knowing your teammates is an important component of team building – I challenge you to get out and visit other wing members. Volunteer to help with wing events interacting with your team mates. Participate in the burger burns, family events, and informal gatherings at our wonderful new Jayhawk Roost. The 184th is a special collection of individual teammates and missions. Get involved, mix it up, and enjoy the wonderful camaraderie and esprit de corps that comes from being a member of a blue chip wing. Many missions.....one team. The Fighting Jayhawks.

Mike

## COMMAND CHIEF'S PERSPECTIVE

CMSgt Ken Emerson, Command Chief, 184 IW



I would like to begin by congratulating everyone on zero alcohol related incidences during the 101 critical days of summer! Let's continue this through the upcoming holiday season. Speaking of the holidays, what would your holiday be like if you had to spend your extra money on medical and/or dental bills? This happens to so many uninsured people every day when this could have been easily avoided if they had insurance. We recently had a member of our unit who was seriously injured and had no health

insurance. He is now looking at medical bills that are thousands of dollars. Being a Traditional Guardsman in the Air National Guard, you have the option to purchase medical, dental and life insurance at a very reasonable cost.

Medical insurance can be purchased through TRICARE Reserve Select for the amount of \$81 per month for a single person and \$253 for a family. Many people think health insurance is a waste of money, but you can't guarantee that you will never become ill or suffer an accident. That's why health insurance is needed. You can sign up for this through [www.tricare.mil](http://www.tricare.mil).

Dental insurance can be purchased for the amount of \$11.58 per month for a single person and \$28.95 for a family. You can enroll at [www.tricaredentalprogram.com](http://www.tricaredentalprogram.com). These plans are a whole lot cheaper than one trip to the emergency room or paying for a root canal.

You should also think about purchasing Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance for

yourself to make sure your family will be taken care of if something happens to you. This can set up by going to the Military Personnel Flight.

Since we are on the topic of being safe and taking care of yourself, do you know who to contact if something unforeseen does happen? If you are injured, hospitalized, have a family emergency, or you have had any contact with law enforcement authorities that might lead to adverse actions, you need to contact the Command Post at 759-7070 and let them know what has happened. They will then pass this information on to the appropriate chain of command.

Finally, I would like to congratulate the 20 Jayhawks who were selected to attend the Senior Noncommissioned Officer Academy during FY2009. The 184th has again carried on the tradition of having the highest number of attendees of the Air National Guard. Way to go!!

## QUARTERLY AWARD WINNERS

### AIRMAN



**SrA John Montgomery** is assigned to the 161st Intelligence Squadron as an Imagery Analyst, a Medium Altitude Screener and an Imagery Mission Supervisor. He has worked more than 200 missions, spent 65 hours exploiting a wide variety of targets, and created imagery products to support mission objectives. As an imagery Instructed Rated Operator, he has trained eight imagery personnel with no failures and as a standards/ evaluations flight representative, administered 20 qualification evaluations. This quarter he received the USAF Achievement Medal for superior work and attitude.

SrA Montgomery graduated from East High School with an International Baccalaureate degree and is currently working towards a Computer Operations degree from Southwestern College. He joined the 184th in June 2004.

SrA Montgomery is involved in recruiting personnel and informing individuals on the benefits and opportunities of the Kansas Air Guard. In concert with the League of Women Voters, he volunteered and assisted in sponsoring a visit by five Russian journalists and in his off-time offers free guitar lessons and music mentorship.

### NCO



**SSgt Ryan Smith** is assigned to the 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron Commander's Support Staff as an Information Manager and Client Support Administrator. In this role, he is responsible for coordinating with Finance and Services to ensure his Drill Status Guardsmen receive pay and lodging during UTA. During the award period, he enabled a "Minute Man" response capability among LRS personnel with the design of a wallet-sized recall roster and family care plan audit. As a Unit Career Advisor, he plays a role in unit retention by assisting members in making re-enlistment decisions. He also monitors the squadron fitness program and full-time members' appraisals.

SSgt Smith has a Master of Business Administration from Newman University and continues to improve himself through professional development. He recently attended a Kansas Diversity Champions course to foster cultural awareness in the Guard.

SSgt Smith is the head coach of the Newman University wrestling program. He serves as vice president of the First Five council and acted as an event coordinator for the Kansas Special Olympics. He is also involved in Mission-Driven Mentoring.

### SrNCO



**MSgt Steven Williams** is assigned to the 161st Intelligence Squadron as an Imagery Analyst. In this capacity he will provide timely, accurate and actionable intelligence to the Warfighter in support of the war on terror. He volunteered to deploy to Southwest Asia from January to May. While stationed at Ali Al Salem Air Base in Kuwait, he was assigned to the 386th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron. His primary duty was Flight Chief for Force Protection in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He directly supervised and mentored more than 100 Force Protection Airmen from multiple Air Force Specialty Codes. The Gravel, Asphalt, and Concrete Team he managed completed 90 off-base missions that transported more than 3400 cubic meters of material throughout a high terrorist threat environment without incident. His leadership in Force Protection operations was essential to achieving 97 percent "on time execution rate" for combat airlift missions and "zero" security violations, which surpassed all previous standards and goals.

MSgt Williams is an active volunteer with Kansas Special Olympics and has been for more than eight years. His involvement includes organizing, loading, set up/tear down, and transporting of equipment. Additionally, he was involved with Believers Tabernacle Church's Food Drive by distributing 24 pallets of food and clothing at the Plainview Park Block Party for the needy.



**Roll your clocks back!**

Daylight Savings Time  
ends Nov. 2 at 2 a.m.

## HATS OFF

### PME GRADS

|       |      |                |      |      |                      |     |     |                   |
|-------|------|----------------|------|------|----------------------|-----|-----|-------------------|
| ACSC  | Maj  | Knobbe, Jason  | NCOA | TSgt | Platzer, Christopher | ALS | SrA | Garner, Darral    |
| SNCOA | MSgt | Hill, Randi    | NCOA | TSgt | Sullenger, Michael   | ALS | SrA | Harkness, Jason   |
| NCOA  | TSgt | Alva, Samuel   | ALS  | TSgt | Budde, Michael       | ALS | SrA | Kinchion, Nichole |
| NCOA  | TSgt | Clingan, Brian | ALS  | SSgt | Bidwell, Stacia      | ALS | SrA | Le, David         |
| NCOA  | TSgt | Fortner, Adam  | ALS  | SSgt | Clark, Michael       | ALS | SrA | Montgomery, John  |
| NCOA  | TSgt | Land, Dustin   | ALS  | SSgt | Cosby, Jeremy        | ALS | SrA | Williams, Roger   |
| NCOA  | TSgt | Nixon, Jason   | ALS  | SSgt | Mundell, Duane       |     |     |                   |

### WELCOME

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

|      |                      |
|------|----------------------|
| Maj  | Jacobs, Cody         |
| Capt | Bjerkens, Andrew     |
| Capt | Suter, John          |
| TSgt | Canlapan, Ricky      |
| TSgt | Petit, Greg          |
| SSgt | Ball, Arun           |
| SSgt | Perrault, Jason      |
| SSgt | Rivera, Pedro        |
| SSgt | Staiert, John        |
| SSgt | Thompson, Tanya      |
| SSgt | Vigil, Felipe        |
| SrA  | Cooke, Benjamin      |
| SrA  | Diaz, Jess           |
| SrA  | Little, Kyle         |
| SrA  | Montano, Kristen     |
| SrA  | Murray, Brandon      |
| SrA  | Norris, Brian        |
| SrA  | Prokopchik, Alexandr |
| SrA  | Snyder, Robert       |
| A1C  | Brazil, Corey        |
| A1C  | Clark, Aric          |
| A1C  | Fox, Thomas          |
| A1C  | Gonsalves, Zachary   |
| A1C  | Hollar, Robert       |
| A1C  | Hughes, Trace        |
| A1C  | Johnson, Adam        |
| A1C  | Manning, Joshua      |
| A1C  | Peck, Brent          |
| A1C  | Randolph, Lynsey     |
| A1C  | Rittel, Kyle         |
| A1C  | Sissel, Meghan       |
| A1C  | Smith, Abigail       |
| A1C  | Wallace, Joseph      |
| A1C  | Young, Logan         |

### PROMOTIONS

|        |                   |      |                    |      |                          |
|--------|-------------------|------|--------------------|------|--------------------------|
| Col    | Flynn, Ross       | MSgt | Standley, Steven   | SSgt | Clark, Michael           |
| Lt Col | Gerber, Shon      | MSgt | Stuhlsatz, Janet   | SSgt | Cosby, Jeremy            |
| Maj    | Hopkins, Kevin    | TSgt | Budde, Michael     | SSgt | Dater, Thomas            |
| Maj    | Tillison, Mark    | TSgt | Corbin, Michael    | SSgt | Delarber, Amanda         |
| Maj    | White, Warner     | TSgt | Dickinson, Cheryl  | SSgt | Ewertz, Chad             |
| SMSgt  | Bonnell, James    | TSgt | Domingues, Naomi   | SSgt | Kaba, Shelby             |
| SMSgt  | Collins, Michael  | TSgt | Grunden, Aaron     | SSgt | Kellogg, Melinda         |
| SMSgt  | Johnson, Chad     | TSgt | Jacobson, Erik     | SSgt | Kerr, Jason              |
| SMSgt  | Steadman, Kenneth | TSgt | Kimball, Michael   | SSgt | Leonard, Christopher     |
| MSgt   | Atwater, Valinda  | TSgt | Kingsford, Michael | SSgt | Montgomery, John         |
| MSgt   | Endecott, Larry   | TSgt | Parks, Natalie     | SSgt | Mundell, Duane           |
| MSgt   | Hansen, Russell   | TSgt | Peasley, Brandin   | SrA  | Phillips, Wesley         |
| MSgt   | Locke, Louis      | TSgt | Smith, Tiffany     | Amn  | Booth, Hannah            |
| MSgt   | Ragan, Michael    | TSgt | Trapp, Timothy     | Amn  | Keodouangkham, Souraphon |
| MSgt   | Schroeder, Joseph | SSgt | Bidwell, Stacia    |      |                          |

### AWARDS & DECS

#### Meritorious Service Medal

|      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| MSgt | Turner, Lenice        |
| MSgt | Wells, Nancy          |
| MSgt | White, Tony           |
| TSgt | Frazier, Darin        |
| TSgt | Habtemariam, Lilianna |

#### AF Commendation Medal

|        |                   |
|--------|-------------------|
| Lt Col | Wilson, Chet      |
| Maj    | Garst, Billy      |
| Capt   | Barnes, Sherry    |
| CMSgt  | Clain, Terry      |
| MSgt   | Douglass, Mary Jo |
| MSgt   | Graber, John      |
| MSgt   | Pepperd, Basil    |
| MSgt   | Perez, David      |
| TSgt   | Cox, Crystal      |
| TSgt   | Ragan, Michael    |
| TSgt   | Redden, Samuel    |
| TSgt   | Stuhlsatz, Janet  |
| TSgt   | Wilson, Robert    |
| SrA    | Siler, Matthew    |

#### AF Achievement Medal

|      |                   |
|------|-------------------|
| TSgt | McCoy, Matthew    |
| TSgt | Perusich, Jami    |
| SSgt | Barker, Jason     |
| SSgt | Davidson, Ryan    |
| SSgt | Foltz, Matthew    |
| SSgt | Halderson, Jared  |
| SSgt | Hobson, Mark      |
| SSgt | Peasley, Brandin  |
| SSgt | Welling, Peter    |
| SrA  | Kober, Randall    |
| SrA  | Lewis, James      |
| SrA  | Nixon, Jeffrey    |
| SrA  | Williams, Matthew |

### RETIREMENTS

|        |                    |
|--------|--------------------|
| Lt Col | Ames, Thomas       |
| Lt Col | Simonitsch, Pamela |
| CMSgt  | Skelton, Johnny    |
| SMSgt  | Collins, Robert    |
| MSgt   | Davis, Craig       |
| MSgt   | Lewis, Alan        |
| MSgt   | Mann, Stephen      |
| MSgt   | Unruh, Tracy       |
| MSgt   | Wells, Nancy       |
| TSgt   | Frazier, Darin     |
| TSgt   | Redden, Samuel     |

## “Be A Star in Someone’s Life” through gifts to Combined Federal Campaign

### Now you know...

The Combined Federal Campaign is now underway! Keyworkers in each squadron are taking donations through Nov. 2.

Traditional Guardsmen can give a one-time donation, while full-time employees can contribute through payroll deduction.

When you contribute to CFC, you can choose from more than 800 charities ranging from religious organizations to disease research to environmental protection.

CFC is the world’s largest annual workplace charity campaign, including all federal agencies from the Dept. of Defense to the United States Postal Service to the National Security Agency.

The Wing’s CFC chairperson is Maj. DeAnn Barr, who can be reached at 759-7036.

This year’s CFC theme is “Be a Star in Someone’s Life,” which 184th members have done before. Read the letter from Alex Montgomery above to learn how donations to the Make-A-Wish Foundation along with our Pilot for a Day program made his day. Alex is now a healthy senior at Derby High School.

CFC was started in 1961 by President John F. Kennedy so that federal employees could give to legitimate charities through payroll deduction.

*Dear 184th Members,*

*As your last Pilot for a Day, I would like to thank you for “Being a Star in Someone’s Life” through your ongoing contributions to the Combined Federal Campaign.*

*When I was diagnosed with Hodgkin’s Lymphoma during my freshman year in high school, it came as a complete shock, and events surrounding treatment moved very fast. In a short time I experienced the generosity of the local Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, I had a fabulous day as a 184th Pilot for a Day, and eventually traveled to Walt Disney World with my family through the Make-A-Wish Foundation.*

*All of these events helped me overcome a huge hurdle in my life: I progressed from stage 4 of the disease and am now a senior in high school with a clean bill of health. Due to the generosity of previous CFC contributions, I had some very positive experiences during a very trying time in my life. I’ll always be thankful that those organizations were in place when I needed them, and treasure the memories and mementos from the Pilot for a Day and trip with my family.*

*Alex Montgomery  
Pilot for a Day June 2006*



### **Join the 5-2-5 Givers’ Club!**

You can “Be a Star in Someone’s Life” while donating as little as \$5.25. If every full-time member of the 184th donated \$5.25 each pay period and our traditional members gave a one-time gift of \$5.25, collectively we would reach our Wing CFC Goal for 2008! Be a Star in Someone’s Life.

One stop per month for gourmet coffee costs about \$5.25. While you won’t notice the sacrifice, someone else is sure to. Consider CFC; join the 5-2-5 Givers’ Club.

In addition to the warm feeling you get inside after giving a donation, CFC also gives you a pen for your donation!

## Family Readiness Group hosts wing-wide Spa Day

By TSgt Jami Perusich, 184 IW/ JA

The 184th Family Readiness Group held a Spa Day for unit members and spouses

on July 19. Many ladies attended, and enjoyed lots of complimentary chocolate and a full range of drinks and fruity punches. Ten massage therapists were on hand from Heritage College, offering free massages to our guests. Amy Buchanan had lots of wonderful Tastefully Simple samples on hand for everyone to try. Judy Peterson and Jami Perusich offered a full range of BeautiControl spa treatments and relaxation exercises. Melissa Moon offered complimentary Mary Kay hand treatments to everyone.



Leslie Sissel and Becki Foster get their hands ready for a pampering treatment at the new Roost. Both are spouses of 184th members.

Col Mike Foster, 184th Intelligence Wing commander, even made an appearance as the event was wrapping up!

At the end of the event, some great door prizes were awarded. Winners of these door prizes were Michele Wolfe, Kim Niebuhr, Tinna Patten, Tiffany Denton, and Leslie Sissel.

The 184th Family Readiness Group would like to thank all of the volunteers who made the event possible, and all of the ladies who attended our event. If you'd like more information about the Family Readiness Group, please contact Hilari DeLaRosa at 759-7092.

photo by TSgt Jami Perusich

## Base entry procedures no longer require vehicle decals

Information provided by the 184th Security Forces Squadron

As of Sept. 1, the requirement for registering vehicles using the "sticker" (DD Form 2220) on McConnell AFB is no longer mandatory. Personnel and vehicle entry will be granted using the appropriate DOD-issued CAC identification card, retired military ID, dependent ID, or contractor badges. Visitor procedures for non-military affiliated visitors will remain the same.

DD Form 2220/2219s, which are the base decals and expiration year decals, can now be removed and are required to be removed when they expire if the member

does not wish to renew the decal. The 2220 is still an accountable item and if removed, procedures for returning the decal to the 184th Security Forces remain the same.

Individuals operating motorcycles on the installation will be required to show their identification and motorcycle safety course card prior to being allowed entry.

The 184th Security Forces orderly room will still maintain a supply of DD Form 2220/2219s for



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those personnel who travel or will be traveling to installations that still have this vehicle registration requirement.

Any questions can be directed to the McConnell Visitor Control Center at 759-5430.

## Airmen can now use regular detergent on ABUs

Information provided by Air Force Print News

**WASHINGTON (AFPN) --** Airmen are now authorized to wash their Airmen Battle Uniforms in regular detergent, regardless if the detergent uses optical brighteners, Air Force leaders announced here recently.

On March 25, the Army released a memorandum concluding that ABUs laundered with detergents containing optical brighteners do not pose a detection threat to the wearer in an operational environment. "After reviewing Army test results and conducting follow-on evaluations we have determined that changes from laundering ABUs in detergents containing optical brighteners are negligible," said Lt. Col. Chuck Arnold, chief, recognition and uniforms branch, directorate of force development at the Pentagon.

While any detergent can be used to launder the uniform, fabric softeners or bleach should be avoided. The uniform should be tumble dried at the low heat setting, too.

The ABU, which replaces the temperate and hot-weather Battle Dress Uniform and the Desert Camouflage Uniform, made its first appearance in late summer 2007 when it was issued to Airmen deploying to Iraq, Afghanistan and Southwest Asia. It was also issued in October to basic military trainees in the initial-issue clothing bag. It was authorized for wear by all Air Force personnel, including Reserve and National Guard, in November.

The ABU, which was fit-and-wear tested in 2004 and altered based on feedback, is designed to be a wash-and-wear uniform. Starching and hot pressing is still prohibited; these procedures deteriorate the fiber in the uniform.

**What did you like best about the new dining facility?**



**SrA Troy Langford**  
 “The food. It’s as good as ever.”



**SSgt Keith Melvin,  
 161st Intelligence Squadron**  
 “The heritage decorations.”



**MSgt Valinda Atwater,  
 184th Services Flight**  
 “The additional space.”

**Roost Hours of Operation**  
 Saturday and Sunday  
 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# Jayhawks break in new



photo by Capt Alyson Stockton

Personnel from the 184th Services Flight gather in front of their new facility after the ribbon-cutting on Aug. 1. After 20 months of construction on the new dining facility, Jayhawks were eager to return to “The Roost.”

**Below right:** SSgts Jackie Morgan-Monterrubio (left) and Elana Bupp serve food from the “fast food” bar, which enables speedier food selection for patrons.

photo by Capt Alyson Stockton

**Below left:** SSgt Elana Bupp and A1C Karina Vazquez are happy with their new facility.

photo by Maj DeAnn Barr



**A1Cs Matt Benoit and  
 Joshua Manning, 184th  
 Student Flight**  
 “The decorations. They make it feel like a nice place to hang out instead of a dining facility.”

# dining facility, return to “The Roost”

By Maj DeAnn Barr  
184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

While the Wing was enjoying its return to the Dining Facility on Aug. 1, members of the 184th Services Flight were just as eager to try out their new set-up.

One of the most popular features for kitchen staff, according to TSgt Racheal Fowler, is the increased space in general, from additional food preparation area to service and counter top space.



photo by Maj DeAnn Barr  
TSgt Racheal Fowler sets out salad dressings at the dining facility's new salad bar.

TSgt Edgar Salazar-Aguirre pointed out that a new food steamer allows for quicker food preparation and leaves food tasting fresher. TSgt Chai Halverson enjoys better traffic flow for customers waiting in line. A separate line for take-out meals keeps the “fast” in fast food, and the drinks are now on a separate counter which also reduces time spent in line.

Even though the building is “new,” many older pieces of cooking equipment were moved over from the old facility. The new dishwasher is more energy efficient, but over time the services flight hopes to replace worn equipment or acquire new equipment that will allow them to operate more efficiently and reliably, and provide healthier cooking. Other plans are already in the works to improve service to dining facility customers. For example, a service contract starting in October will help to alleviate the traffic snarl around the tray return area.

Otherwise, Services people continue to look for ways to optimize the new facility to deliver maximum satisfaction to their valued customers. To let them know how they're doing, you can send them an email, give them a call at 759-7642 or 759-7643, or fill out a comment card during your next visit.



photo by Capt Alyson Stockton  
SrA Brett Mahoney stirs spaghetti noodles in preparation for lunch at the Roost's grand opening Aug. 1.

**SSgt Jeff Corbin and MSgt Curt Rogers, 184th Communications Squadron**  
“The big screen TVs.”



**MSgt Kim Evans, 177th Information Agressor Squadron**  
“The space allows for more camaraderie.”

## FAMILY READINESS GROUP UPDATE

Hilari DeLaRosa, FRG Coordinator



We're looking for Key Volunteers!

The 184th Family Readiness and Support office is looking for Key Volunteers to help support 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 and Support office. The key 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 have, or 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 at 759-7092.

### Upcoming events:

--184th IW Halloween party

The 184th FRG is planning a kids' Halloween party on Oct. 25 from 2 to 4 p.m. The location is to be announced later. Please join us for games, a costume contest and a ghoulish fun time! For additional details please contact me or check out our website at [www.ksmcco.af.mil/familysupport](http://www.ksmcco.af.mil/familysupport).

--184th FRG Informational meetings

Oct. 7, 5:30 p.m.

Nov. 4, 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m.

All meetings are held in building 65, classroom A. They are open to any unit member, spouse, parent, friend or family member who is interested in learning about what the Family Readiness Group does. If you have any questions please call Marie DeLong at 617-8043.

--Wing Wide Christmas Party

The annual Wing Wide Christmas party will be Dec. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. in the Dole Center ballroom. Come join us for children's games, socializing, food and a ton of fun! Santa Claus will be out making his rounds. checking to see if all the boys and girls have been good this year.

Great things are happening with Family Readiness and Support. If you wish to volunteer or get on the newsletter list, please contact Hilari DeLaRosa at 316-759-7092, or [Hilari.delarosa.civ@ksmcco.af.mil](mailto:Hilari.delarosa.civ@ksmcco.af.mil).

## HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICE UPDATE

CMSgt Danny Walker, Human Relations



I would like to provide an update on several of the programs I am working on and provide some insight on progress.

1. Formal Mentoring (also known as Mission Driven Mentoring). Get a Mentor. Be a Mentor.

The primary goal of the mentoring initiative is to teach or learn leadership competencies. Mentoring is about creating high performance teams, building relationships and future leaders. It is mandated by the Air Force that all MAJCOMs will have a formal mentoring program; it is not mandatory for every Airman to sign up for mentoring but it is highly encouraged. Overall, Mentoring

is geared to build diverse leadership for the future. That means you! But we need mentors and those who would like to be mentored on leadership skills in areas that address Tactical, Operational and Strategic leadership. It is easy and would only take about one or two hours a month over a three to six-month period. This will be a great opportunity for all. Check out the intranet site for more details on mentoring: <https://intranet.ksmcco.af.mil/HQ/Diversity/MissionDrivenMentoring.htm>

2. Diversity. The Air National Guard's definition of Diversity is as follows: "To capitalize on the unique mission essential talents, strengths, and perspectives of our airmen to gain a competitive advantage." Promoting an environment where important dimensions of diversity are promoted and exploited to better accomplish the mission is the key. I will be working with the EO office on diversity training, and walking around visiting with many of you to get your thoughts on how we can improve the course. The office that is responsible for details on the HRE course is the Equal Opportunity Office at 759-7048.

3. Community Outreach. This is a goal in which I work with our Community

Manager, Capt. Deborah Balentine. Here are just a few community events in which more information will be forthcoming: Hispanic Heritage Month, which is Sept. 15 through Oct. 15; Walk for Unity Oct. 12; Asian Festival Oct. 25, and Oktoberfest. The goal is to learn more about our community and for the community to learn more about us. If you know of any upcoming community events you think may be of interest, please let me know.

4. Holiday Party Help. What traditions do you celebrate during the holidays in November and December? The Holiday Party will be Dec. 7 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Dole Center. I am looking for volunteers who would like to display how their families celebrate the holidays...games, gift giving ideas, foods, pictures, etc. that we can display and show the great ways our unit members celebrate the holidays. Please contact me if you are interested.

That is it for now, but I am interested in your ideas, so please e-mail me at [danny.walker@ksmcco.af.mil](mailto:danny.walker@ksmcco.af.mil) or I can be reached at 759-7023 or DSN: 743-7023. I look forward to meeting and working with you in the future.

## JAYHAWK SPOTLIGHT: SSGT JOSH NEWLIN, 134 ACS TECH CONTROL

**Member of the 184th since:** 2001. I joined the 184th as a Defensive Avionics Technician for the B-1 in Aug of 2001 right before the B1's left, and moved over to the 134th ACS about a year later into the Data Maintenance shop.

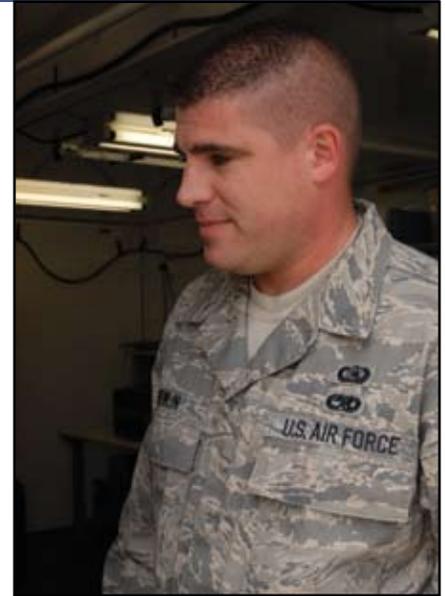
**Hobbies:** Cars, music, computers, woodworking, and golf

**Goals and ambitions:** To continue on with what I'm doing now and eventually end up a Chief here in the 134th or maybe somewhere else in the wing.

**Why he joined the Guard:** Prior to joining the Army right out of High School I had wanted to join the Air Force to work on F-16's, and when it came time to leave the Army, I wanted to continue on in the military and decided to try and go with my original plan of avionics and there was no better place to do that than here in the Air Guard on the B1's.

**What do you do in civilian life?** Spend time with my family, support Winfield Youth Soccer and the Winfield HS Soccer Team, try and enjoy my hobbies.

**Favorite 184th memory/ moment:** Seeing the support that the wing provided at Greensburg after the tornado. It was amazing to see how quickly everyone pitched in and took care of that community.



### ON THE MONEY

By Lt Col Jim Winningham, 184 IW/FM

The Government Travel Card is changing to a new provider. CitiBank will take it over from Bank of America shortly after the new fiscal year. CitiBank mailed the new cards in late August, so members should have their cards by now. Once you receive it you need to call the 800 number located on the front of the card making them aware you did receive it. **DO NOT USE THE CITI BANK CARD.** Continue using your Bank of America card until Nov. 29 at midnight., Beginning Nov. 30, charge any travel related expenses to your CitiBank GTC. If you are traveling or deployed during this time frame you will need to have both cards with you. If you have not received your new card yet, please contact someone in Finance.

Also, verify and update home your home address in virtual hMPF to ensure the government travel card was mailed to the correct address.

### THE SAFETY NET

By SMSgt Keith Decker, 184 IW/ SE

Motorcyclists are frequently overlooked by other drivers and are obviously far less crashworthy than closed four-wheel vehicles. While 20 percent of passenger vehicle crashes result in injury or death, an astounding 80 percent of motorcycle crashes result in injury or death. Motorcycle rider fatalities in the past five years increased by 47 percent, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Fatality Analysis Reporting System. Only two percent of registered vehicles are motorcycles, yet they make up 11.3 percent of all motor vehicle deaths. That means there are only two bikes for every 100 cars out there! The NHSTA also said most motorcycles are not ridden nearly as much as a car, yet they still contribute to more than 11 percent of all vehicle deaths.

It's no wonder cars overlook riders. They are not used to seeing them! Motorcycles are a low profile vehicle, making it more difficult to recognize their presence, direction of travel and speed. Most often it isn't the motorcyclist who doesn't see the car, but the driver in the car who doesn't see the motorcycle. With the increase in fuel costs, motorcycles are being used more now than ever and the number of motorcyclists will likely continue to increase for some time to come. Please increase your awareness of these motorists to the point of hyper-vigilance. Don't overlook their presence. Let's reduce this alarming trend.

### A HIGHER CONNECTION

By Chaplain (Maj) Terry Williams

X-men, Hellboy, Spiderman, Fantastic Four, Batman: What do these movies have in common? Yep, they were all comic book characters. But in addition they speak to several common human tendencies: 1) I cannot conceive of myself as just "one of the masses;" I need to be unique. 2) My uniqueness sets me apart and makes me a "special" or a "tragic" figure. 3) I have a built in excuse to not connect with others, or to feel sorrow for myself, or to excuse my perceptions, and actions that are self-serving or self-deprecating.

We have a tendency to think of ourselves as being in some way more "special" than others. This mindset sets us up for some potential problems.

One of the keys to resiliency is to have an accurate estimate of my self and my situation. You must guard against these unrealistic perceptions that people around me cannot understand me because their lives are "perfect;" mine is a mess, or I have suffered in ways they have not, or my life is so much harder, more complicated, more (you fill in the blank) than theirs.

This kind of thinking makes you prey for discouragement, pride and isolation. It is not resilient thinking. When you go down this path you are dividing yourself from the help and influence of others.

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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Hey Jay,

*I'm confused about TRICARE Reserve Select. Which office do I go to for enrollment and how am I billed for it?*

TRICARE Reserve Select is a program that allows Traditional Guardsmen and technicians to get the same health benefits that their active duty and AGR counterparts receive. The enrollment is done completely online and the amount is automatically deducted from your paycheck.

Speaking of the amount, if you've shopped for medical insurance, you know it's a steal: \$81 per month for an individual or \$253 for a family. Go to this Web site for all the information you need: [www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Plans/ReserveSelect](http://www.tricare.mil/mybenefit/home/overview/Plans/ReserveSelect). While on the TRICARE site, you'll also find information about dental plans.

Remember, medical insurance brings more than just peace of mind: it's a readiness issue.



illustration by TSgt Matt McCoy

Jay Hawk, all-knowing and all-seeing advisor and provider of answers.

Hey Jay,

*I got an e-mail talking about the new base entry procedures, but I have a concern. Often when I'm traveling, I like to go to other military installations for lodging, shopping, or just to check the place out. I'm afraid they won't let me on without a sticker. What should I do?*

I'm glad to hear that our security forces personnel got the word out about the new procedure here, but that's just the thing: it's the procedure here. When you go to another base, all bets are off, so you need to go ahead and keep your decals current.

While we're on the subject of vehicle decals, I'll use this as a refresher course. The DD Forms 2220 and 2219 (barcode and expiration year stickers) are controlled items. So if you're getting rid of your car, don't forget to scrape that sticker off and turn it back in.

For all of you who choose to part amicably with your stickers, remember that you need to pull the stickers off when they expire.

## Civil Engineers rock the Rainbow State, complete huge facility in just 14 days

By Capt Alyson Stockton  
184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

A lot of people wonder why the 184th Civil Engineer Squadron gets so many great temporary duty assignments.

Other CE squadrons wonder what makes them so special.

CMSgt Elmer Logue is happy to share the answer: They work hard and produce excellent results, so people ask for them by name.

The 32 Airmen from the 184th CES who traveled to Helemano Plantation on Oahu in July were no exception.

While there, they put to bed a project that had been eight



SrA Justin Arnold paints a coat of finish onto a cabinet door. The squadron's task list ranged from hard construction to finishing touches required to make The Wellness Center move-in ready.

years in the making: a wellness center for mentally challenged residents of Hawaii.

Though

it was no small task, the

Jayhawks made short work of

the 20,000 square foot-facility. They hung sheetrock and doors, finished painting inside and out, installed wiring and even put in bathrooms. The competencies of the workers covered everything that completion required, including the kitchen sink.

The 184th CES was requested by name by the Air National Guard Installations and Mission Support Directorate (A7) because of their reputation for doing hard work with no excuses. This trip came on the heels of a deployment to Israel, where the squadron made unprecedented progress on multinational assets.

"After eight years, these people wanted their building finished. That's why they called us," said CMSgt Elmer Logue, who went out a week early with TSgt Alan Davis to make electrical repairs. "They wanted it finished and we finished it."



photos by Maj Johnnie Adam

The Wellness Center at Helemano Plantation on Oahu took eight years to complete, and it was the 184th Civil Engineers who were able to finish the job.

By Lt Col Roger Barr  
184th Services Flight  
Commander

## 184th Services Flight Rhinos: COMBAT READY

Eighteen 184th Services Flight personnel attended Services Combat Training at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., July 20 through 25.

This training taught our Rhinos to hone skills critical to aerospace power projection in their primary mission as a Prime Readiness in Base Services (Prime RIBS) Team.

Prime RIBS personnel are normally some of the first troops deployed to support worldwide contingency operations, and virtually every aspect of Services directly affects the quality of life for deployed personnel.

The 184th members joined with 12 other SCT students from around the country to simulate the rapid bed-down of 1,800 air base personnel in an austere, “bare base” location in support of a temporary humanitarian airlift operation. Despite the primitive conditions, the heat, and the

actions of “hostile elements,” the Prime RIBS Team completed their mission, and learned a great deal in the process.

The purpose of the Prime RIBS program is to organize, train, and equip Services forces to deploy quickly to provide Food Service, Lodging, Fitness, Recreation, Laundry, Mortuary, Non-Appropriated Funds Accounting and Contingency Contracting. Put the word “Field” in front of any of these and you’re speaking the language of “Services Combat.”

SCT consists of classroom instruction, hands-on training, focused exercises and evaluations, as well as a “capstone” force beddown case study. Prime RIBS students are introduced to field operating concepts, procedures and equipment. During the week, students operate select Services functions found at deployed locations, and are exposed to a force beddown exercise where they demonstrate the planning and execution skills taught during the course.



photo by Lt Col Roger Barr

An instructor from the Services Combat Training Center at Dobbins Air Reserve Base, Ga., guides “Rhinos” from the 184th Services Flight in erecting a Small Shelter System.

The 18 Rhinos who completed this training have garnered the “combat ready” capability for the 184th Services Flight.



photo by SSgt Zach Balentine

## All Star

Eric Balentine, son of Capt Deborah and SSgt Zach Balentine, enjoys the rides at the 184th Family Fun Night held at All Star Adventures on Aug. 8. The event sold 200 tickets and raised more than \$700 for the Wing Dining Out to be held Nov. 1.

## Many local officers and deputies juggle military duties with law enforcement careers

By Stan Finger  
The Wichita Eagle  
(Reprinted with permission)

For dozens of local law enforcement officers, one uniform is not enough.

Besides working for the Wichita Police Department or the Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, they serve in a branch of the U.S. military.

About 46 police officers and 20 deputies or detention deputies from the sheriff's office serve in the reserves or National Guard, according to the law enforcement agencies.

The reasons for juggling two demanding professions vary from person to person, but one common theme emerges: service.

"Some of the service aspect of being in the military is paying back your country for what it has given you -- the freedoms we're given, the society that we're allowed to live in," said Capt. Joe Dessenberger, commander of the Patrol West Bureau and a member of the Air National Guard.

"I don't think there's anybody that doesn't come onto the Police Department without the thought that they're coming in to do good for the community and help the community out and serve people," said Dessenberger, who's 40 and has been a police officer for 18 years. "That's the mentality we all come in with."

As corny as it may sound to some, Wichita police Detective Robert Stone said, "patriotism has a lot to do with it for those of us who are in it."

When he entered the service 24 years ago, he said, "it was the whole, 'Pay for my college and have a good time' thing.

"But it just kind of grows on you," said Stone, 43, a member of the Army Reserve.

"There's a lot of hassles

and headaches, of course, but there's a lot of good people, a lot of good training, a lot of good opportunities."

At least two local officers



courtesy photo  
Maj Joe Dessenberger, TSgt Joe Schroeder and other Reservists were recognized in The Wichita Eagle for serving as police officers in both the military and civilian communities.

have been commended for actions while on duty: James was awarded the department's Bronze Wreath of Merit in 2006 for his work on a case in Wichita while he was deployed to Iraq.

James, 41, used a webcam to lead officers to a house where a woman had been beaten by an ex-boyfriend. She had been reluctant to report the crime to police.

Her husband, who was serving with James in Iraq, showed his wife's injuries via webcam to James, who then notified police in Wichita.

Officers talked to the woman, who implicated the ex-boyfriend. He is now serving jail time, James said.

The second officer to be honored is Brad Carver, 35, a pilot for the air section of the Police Department.

He was awarded the Bronze Star for leading hundreds of convoys from Camp Bucca in Iraq to Kuwait while deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom with the Air National Guard from April to September 2007.

"I'm proud to say I lost

nobody," Carver said.

That's not to say there weren't close calls: Convoys were hit by four improvised explosive devices while

making the trips of roughly 50 miles each way.

"That's where training and experience and common sense come into play," Carver

said. "If something doesn't look right, you investigate it. You don't just drive through it and hope."

Deployments can tax the law enforcement agencies -- 20 sheriff's officers applied for deployment leave last year, for example, and at least 10 police officers have been deployed annually in recent years.

"We have to be able to communicate with the city really well, so when there's a deployment they can keep the streets covered," said Lt. Joe Schroeder, who works at the Wichita/Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Training Center and also is a member of the Air National Guard.

Many police officers come to law enforcement after spending time in the military. Carver said his time in the service prepared him well.

"They call it military bearing -- you don't lose your composure, you're always professional," he said. "That helped me a lot when dealing with people in difficult situations."

The two professions share

a sobering reality, Carver said: "You go out the door not knowing if you're coming back."

Aguiniga De La Torre, 35, said the sense of structure and camaraderie in the Police Department reminded him of his time in the Marines, and much of what he learned in the military has served him well since becoming a police officer.

"The military formed me to be a leader," De La Torre said. "At one point, you're going to be in that situation. It's a matter of applying what you learn... to the best of your ability with the tools that you've been given."

While the Marines are typically asked to complete a mission even if it means a situation escalates into combat, he said, police officers are taught to strive to use the minimum amount of force necessary to resolve situations.

"We're there to prevent escalation," said De La Torre, who has been with the Police Department since 2003 and has served in the Air National Guard for the past three years.

Schroeder went into the military when he was 17, was eventually discharged and became a police officer nearly 20 years ago.

"I missed the camaraderie," said Schroeder, now 41. "I enjoyed the demands, the structured lifestyle, the travel."

When a tornado hit Haysville and south Wichita in May 1999, Schroeder was ordered to provide security at the National Guard armory at Seneca and I-235. It rekindled his interest in the military, and he joined the Air National Guard.

"The Police Department and the military tends to attract people who are service-oriented," he said. "It's got to be something you want to do."



## *Who's that masked man?*

MSgt George Anthony, 184th Military Personnel Flight, spent the Fourth of July encouraging service before self at the Sedgwick County Zoo. He dressed as "Buddy," the American Red Cross's mascot, to encourage zoo visitors to donate blood during the "Red, White and You" drive.

The Wing will sponsor its next blood drive on Oct. 31.

## REALITY CHECK

### **Alcohol Use and Sexual Assault**

By Capt Deborah Balentine

184th Intelligence Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator

In the past few months we have re-emphasized how alcohol use can have detrimental, sometimes fatal, effects on our ability to drive or operate machinery. We need to also be aware that the toxicological effects of alcohol can be a useful weapon to the perpetrator of sexual assault.

Not only can alcohol use provide a predator the relaxed defenses against assault, those same effects can present extreme challenges to those responding to a sexual assault -- particularly the investigator, the trial counsel and the commander.

The use of alcohol as a non-traditional weapon by perpetrators cannot be ignored. We talk a lot about DUI prevention, but the same rules apply towards keeping ourselves free of unwanted sexual advances. Be aware of your own alcohol intake, use the buddy system, and be willing to step in when someone is unable to care for themselves. The laws of common decency tell us that sexual assault is never acceptable behavior. However, common sense tells us that not all folks follow the laws of common decency. Be safe, be smart, and know that help is here if you need it.

## A HIGHER CONNECTION, continued

When you are divided, you are easily "conquered" by life's challenges.

God has indeed made you special. There is no one like you in the world. At the same time, you are not any more special than anyone else. Your suffering, your trouble, your challenges are in many ways unique to you. However, they are not so unique that others can't come alongside you and help you grow through them.

In many ways it is the fact that others are different and have not been through what we have been through that allows them to have a perspective that we need in order to see our own situation more clearly.

By the way, another thing those movies I mentioned have in common is that all the "super heroes" in them turn out to be "normal" in their desires, struggles, and need for others. They turn out to not be so unique at all (except that they can fly, catch on fire and shoot webs from their hands!).



**Don't fall silent.  
24-Hour Sexual Assault Hotline  
316-759-HELP (4357)**

# Dining Out 2008

Saturday, 1 November 2008

## Ticket Prices:

AB - TSgt \$20.00

Officers \$30.00

MSgt - CMSgt \$25.00

Tickets on sale until 24 October 2008

Wichita Hyatt – 400 W. Waterman

Mixer 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Dance 9 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Kansas Secretary of State

Ron Thornburgh

## Dinner Choices

Chicken Wellington – Breast of Chicken topped with

Sautéed Mushrooms

or

wrapped in puff pastry with Bordelaise Sauce

Sirloin of Beef – Sirloin of Beef with a Red Wine Demi

Both meals come with the following

Wine, Starbucks Coffee, Tossed Garden Salad,

vegetables, potato, rolls, and Desert

## Contact the following for Tickets

Chief Brian Norris – CF

MSgt Brian York – LRS

MSgt Kim Evans – 177<sup>th</sup>

MSgt John Graber – 161<sup>st</sup>

Capt Aaron May – 134<sup>th</sup>

MSgt Amy Buchanan – NOSS

TSgt Matt Quinton – MUNS

Tickets will also be available at the Dining Facility during UTA  
And at the weekly cookouts

## Rooms Available at the Hyatt

Call 293-1234 let them know you are with

the Dining Out to get Discount Price

## Reserved Tables

Each table seats 10 people

cost is \$25.00 per reserved table



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