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*It was a Good Ride...*

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Cover photo: 184 IW Command Chief Ken Emerson poses for a photo with 184 IW award winners at Topeka Harley Davidson in January of 2009. The award winners met a board in Topeka to determine KS award winners for 2008. Left to right: MSgt Jennifer Allen 184 IW SrNCO of the Year, SMSgt Robert Skoumal Exceptional Performance Promotion, MSgt Dennis Farris Kansas First Sgt of the Year, SSgt Ashley Carpenter 184 IW NCO of the Year, back: SrA David Le 184 IW Ann of the Year and not pictured SSgt Aaron Santry Kansas Honor Guard Member of the Year.



184 IW Commander Col Mike Foster welcomes members from the Indiana ANG at the newly remodeled Bldg 36 also known as "The Jayhawk Roost." The 184 IG is hosting approx 60 people from the 137th Intelligence Squadron. They are here to work DCGS missions alongside 184 IG personnel for about 2 months.

## UTA REMINDER

April UTA: April 4-5

May UTA: May 2-3

June UTA: June 6-7

Deadline for the July edition of the Jayhawk Flyer is 8 Jun 09.

## RoostStock 09

**When: 24 April 2009**

**Where: Bldg 36 "The Jayhawk Roost"**

**Band: 30 Days Free will play from 1800- 2130**

**Food: 184 IG/UAC will be manning grills to prepare food for sale (burgers/dogs)**

*Don't Drink and Drive.  
Call 759-7070 for a ride.*



## HAVE A STORY IDEA?

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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Hey Jay,  
"As a traditional Guardsman  
How often can I use AAFES?"

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) is actively seeking National Guard and Reservist personnel to remind them that, active duty or not, they are always able to use their exchange benefit. With 60 percent of Guard and Reserve Soldiers living over 20 miles from their nearest exchange, AAFES is emphasizing its web site <http://www.aafes.com> as a way for long-distance shoppers to take advantage of their exchange benefit.



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

## COMMANDER'S COMMENTS

Col Michael Foster, Commander, 184 IW



### *Spring has Sprung!*

Jayhawks –

To begin I have to say I'm extremely proud of the collective accomplishments of the Jayhawk Team. Our Airman continue to answer our nation's call to duty – Services Flight personnel recently returned from overseas, the 134th Air

Control Squadron is almost half way through their deployment to Iraq, and the 184th Intelligence Group forges ahead on year two of their in-garrison Title 10 tour. The wing also has several individuals who have voluntarily deployed to various spots around the globe once again answering the call to service. Furthermore, the Wing's Security Forces Squadron is diligently preparing for a rapidly approaching deployment. I wish I could share all of the amazing accomplishments of our team mates – unfortunately many are classified. Be that as it may, I can assure you that our deployed personnel are knocking it out of the park. *It takes a special breed, and the 184th has it!*

On another note, I'm very impressed with the renewed sense of esprit de corps and teamwork that's going on around the unit. A couple of examples: the formation of the Mid Tier Council, a group comprised of Tech, Master and Senior Master Sergeants who seek out and

take on a myriad of projects throughout the Wing. A revitalized and reenergized First Five that's assuming responsibility and developing the character that is the lifeblood of the unit. Our Student Flight – the new guys and gals in the Wing who are acquiring the building blocks that will allow them to excel at basic training while at the same time developing as team mates. Just as spring is a time of new growth and renewed energy I feel and see the same growth and energy throughout the Wing – and I appreciate it.

In closing I want to share a few words from my recent commander's call. No individual, no job, no specialty is more important than any other. Everyone matters and everyone is an important part of our team. We are TEAM MATES. I want you to take pride in the 184th, be proud of your service, and be proud to be a Fighting Jayhawk.

MANY MISSIONS... ONE TEAM.

## COMMAND CHIEF'S PERSPECTIVE

CMSgt Sharon Clark, Command Chief, 184 IW



I'm sure you've all heard TSgt Curtis Brown bragging about the 161 Intel Squadron's win during the recent 184th dodge ball tournament. I wonder how long his team's going to sit in the winner's circle. Probably not long, as there's already talk about volleyball and softball tournaments in the Wing. I'm betting Curtis can't win them all. However, it's exciting to see people get out of the workplace and have some fun. After Headquarters went down in defeat, I watched the last of the dodge ball tournament and noticed we have a very competitive group of people. I think the same competitiveness has sustained us

during the conversion years. We're used to winning and instead of feeling defeated; we have OWNED the conversion game.

Right now, we're rebuilding our professional lives. Working hard and having fun as we become experts in our field is what it's all about. Roughly 60% of our enlisted force does not hold a 7 level in their duty AFSC. Becoming fully qualified in our job is a must, and we must use that dodge ball spirit to remain competitive, both personally and professionally, by furthering our civilian and professional education. We also need to fully understand what programs are available to us.

The Military Personnel Flight (MPF) is bringing the Air Reserve Personnel Center (ARPC) to the Wing to teach everyone what's available online. You'll learn how to access your awards and decorations, evaluations and military entitlements in VPC-GR. Don't let this informative opportunity pass you by, it will be the difference between visiting the MPF and using your home computer to gather your military personnel data.

It may now be necessary to start the rebuilding stage of personal lives, too. If you're a Unit member or have a family

member that has been laid off, I would encourage you to contact our Family Support Office for assistance at 759-7092. There are numerous base and military agencies that allow us to be good Wing men and take care of our own.

In closing, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the passing of a great enlisted leader, the first Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, Paul Airey. CMSgt Airey passed away 11 March 2009. Some of us had the privilege of hearing him speak at the Senior NCO Academy. I remember him as someone with a very strong opinion of what was best for the Airmen. Air Force Chief of Staff, General Norton Schwartz, stated "he was a warrior, an innovator and a leader with vision well ahead of his time. His legacy lives today in the truly professional enlisted force we have serving our nation and for that we owe him a debt of gratitude".

We can't all be the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force, but we can still have vision, drive, and competitive warrior spirit to try and make an impact on Air National Guard history. My question to you is, what kind of impact are you having on the Wing, the Air National Guard, and this great nation?



## QUARTERLY AWARD WINNERS

### AIRMAN



**Senior Airman Rachel Ringgenberg** is currently assigned as an intelligence analyst within the 184th Operations Support Squadron. During the transition of the 161st from a Squadron to a Group, she volunteered for a 21-month mobilization in support of OIF and OEF Contingency Operations. While providing support to the warfighter, she quickly became aware there was a lack of understanding by the ground units we supported on how to properly utilize the DGS's capabilities. In order to mitigate this problem, SrA Ringgenberg assisted in creating the DGS-KS Capabilities brief to increase the supporting unit's understanding of what products we could provide them.

Although the mission of the 161st required her to remain flexible to an ever-changing mission schedule, SrA Ringgenberg continued to pursue a degree from Wichita State University. In December 2008 she graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration with a minor in Finance and Management. She is currently taking steps to obtain her Associates Degree from the Community College of the Air Force. SrA Ringgenberg was recognized as the 497th Intelligence Group Air Reserve Component Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Airman of the Year for 2008. Furthermore, she is an active volunteer at COMPEER- C.A.R.E.S (Caring Advocates Recognizing Everyone's Strengths).

She unselfishly spends a minimum of 8-10 hours per month mentoring a child that has a parent who is incarcerated. The goal is to enhance a child's attitude about life and help reduce their possibility of following the cycle of incarceration.

### NCO



**Staff Sergeant Aaron B. Santry** was born in Lakewood, NJ on 04 July 1967. After graduating from high school he attended Wichita State University, Wichita, KS, on a full music scholarship. After completing a minor in music, SSgt Santry worked for Kinko's Copies, Wichita, KS as a Store and Regional Manager from 1990-2000. SSgt Santry reenrolled at WSU to study math and physics in 2000 and graduated cum laude in 2005.

SSgt Santry enlisted as a traditional guardsman in the Kansas Air National Guard in 2001 and was hired full time in 2004. In 2005, SSgt Santry attended Airmen Leadership School at McConnell AFB, KS, where he earned the class John Levitow Award. SSgt Santry earned his Associate's Degree in Aerospace Maintenance Technology from the Community College of the Air Force in 2006. SSgt Santry is currently enrolled at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He has completed 33 hours towards a Masters of Aeronautical Science in Space Operations Management, and has maintained a 4.0 average.

Since 2001 he has served as a volunteer instructor at Kansas Starbase. He has spent four years as a docent at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, conducting weekend tours of the Hall of Space Museum to visitors.

In 2004, SSgt Santry co-founded Operation Connect, where he helped raise over \$10,000 to send phone cards to service members in Iraq. He is currently serving as the NCOIC of the 184th Honor Guard, McConnell AFB, KS.

### SrNCO



**Master Sergeant Michael Vore** was born in Monett, Missouri on July 16, 1966. He graduated from Pierce City High School and joined the U.S. Air Force in August 1984. Upon completion of technical school, he reported to McConnell AFB, KS as a Fuels Apprentice.

In 1998, he joined the 184 Logistics Readiness Squadron as a Fuels Specialist. He completed the Non Commissioned Officer Academy in 1999 and participated in exercises Green Flag, Red Flag, and at Key West Florida. In 2000, he was hired full-time in the Fuels section. When the Wing changed from B1B aircraft to the KC135, Sergeant Vore transferred to the Traffic Management Flight where he is still employed. His primary duties are shipping and receiving Air Force assets, while ensuring safe, cost effective deliveries.

His additional duties include Squadron Safety Representative as well as Instructor for both the Hazmat Technical Specialist Course and Cargo Preparation Pallet Build-up. His role as a base Motorcycle Safety Rider instructor was vital in the 22 ARW Safety Office receiving the AMC Award for Excellence in Safety Training.

He deployed twice in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and twice for Operation Enduring Freedom. Other deployments include the 184 CES support of Task Force Inca, Nevatim AB, Israel.

Sergeant Vore is actively involved in the community as a member of the American Legion Post 136 in Mulvane, KS and is a member of the Patriot Guard.

## ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

### Wing CGO of the Year



**Captain Richard Moon** is the Operations Officer, 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas. The squadron supports the Air Force Agile Combat Support distinctive capability by operating diverse processes focusing on distribution, material management and contingency operations. These processes greatly enhance the U. S. Air Force's capability to respond rapidly, deploy, and sustain our forces.

He enlisted in the 190th Air Refueling Wing, Kansas Air National Guard on March 23, 1987, and attended Basic Military Training Training at Lackland AFB, TX and Fuels Specialist course at Chanute AFB. Capt Moon served as a Fuels Specialist in a traditional guard status for six years. In May 2001, Capt Moon was commissioned and served as the Chief of Logistics Plans for the 184th Bomb Wing.

Capt Moon has held two positions during his tenure with the 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron, Logistics Plans Officer and Operations Officer. As the Logistics Plans flight commander, Capt Moon directed contingency operations, deployment command and control and deployment and redeployment activities. He was also responsible for war reserve material management, support agreements and time phased force deployment data. From October 2006 to present, Capt Moon has served as the Operations Officer for the 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron where he has oversight of three flights; Material Management, Vehicle Management and Contingency Operations and Distribution, providing logistics support services to the Wing's missions.

### Kansas First Sgt of the Year



**Master Sergeant Dennis G. Farris**, was born in Yuba City, California on January 7, 1963. He graduated from Fountain Fort Carson High School, Fountain, Colorado, in 1981 and in January 1982, he enlisted in the United States Air Force. After completion of Basic Military Training and 3 Level Security Police School at Lackland AFB, TX, he was assigned to the 92nd Security Police Squadron at Fairchild AFB, Washington. He was a member of the Emergency Service Team, assigned to conduct high-risk operations to include anti-sniper, hostage rescue, counter terrorist tactics, and VIP protection.

He served in various capacities and locations as a member of the active duty Air Force until 1988 when he transferred to the Air Force Reserve as an Individual Mobilization Augmentee. He was assigned and attached to the 384th Security Police Squadron until February 1994, where he performed duties as Flight Chief. His civilian career took him to the Clearwater, Kansas, Police Department where he became a Drug Abuse Resistance Education instructor.

In December 1999, MSgt Farris joined the 184th Maintenance Squadron, as a Traditional Guard member in the Avionics Test Station shop and became a full-time member in 2001. In August 2003, he transferred to the 177th Information Aggressor Squadron as NCOIC of the Electronic System Security Assessment (ESSA) Section. He was Top Graduate of the ESSA Course and received the 3rd Man Award for his Outstanding Leadership. In March 2006, MSgt Farris was selected as First Sergeant for the 177th Information Aggressor Squadron. He also serves as First Sergeant for the 127th Command and Control Squadron.

### Kansas Honor Guard Member of the Year



**Staff Sergeant Aaron B. Santry** was born in Lakewood, NJ on 04 July 1967. SSgt Santry enlisted as a traditional guardsman in the Kansas Air National Guard in 2001. He attended Aerospace Propulsion School where he earned Top Graduate honors. SSgt Santry worked in the B-1B Engine Regional Repair Center at McConnell AFB from 2001-2007.

He graduated from Wichita State University with a degree in math and physics in 2003. He was hired as a full time technician in 2004. In 2005, SSgt Santry attended Airmen Leadership School where he achieved the top academic score and earned the class John Levitow Award. SSgt Santry earned his Associate's Degree in Aerospace Maintenance Technology from the Community College of the Air Force in 2006. He is currently enrolled at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University where he is working on a Masters of Aeronautical Science in Space Operations Management, and has maintained a 4.0 average. As part of his Masters' work, SSgt Santry has been working with the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center, Hutchinson, KS studying the effects of attendance at space education summer camps on middle and high school students' science attitudes.

In 2007, SSgt Santry was hired as a Munitions Technician in the 184th Munitions Squadron. He attended technical school in 2008 where he earned an academic score of 98. He has worked as a volunteer instructor at Kansas Starbase since 2001. He has spoken regularly at the Kansas Cosmosphere and Space Center since 2004. He is currently serving as the NCOIC of the 184th Honor Guard, McConnell AFB, KS where he has been a team member since 2007.

## AIR FORCE LEVEL AWARD WINNERS

### ISR AIRMAN OF THE YEAR



**Senior Airman Rachel Ringgenberg** has been selected as the 497th Intelligence Group Air Reserve Component Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Airman of the Year for 2008.

She is currently assigned as an intelligence analyst within the 184th Operations Support Squadron.

In order to maximize the capability of the predator asset in the fight against IED related incidents in theater, the 480th Intelligence Wing tasked the DGS community to provide detailed information to them quarterly for trend/analysis. As a result of this tasking SrA Ringgenberg developed the Quarterly IED Brief which, upon request of the 480th Wing Staff, became the standard for the DGS community. SrA Ringgenberg has conducted several Current Intelligence Briefs for the 184th Wing Staff and upon request to the 22nd Wing Staff.

SrA Ringgenberg was recently handpicked to be part of the initial cadre to stand up the Operations Support Squadron. She is assigned to the Operations Training branch building the policies and procedures that dictate the training of current and future crew personnel used to gain and maintain mission readiness.

She has been an integral member in developing local procedures with the transition from ACC to AFISRA instructions. One of these programs is the Ready Intelligence Program which will track and project the proficiency of mission crew personnel.

SrA Ringgenberg also conducts quarterly training record audits to ensure critical mission training is properly conducted and documented.

### ISR CGO OF THE YEAR



**Lieutenant Joe Deeds** has been selected as the 480th Intelligence Wing's 2008 Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance Award Program's (AFISRAP) Outstanding Air Reserve Component Intelligence CGO of the Year. AFISRAP recognizes the total force contributions of Intelligence, Surveillance, and Reconnaissance officer, enlisted, and civilian personnel.

Lt Deeds is assigned to the 184th Operations Support Squadron serving with the Distributed Ground Station Kansas (DGS-KS) Detachment. As an ISR Mission Operations Commander he has skillfully commanded Predator ISR exploitation operations for over 170 Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) /Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) sorties; including Special Ops Forces, Troops-in-Contact, Improvised Explosive Device (IED) searches, battle damage assessments, and direct AGM-114 Hellfire missile engagements. His efforts are directly responsible for DGS-KS excellent reputation resulting in selection for a high profile, politically sensitive European Command (EUCOM) tasking; generated reports included in briefings for POTUS.

As the Training Flight Commander he successfully managed the training schedule of over 150 combat mission ready personnel from Kansas, Indiana, and Massachusetts. Responsible for all the 184 IG Operations Training to include providing six fully mission capable Predator imagery crews; and has consistently ensured IQT, MQT, and Continuation Training were scheduled and coordinated for all crew positions. His training achievements have proved absolutely pivotal to the establishment of the Squadron's 24/7 capabilities.

## What is MyEDP

By CMSgt Danny Walker, 184 IW/HRA

MyEDP stands for My Enlisted Development Plan. So what exactly is that and what is the big deal about building a personal development plan that is actionable, measureable, and shows clear results? Understanding that you need a plan to guide you to your career goals is half the battle, but sitting down with your supervisor or mentor to develop a plan that makes sense and meets your goals is the next big step.

It is said that if you write down your goals and continue to review them, you begin to put those goals into action and fulfill your plan. It isn't always easy but I believe it is necessary to be successful at anything you do whether it be in the Air National Guard, at school, at your civilian job, or at home.

So how do you get started? On the Air Force Portal you will see the link for MyEDP which is a great way to write down your plan, set dates to accomplish your goals, and measure your success! I encourage all enlisted personnel to create their plan - from Airman Basic to Chief Master Sergeant - each one of us should plan our careers today!

Below are steps to get started:

#### How to access MyEDP

1. Open AF Portal home page  
<https://www.my.af.mil>
2. Find **Featured Links**, Top Viewed: Career (right-side of center section)
3. Click on **MyEDP** (Enlisted D development Plan)
4. Create your **MyEDP account today!** (This page will only appear the first time you enter MyEDP.)

There are four steps:

1. **Enter** your SSN (twice)
2. **Verify** information: this information is pulled directly from MilPDS. If incorrect contact your MPF.
3. Follow on-screen directions to make immediate changes. The click on **Next** button.
4. **Login setting:** will ask for an email address—any email address can be used.
5. Click on **finish** button.
6. Complete - your **MyEDP** displays.

The EDP is extremely easy to use, provides multiple developmental links from one centralized location, is track able, and as the utilization of the AF Portal increases, it is easily assessable. A similar process is being pursued for Officer Development; however officers and civilians can register on the enlisted site as guests.

**Please direct any questions to:**

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# Born into a Proud Tradition

By TSgt Celeste Lindquist, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs



Amn Garst stands next to her father Maj Garst after her swearing in. Photo courtesy of 184th Recruiting.

recently enlisted into the FSS and have strong family ties to the military and the 184th Fighting Jayhawks.

Amn Garst's father is Maj Billy Garst of the 184 MDG. "For Haley, it's not so much the fact that she's following in my footsteps. What makes me so very proud, is that she has a 'Servant's Heart'. She understands that in order to be a leader in life, she has to watch out for others before watching out for herself. The Guard allows her to serve her community and

Some people were just born to serve their country. Just ask Amn Haley Garst, A1C Meghan Sissel and Amn Abby Smith, three of the newest members of the 184th Kansas Air National Guard. All three of these young women

nation both locally and across national borders, which ties into her plans to do mission work after college" said Maj Garst of his daughter.

A1C Sissel's father is Maj Brock Sissel of the 184 CES. For Meghan the family tradition runs deep. Her great grandfather was a WWII silver-star decorated veteran and his legacy was one of the influences on her decision to join the KANG. Maj Sissel said of his daughter, "Her mother and I are very proud of Meghan. I am most proud of the fact Meghan has taken charge of her own life, made the life changing decision to join the military, and be a part of something larger than herself."

Amn Smith's father is Lt Col Timothy Smith of the 184 RSG. Abby's decision to join the unit was based



Amn Smith and A1C Sissel Photo by TSgt Celeste Lindquist.

on pride in her father and the many educational opportunities the KANG offers. Her doting father said, "It is obvious to me that her experiences growing up in our Guard family, both at

home and within the Wing, have left a lasting and meaningful impression on Abby. I believe that she has a good understanding of what it means to serve and I am extremely proud that she has chosen to demonstrate it."

Currently all three airmen are attending technical training at Medina Annex, Lackland AFB, San Antonio, TX. When they return they will carry on the proud tradition of their family members before them.



Amn Smith receives one last hug from mom before boarding her flight to Lackland. Photo by MSgt Neil Fogg.

## HATS OFF

## PME GRADS

MSgt Arnold, Daniel Sr NCO  
MSgt Ballard, Charles Sr NCO

MSgt Lind, Elisabeth Sr NCO  
TSgt Holup, Joan NCOA

SrA McAndres, Jason ALS

## PROMOTIONS

CMSgt Crabb, Carolyn  
SMSgt Evans, Tiyonna  
SMSgt Gattis, Thomas  
SMSgt Price, Cynthia  
SMSgt Skoumal, Robert  
SMSgt Smith, Stacie  
SMSgt Welshans, Jeffrey  
MSgt Habtemariam, Liliana  
MSgt Mark, Aaron  
MSgt Presson, William  
MSgt Salazarquirre, Edgar  
MSgt Unger, Joel  
MSgt Windsor, Todd  
TSgt Bluml, Rex  
TSgt Gifford, Luke

TSgt Kochick, Joseph  
TSgt Lindquist, Celestial  
TSgt Newlin, Joshua  
TSgt Rollins, Matthew  
TSgt Russell, Pamela  
TSgt Wait, Jack  
SSgt Bisterfeldt, Robert  
SSgt Calhoun, Robert  
SSgt Nguyen, Francis  
SSgt Perkins, Michael  
SSgt Prokopchik, Alexandr  
SSgt Roberts, Dustin  
SSgt Saiz, Stanislaus  
SSgt Simmons, John  
SSgt Smith, Nathan

SSgt Stanfield, Kimberly  
SSgt Velasquez, Kyle  
SSgt Watts, Grant  
SSgt Williamson, Tonya  
SrA Burget, Justin  
SrA Constance, Ryan  
SrA Jones, Nicholas  
SrA Kober, Anthony  
SrA Mahoney, Devin  
SrA Morales, Jennifer  
SrA Morgan, Christopher  
SrA Thoumsavath, Souliya  
A1C Keodouangkham, Souraphon  
A1C Mahoney, Devin  
A1C Morgan, Christopher

## WELCOME

Please join us in welcoming the newest members of the 184th Intelligence Wing.

Capt Ballah, Jason  
Capt Constance, Zachary  
Capt Fries, Tristan  
Capt Larson, Liane  
1Lt Mettner, Robert  
2Lt Ferrell, Angela  
MSgt Ryan, Martha  
TSgt Daily, William  
TSgt Kurzdorfer, Michael  
SSgt Barron, Jason  
SSgt Bolden, Kevin  
SSgt Breuninger, Austin  
SSgt Gee, John  
SSgt Lucas, Heather  
SSgt Schmidt Morris, Christopher  
SSgt Vanfosson, Christopher  
SrA Delaney, Nicholas  
SrA Freimiller, Matthew  
SrA Moore, Jeremiah  
SrA Moth, Sameth  
SrA Shedd, Jennifer  
SrA Zuercher, Jeffrey  
A1C Barwick, Jennifer  
A1C Bryan, Chase  
A1C Chapman, Brandon  
A1C Jennings, Marianela  
A1C Mavia, Nathan  
A1C Ortega, John  
A1C Patterson, Amanda  
A1C Silva, Natalie  
A1C Taylor, Andrea  
A1C Turnage, Katie  
A1C Turnbull, Charles  
A1C Walker, Daniel  
A1C Weaver, Bradley Jr  
A1C Williams, Jameson

## AWARDS & DECS

### Meritorious Service Medal

Capt Balentine, Deborah  
Capt Vanderziel, Andrew

### AF Commendation Medal

LtCol Jabara, Joseph  
MSgt Leabo, Brian  
MSgt Milligan, Jeffrey  
MSgt Rueles, Efrain  
MSgt Vore, Michael  
MSgt Willenberg, Jack  
TSgt Fortner, Adam  
TSgt Kendall, Randall  
TSgt Steele, David

### AF Commendation Medal

TSgt Wait, Jack  
SSgt Clark, Michael  
SSgt Crees, Jeffrey  
SSgt Klaus, Curtis  
SSgt Metzger, Charles  
SSgt Olsen, Jody  
SSgt Smith, Billy  
SrA Lewis, James  
SrA Peine, Brett  
SrA Shouse, Brett  
SrA Simmons, John  
SrA Squires, Danny

### AF Achievement Medal

Maj Hopkins, Kevin  
Maj Sissel, Brock  
CMSgt Logue, Elmer  
MSgt Grimm, Paul  
MSgt Hauskins, Robert  
MSgt Herbig, Robert  
TSgt Rush, Mark  
SSgt Haukom, Karey  
SSgt Stanfield, Kimberly  
SrA Thibault, Nathan

## ***CMSgt Ken Emerson's Retirement Ceremony***

*Photos by MSgt Neil Fogg and MSgt John Vsetecka, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*



*SMSgt Roosevelt Matthews presents Chief Emerson an Eli Manning MVP plaque. Chief Emerson, a native New Yorker, has been a life long Giants fan. His retirement ceremony was on 7 Mar 09 in Hangar 50.*



*MSgt Tom Nestor sings the National Anthem while members of the 184 IW Honor Guard (SrA Mindy Tran, SSgt Aaron Santry, TSgt Tricia Deluna, SMSgt Jim Scheidel) present arms.*



*Command Sergeant Major Rodina and General Bunting present Chief Emerson a special retirement plaque engraved with the message "Splendid Behavior, Never Shirked a Task."*

## ***Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center Hosts Joint Training Exercise***

*By Sharon Watson, Director of Public of Affairs JFHQ*

Elements of the Kansas National Guard, U.S. Army, Washington Air National Guard, U.S. Air Force and U.S. Air Force Reserve took part in a Joint Terminal Attack Controller training exercise called "Pork Forward" at the Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center, in Smoky Hill Air National Guard Weapons Range and the Salina Airport in February.

Taking part in the training were Joint Forward Observers from the Kansas Army National Guard Pre and Post Mobilization Training Assister Element; 1st Battalion, 108th Aviation Regiment, Kansas Army National Guard; 284th

Air Support Operations Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard; forward observers from the U.S. Army 1st Division Field Artillery, Fort Riley; 10th Air Support Operations Squadron, U.S. Air Force; and Washington Air National Guard's 116th Air Support Operations Squadrons. The exercise tested participants in the requirements and procedures to provide close air support for military missions.

"The Great Plains Joint Regional Training Center was created to provide facilities for training events just like this," said Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, the adjutant general. "In real

world situations, all branches of military must be ready to work together, and in domestic response our Guardsmen, along with local, state and federal responders must work and train together. For this training, we have elements of the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force, Kansas Army National Guard, Kansas Air National Guard, Washington Air National Guard and our civilian partners at the Salina Airport all training together so they can operate just as they would in a real world event."

## ***Pork Forward***

*Photos by SSgt Justin Jacobs*



*TSgt Gary Ledbetter, from Smoky Hill Weapons Range (SHWR) poses as an enemy combatant during a training exercise called Pork Forward. The exercise was held at SHWR on 23-27 Feb 09.*



*Airman and soldiers leave a blackhawk helicopter to locate and rescue a captured comrade.*



*A simulated casualty is being carried to a blackhawk helicopter.*



*MSgt Matt Foote coordinates air and ground forces during the Pork Forward exercise. This exercise allowed the Air and Army to train as one team. "In 22 years, this is the most impressive training exercise I have ever seen. The face-to-face contact and the ability to mission plan, execute and debrief together is priceless and rarely ever happens," said Lt Col Jeffery Jordon, 284 ASOS Commander .*

# ***KSANG Returns Old Glory to Greensburg***

*By Major DeAnn Barr, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*



*Lt Col Mike Tokarz and Mr Gene West.*

*Photos by: Maj. Deann Barr*

Greensburg, Kansas—Nearly 18 months after recovering a flag from the rubble left in the wake of the May 2006 catastrophic tornado, members of the Kansas Air National Guard presented the restored Old Glory to town leaders in a Veteran’s Day Ceremony on Nov 11, 2008 at Greensburg High School.

Attended by the entire 200-person student body of Greensburg, Mr. Gene West, Chairman of the County Commissioners accepted the flag on behalf of the community.

“That is one thing we don’t have much of here any more, is part of our past,” said West. “We are very pleased to have

part of our history returned to us, to have it become part of our future. It’s really important to us.”

In the days surrounding the disaster, many members of the 184th Intelligence Wing from McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas worked in Greensburg providing relief efforts to the town of 1400 which was destroyed by a level four tornado.

A local man approached a 184th Guardsmen with a flag he had picked out of the rubble, and asked the Guard to tend to it.

SMSGt Bill Angstadt said they took the flag back to base, had it washed and mended, then folded into a display case. To him it seemed fitting to return the flag to the community during the Veteran’s Day ceremony.

“I hope returning the flag helps bring closure to the disaster for this town,”



*Students from Greensburg schools.*



*Courthouse in Greensburg, Kansas.*

said MSgt James Helms, an Honor Guard member who participated in the presentation ceremony.

“Hope can come out of bad things, and that flag, based on what it stands for, brings hope,” said Helms.

The flag will find a permanent home on the walls of the new Court House once reconstruction is complete said West.

“It’s awesome,” said Peter Blanton, a Greensburg Physical Education instructor. “It’s our community coming back together.”

## ***184 IW Dodgeball Tournament***

*By TSgt Naomi Hume, 184 OSS, Tournament Coordinator*

The dodgeball competition started as a 184th Intelligence Group function. It began during January UTA with the 184 OSS, 161 IS and the 184 ISS competing. During that initial 184th Intelligence Group competition, the 184 OSS prevailed. Due to overwhelming interest within the Wing, the first annual 184 Intelligence Wing Dodgeball Tournament (IWDT) was created and played out.

The following squadrons participated: COMM, CACS, MUNS, HQ, ISS, OSS, NOSS, and the IS. All teams played well and it was definitely a great time! It was awesome to see everyone come out and enjoy some esprit de corps within the Wing.

In the end it was the 161 IS who took home the trophy, however the NOSS gave them a good run for their money. Normally I would say to congratulate them if you see them, however, trust me when I say they have been well congratulated

by each other. For those of us who have shared a building with them, it is all we have heard about since Sunday. In fact, I was forced to write these kind words about them. I’m just kidding. The trophy was well earned and they did play out the entire tournament undefeated!

That was pretty impressive! I sincerely thank everyone who took part and those in the Wing who couldn’t because their people are either forward deployed or busy ensuring those who are here or deployed are taken care of. I hope we can continue



*The members of the winning team are: MSgt Charles Ballard, Lt Col Kreg Anderson (Team Captain), SMSGt Jim Scheidel, MSgt James Lovegrove, TSgt Curtis “The Pot Stirrer” Brown, Lt Col Brad Hilbert (Team DO/Recruiter), back row CMSgt Gary Wade (Team Chief), not pictured SMSGt Robert Sauer, MSgt Collin McGinnis, SSgt Ben Williams, SrA Cori Fortner (strongest arm on the team), and SrA Mickey Grogan. Photo by MSgt Neil Fogg.*

getting together to participate in activities that encourage fitness and friendly competition. We are thinking of putting together a volleyball tournament next!



### **Wing Easter Event**

Saturday April 11th from 1300-1700. Located at the First Presbyterian Family Camp, 9601 West 73rd St. North in Valley Center. Open to anyone in the Wing, bring your family! Amenities include a large disc golf course, nature trails, labyrinth, outdoor worship center, Easter egg hunt, and pictures with the Easter Bunny in an outdoor atmosphere for everyone to enjoy! For additional information please contact Marie DeLong at 617-8043.

### **Jayhawk Advisory Group 2009 Scholarships**

One \$500 and two \$250 scholarships will be awarded to dependents. Applications will be taken 7 March-2 May. You can pick up a copy of the packet from Family Readiness, bldg. 65, room 115.

### **2009 Joint State Conference**

Family Program, EANGKS, NGAKS, ESGR combined conference will be held April 17-19 at the Ramada Inn, Topeka, KS. Activities include Skeet Shoot Tournament, Golf Tournament, Band Concert, for Professional Development General McKinley and Dr. Vance Hardisty are guest speaking, the TAG will be speaking, volunteer awards will be given out, and the youth program will have fun activities for the kids.

Volunteers can register by 31 March with Hilari DeLaRosa (316) 759-7092, or Hilari.delarosa.civ@ang.af.mil.

### **2009 Youth Summer Camps**

Applications will be taken soon. Teen Camp is for ages 13-17. It will be held June 1-5 at Rock Springs 4-H camp near Junction City, KS. Kids Camp is for ages 9-12. The location and dates will be determined. For additional information please contact: Dezaree Harding, dezaree.harding@us.army.mil or 785-806-1750.

### **184th FRG Informational Meetings**

Upcoming meetings are April 2nd, April 30th and May 30th. All meetings are held in the Roost. Open to any unit member, spouse, parent, friend, or family member who is interested in learning about what the Family Readiness Group (FRG) does, getting information about what's happening in the Wing and deployment support. If you have any questions please call Marie DeLong at 617-8043. If you wish to volunteer, or get on the newsletter list; please contact Hilari DeLaRosa at 316-759-7092, or Hilari.delarosa.civ@ang.af.mil.

## HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICE UPDATE

CMSgt Danny Walker, Human Relations



### **Recognition**

How many of you have recognized someone by writing an award or decoration in the past year? How many of you know what AFI or ANGI covers Awards and Decorations? I think that we all would agree that it is extremely important that we recognize others for their achievements within the Air National Guard and the United States Air Force. My goal with this article is to provide some insight on the importance of recognition, what Air Force Instruction and Air National Guard Instruction cover awards and decorations, and how each and every one of us can add value to

recognizing others.

Why is this important? Sometimes we are so focused on our mission and the huge changes we're experiencing that we sometimes forget or take for granted the personal and professional sacrifices and hard work our people make every day for this unit, our community, state, and our great nation. Lack of recognition seems to be one of the top 10 reasons someone may leave the military or an organization.

Recognizing outstanding contributions by our people is very important and something we should not take for granted. The military as well as civilian employers have understood for many years that recognizing top performers and top performing groups builds pride in what we do and why we focus on our mission. We should all work towards understanding why recognition stimulates professional pride and how it can reinforce our organization's culture and build upon retaining our greatest resources, our people.

What instruction governs awards and decorations? AFI 36-2803 and ANGI 36-2803 provide guidance on how and when to recognize an individual for a U.S. decoration. Per AFI 36-2803, "All military personnel on active duty are eligible for consideration for a

US military decoration. Members of Reserve components, while participating in authorized periods of training or while in inactive status, are eligible for consideration of a military decoration." You can find this guidance online going through our Web Portal.

Finally, every one of us can add value by taking the time to recognize our people through awards or decorations, letters of appreciation, submit them to go before the quarterly boards, or simply just saying thank you for a job well done. There are many opportunities to recognize someone and still have the time to meet the mission. We have people disbursed around the globe, across America, our community, home station, and state and all are doing great things to protect our freedoms and liberty. Our people don't do what they do because they expect, need, or want the recognition. They do it because they are proud Americans who love their country and are willing to defend our freedoms. Consider recognizing them for a job well done!

The big picture here is about RETENTION and letting everyone know they are included and engaged in building high performing teams!

# Your New Command Chief

By MSgt Neil Fogg, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

Chief Clark is the first female Command Chief (CCM) for the 184 IW, even though she has never viewed the Command Chief position as being gender specific. She worked for the first KS Guard female CMSgt, Sheree Gardner and one of the first female Crew Chiefs, Sherri Vermillion. In her own words “They’re the real pioneers for women in the KS GUARD.”

She does not feel any additional pressure being the first female CCM. “There’s no additional pressure because of what or who I am. The responsibility of the Command Chief position outweighs any personal accomplishment. It’s not about me, it’s about the people I represent.”

Chief Clark’s father and sister were also in the Guard, and they inspired her to join the KANG. She joined the Guard to gain training so she could get a job downtown. However, she returned from tech school

she never left the Guard.

When asked: “How does mentoring young Airmen help the Wing?” She responded: “Everyone needs mentoring! The key to successful mentoring is opening yourself to different perspectives.”

Her advice to young Airmen is “Always find ways to improve or challenge yourself. Volunteering for additional duties gives you experience and opportunity.”

One of her most memorable experience in the KANG was the Greensburg relief effort. “The devastation was overwhelming to me personally but I’ve never been more proud to be a Guardsman.”

Her proudest achievement in the KANG is “I used to hold our PERSCO Operational Readiness Inspection “Best Seen to Date” at the top of my

list. However, recently I’ve had the opportunity to see several of my troops promoted to MSgt, SMSgt and CMSgt. That became my proudest moment.”



With a handshake from Col Foster, 184th Intelligence Wing Commander, Chief Clark became the first female Command Chief for the 184th. Photo by MSgt John Vsetecka.

## Sexual Assault Awareness Month

By Capt Deborah Balentine, Wing Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month throughout the Department of Defense (DoD). This year the focus is on how it is the duty of every military member to prevent sexual assault. Here in our Wing we are going to support that theme by encouraging “Prevention through Education”. These two ideas work well together because we all that when we increase our education we increase our ability to do our duty better – to include defending ourselves and our counterparts from sexual assault.

You may wonder why the DoD is trying to get our help. Isn’t this why we

have cops and investigators – to stop sexual assault? Unfortunately, most sexual assaults occur between people that know each other – friends, acquaintances, co-workers. Very few sexual assaults are committed by “strangers” in dark alleys. Interaction between people that might eventually lead to a sexual assault often begins in social settings – parties, gatherings, clubs, etc.

It is in those social settings that you might have the opportunity to say or do something that keeps events from escalating. Social psychology research has shown, though, that it’s hard for people to take the initiative and act on their own when they believe the group or the social expectations are to “stay out of it.” Focusing on your intervention as a duty to your brothers and sisters in arms may help you break free from those social expectations and instead be a defender of your military “family”.

Take your first steps towards “Prevention through Education” by visiting [www.MyDuty.mil](http://www.MyDuty.mil). Remember, you can make a difference in someone’s life by preventing them from becoming a victim or a perpetrator of sexual assault.

## 184th-PREP Marriage Enrichment Weekends

An enriching get-away weekend to strengthen your marriage and enjoy some quality time together.

**April 17-19** *Intercontinental Hotel on the Plaza in Kansas City*

**June 12-14** *Intercontinental Hotel on the Plaza in Kansas City*

**August 28-30** *Wichita (Location TBD)*

All PREP weekends are completely free (childcare must be pre-approved).

Space is limited to the first 20 couples to sign up for each event.

To reserve your spot contact the Chaplains Office 759-7030 or contact P.O.C. SrA Matthieu Statler. [Matthieu.Statler@ang.af.mil](mailto:Matthieu.Statler@ang.af.mil)





# Safety Day 2009

Date: June 6, 2009

Events begin at 1100



Events Include:

13th Annual Chili Cook Off - \$2 per taste kit  
Fire Engine Rides, Smoke House, Inflatables  
and more!



### **Attention Retirees:**

*All former members of the 184th are invited to the Quarterly Breakfasts, the 2nd Saturday of Jun; Sep & Dec; 0800 hours, at the HOMETOWN BUFFET, 6820 W Central, Wichita, KS. For more info, call Laverne Moss, MSgt (Ret) at 316-524-0767*

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