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*Welcome Home 134 ACS*

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Cover photo: TSgt Justin Moody gets hugs and kisses from his daughter and wife at the re-deployment ceremony welcoming the 134 ACS home from their deployment to Iraq. Photo By: SSgt Justin Jacobs

## Wichita Wingnuts Military Mondays



184th Intelligence Wing Commander Col Mike Foster throws out the first pitch at the inaugural Wichita Wingnuts Monday Military game.

### Mark Your Calendars...

Wichita Wingnuts Military Mondays Baseball Military ID holders get in FREE, family and friends with Military members get discounted tickets for \$3-\$6 to the game. Game dates are July 6th -- July 13th -- July 27th -- Aug 24th. Games start at 7:05, gates open at 6:05

## UTA REMINDER

August UTA: 31 July-3 August  
September UTA: 12 Sep - 13 Sep  
October UTA: 3 Oct - 4 Oct  
  
Deadline for the October edition of the Jayhawk Flyer is 8 Sep 09.

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## BIRD'S EYE VIEW

Hey Jay,

*"I heard that the Jayhawk Flyer print copy is going away this year. Where can I view 184 IW news and information next year?"*

Check out the new 184 IW public Website: <http://www.184IW.af.mil/>. It has all the current info on the Wing, and it will be home to the J-Flyer in the new year.



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



Be the Best.....

Jayhawks – during a recent retirement ceremony for a fellow Jayhawk he remarked that his Outstanding Unit Award ribbon with several devices has given him by far the greatest satisfaction and pride over his twenty plus year career with the 184th. He

mentioned that other awards he had received were for individual actions or performances, and although meaningful, none of them had the impact of the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award. Simply stated the award represented a total team effort recognizing our Wing's accomplishments over the past couple of years. I couldn't agree more. The following are a few congratulatory excerpts beginning with my own:

"This award is a testament to your collective perseverance, adaptability and innate ability to overcome adversity. It represents a tremendous amount of hard work and personal sacrifice for many of you as we've migrated into our new mission areas. Simply stated – you are an amazing team, and I can think of no other organization more deserving of such an honor. You have my utmost respect and admiration."

"This award recognizes the tenacity and

mettle of the personnel of the 184th. You continue to represent the superb legacy of the Fighting Jayhawks. I couldn't be prouder. Congratulations!" -- Maj Gen Tod M Bunting, Adjutant General of Kansas

"The dedication and commitment of the members of the organization enables the Air National Guard to fulfill its commitment to the missions of peacekeeping, humanitarian relief, domestic improvement, and most important of all – defense of America. Congratulations again to the best of the best." -- Lt Gen Harry M Wyatt III, Director of the Air National Guard

Best of the best.....has a nice ring to it. We can all take pride in OUR accomplishment.

Many Missions.....One Team.  
Mike

## COMMAND CHIEF'S PERSPECTIVE

CMSgt Sharon Clark, Command Chief, 184 IW



As a daughter of an educator, I firmly believe education is the most effective tool in the workplace. As military leaders, it's our job to train and educate our troops; the focus of that education should be mentorship. Several comments in the recent climate survey were centered on equality in mentoring, meaning; everyone should be receiving the same level of mentorship. I say "absolutely!" Providing daily or monthly feedback to subordinates is a must. However, we need to keep in mind that when a supervisor mentors several people at once, the mentorship is not going to be the same because each person has

different levels of capabilities. Don't compare your career feedback to others, and if you're not getting any feedback, then take steps to correct it.

Paraphrasing the Enlisted Force structure, AFI 36-2618, it is essential for airmen to begin developing supervisory and leadership skills through progressive responsibility on the job, and by mentoring from their supervisors. Responsibility on the job, or in short, volunteerism, is the fastest form of mentorship. When I spoke to the First Five Council several months ago, we talked about career progression and volunteering for additional responsibility. I used my example of volunteering when I was a TSgt in the Aircraft Maintenance Group. My decision to take on an additional duty created my path to the NCOIC of Full Time Manpower and later the MPF Superintendent position. Find your own path to mentorship through involvement and volunteerism.

Besides volunteering for additional responsibilities, supervisor mentoring should happen through performance feedback sessions, daily job discussions, and group meetings. NCO's and SNCO's should guide and instruct subordinates to ensure they are prepared to accept increased levels of responsibility. However, even this type

of mentorship is something the individual needs to aggressively pursue. I suggest you request an appointment with your supervisor, Chief, and Commander to discuss your career progression. Be ready to take constructive criticism, if needed, and move forward on their suggestions. The most frustrating element of supervision is having open and honest mentorship fall on deaf ears.

The quickest way to stall out career progression is to follow the "grass is always greener on the other side" theory. When you start to focus on the timeliness of other people's careers you take the focus away from your own. Another downfall to this theory is the development of negative attitude. Negativity in the workplace is a cancer. I've seen people advance in their job skills and technical knowledge but never advance as a leader because of their negative attitude. It's not about what everyone else is getting; it's how you're progressing in your career.

The choices and decisions you make in your career can help your advancement in the military. Career advancement is not something you sit back and wait to happen; you need to take personal responsibility for your career and its progression. You need to be ready to take on that next challenge!

## QUARTERLY AWARD WINNERS

### AIRMAN



**Senior Airman Justin Burget** is currently assigned as an information technology specialist within the 177th Information Aggressor Squadron. During his time in the 177th, he has been an outstanding network team member by providing adversary emulation and defense training to Combat Air Forces. He is a motivated and dependable team player and his contributions are innovative, thoughtful, and demonstrative of a strong work ethic.

SrA Burget is currently the President of First Five. During his time as president, he has demonstrated effective leadership and outstanding future potential within the wing. SrA Burget has a reputation for exceptional skill in coordinating First Five activities with senior wing leadership. He spearheaded the planning and execution of the First Five Sabbatical.

Volunteerism and community involvement is another important part of SrA Burget's career and life. He has volunteered for the 184th Intelligence Wing recruiting program that is currently in Salina. SrA Burget organized fundraisers for Big Brothers Big Sisters Bowl for Kids Sake resulting in a total of over \$1,200 donated to Big Brothers Big Sisters to help offset the cost of matching children with positive role models.

Devoted to academic success, SrA Burget has attained Dean's Honor Role while attending Cowley County Community College. Continually striving to improve his knowledge as a future leader, he is also a graduate of the Diversity Champions Leadership Course.

### NCO



**Technical Sergeant Topanga Stanton** is currently assigned to the Individual Equipment/Mobility Element of the 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron. Her duties include the storage, issue and stocking of individual equipment, uniform items and mobility bag management.

She spearheaded the deployment process of 154 personnel in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. She professionally managed the expenditure of over 140 thousand dollars worth of Military Personnel funding for individual equipment assets. She singlehandedly developed a mobility asset tracking system to ensure all deployment requirements were met in a timely manner as well as providing an instant snapshot of accountable items to Wing and Squadron Commanders. TSgt Stanton judiciously manages the records of over 5,400 accountable items and over 10,000 mobility assets while maintaining an inventory accuracy rate of 99.9 percent, far exceeding the Air Force goal of 90 percent.

TSgt Stanton is currently taking steps toward an Associates Degree from the Community College of the Air Force and is in pursuit of a Bachelor Degree in Business Management at Newman University. Furthermore, she is an active volunteer, participating in wing, squadron and community functions. TSgt Stanton is an individual who is always on the move and busy assisting others. TSgt Stanton illustrates what all "Airmen" should strive towards, excellence.

### SrNCO



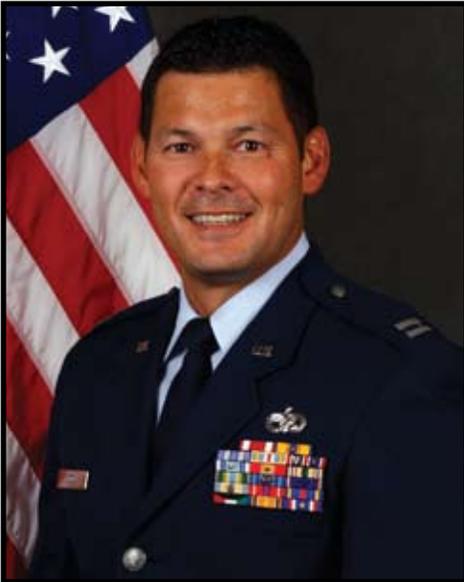
**Master Sergeant Christopher Platzer** is currently assigned to the 127th Command and Control Squadron as the NCOIC of Satellite Wideband and Telemetry Flight. His primary duties are to install, maintain, and train personnel on satellite communication equipment.

Additionally, MSgt Platzer serves as the unit's Training Manager, Equipment Custodian, and as the Technical Order Distribution Account (TODA). MSgt Platzer has worked diligently to develop a training plan to integrate all disciplines required to perform the 127 CACS mission. This allows all personnel to get exposure to each mission area ensuring a better understanding of their part to the mission and to develop the ability to help in other areas to guarantee mission success. As Equipment Custodian for a new mission area, he has been responsible for ensuring that all equipment is ordered, received, and redistributed properly to keep up with a demanding installation schedule.

MSgt Platzer has received his Associates degree of Electronic Systems Technology through the Community College of the Air Force and a Bachelors of Business Management through Wichita State University. MSgt Platzer volunteers for the American Red Cross and is also an active member in his church by leading Sunday school and other activities.

## HATS OFF

### Kansas CGO of the Year



**Captain Rich Moon** (184 LRS) was selected as the 2008 KSNG Company Grade Officer of the Year.

### ON THE MONEY by Lt Col James Winningham, 184 IW Comptroller

If you've been fortunate enough to attend a financial management board or staff meeting, you've probably heard someone from FM comment, "Don't forget, this program gets audited". Well, FM received an audit and we need to improve a few processes. Auditors looked at our travel section and had a few helpful hints for us. I would like to relay those hints as FM changed a few of our processes to satisfy the auditors and hopefully improve our travel voucher processing.

First of all, the voucher information must be legible and we need a good daytime phone number on the voucher. Next, we need to ensure we have

all the information required on the voucher. Frequently missed items include: Split disbursement amount, making sure you recorded any leave taken while TDY, operator or passenger of POV, mandatory receipts for lodging/rental cars/any expense over \$75. We also need copies of the orders and any and all amendments.

The list above is not all the required data, but is the most frequently missed items. FM will be using a new checklist to ensure we have all the information needed to process your voucher. This may slow us down at the customer service desk in the short term, but the end result will be a more accurate and faster process.

## AWARDS & DECS

### Meritorious Service

Col Roebuck, Randy  
Lt Col Barnes, Jason  
Lt Col Garnsey, Jeannine  
Lt Col Hamilton, Rohn  
Lt Col Mills, Christopher  
Capt Vanderziel, Andrew  
CMSgt Emerson, Kenneth  
SMSgt Emerson, Jeanie  
SMSgt Daley, Keith  
SMSgt Price, Lisa  
MSgt Bradford, William  
MSgt Claxton, Elaine  
MSgt Farris, Dennis  
MSgt Juhl, Steven  
MSgt Kulick, Edward  
MSgt Smith, Eric

MSgt Whited, Maria  
TSgt Halderson, Emily  
TSgt Hines, Christopher  
**AF Commendation Medal**

Maj Hopkins, Kevin  
Maj Sissel, Brock  
Capt Moon, Richard  
CMSgt Logue, Elmer  
MSgt Bradford, William  
MSgt Grimm, Paul  
MSgt Hauskins, Robert  
MSgt Herbig, Robert  
MSgt King, Homer  
MSgt Platzer, Christopher  
MSgt Rabb, Jeremy  
TSgt Alva, Samuel  
TSgt Brennecke, Kirk

TSgt Constance, Zachary  
TSgt Ortiz, Carlos  
TSgt Rush, Mark  
SSgt Hunter, Kaci  
SSgt Haukom, Karey  
SSgt Medley, Barrett  
SSgt Nguyen, Francis  
SSgt Stanfield, Kimberly  
SrA Thibault, Nathan

### AF Achievement Medal

Col Jabara, Joseph  
Maj Sojka, Jesse  
Capt Schmitt, Jeffrey  
MSgt Leabo, Brian  
MSgt Milligan, Jeffrey  
MSgt Rueles, Efrain  
MSgt Vore, Michael

MSgt Salazaraguire, Edgar  
MSgt Swift, Jerry  
TSgt Willenberg, Jack  
TSgt Fortner, Adam  
TSgt Green, Timothy  
TSgt Kendall, Randall  
TSgt Ortiz, Carlos  
TSgt Steele, David  
TSgt Wait, Jack  
SSgt Weathers, Leland  
SSgt Bosquez, Lindsay  
SSgt Clark, Michael  
SSgt Clarke, Shane  
SSgt Crees, Jeffrey  
SSgt Klaus, Curtis  
SSgt Metzger, Charles

SSgt Nguyen, Francis  
SSgt Olsen, Jody  
SSgt Smith, Billy  
SrA Williamson, Tonya  
SrA Brown, Joshua  
SrA Lewis, James  
SrA McBride, Travis  
SrA Peine, Brett  
SrA Shouse, Brett  
SrA Simmons, John  
SrA Squires, Danny

## WELCOME

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

Capt Culver, Simone  
Capt Mccosh, James  
2Lt Jamerson, Andrew  
MSgt Mick, William  
TSgt Gudde, Dawn  
TSgt Hopson, Curtis  
SSgt Comicho, Ezrael  
SSgt Fuller, Jesse  
SSgt Maynor, Kevin  
SSgt Reitmayer, Chad  
SSgt Smith, Casey  
SSgt Traynor, Timothy

SSgt Washington, Zachary  
SrA Woolcock, Marlon  
SrA Zehr, Billy  
A1C Burns, James  
A1C Carrillo, Trenton  
A1C Conkling, Aubrey  
A1C Casper, Vincent  
A1C Farris, Aaron  
A1C Gillis, Lindsey  
A1C Hock, Wade  
A1C Jundt, Andrew  
A1C Lara, Nathan

A1C Montgomery, Joshua  
A1C Moore, John  
A1C Morgan, Tara  
A1C Morton, Ryan  
A1C Muncrief, Binny  
A1C Sennett, Alyssa  
A1C Sennett, Derek  
A1C Smith, Jermaul  
A1C Wade, Amanda  
A1C Wilkinson, Willie  
A1C Young, Anthony  
AB Carrillo, Zachary

## PME GRADS

SrA Caswell, Kristen ALS  
SrA Clark, Steven ALS  
SrA Shouse, Brian ALS  
SrA Wood, Rhiannon ALS  
TSgt Aiello, Stephen NCOA  
TSgt Kendall, Randall NCOA  
TSgt Riley, Karen NCOA  
MSgt Longacre, Kelly SrNCOA  
MSgt Reneau, Troy SrNCOA  
MSgt Shields, Michael SrNCOA

# Topeka Museum

Article and Photos by CMSgt Terry Clain, 184th Medical Group



Our Wing's display at the Museum of the Kansas National Guard was recently renovated by CMSgt Terry Clain and SRA Brett Harvey of the Medical Group. The display (located on Forbes Field, Topeka, KS) formerly portrayed the 184th's role in the Korean War. The new items added last March update our achievements to our current missions. The large center-piece mural salutes all those from the 184th who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, Greensburg, and Katrina. The display now actually lists all the names of those who served with pride in these honorable accomplishments. Other items added include updated pictures, pieces of uniform, patches, and an updated description of what our role is as an Intelligence Wing. These new additions mixed with what was originally on display offer a unique and interesting description of how the 184th has evolved and adapted since its conception.

# ROOSTSTOCK

Photos By: Maj Jesse Sojka and Capt Deborah Balentine



Col Michael Foster tries out a new look for the 184th Intelligence Wing's RoostStock.



TSgt Jerry Gardenier and SSgt Aaron Rausch pose with their "Shake N Bake" T-shirts behind the Roost.



Maj. Jesse Sojka Presents the band "30 Days Free" with a Wing Picture in appreciation for playing at RoostStock.



Lt Col Rich Yule and Capt Alyson Stockton enjoy a game of "Guitar Hero" as other members of the 184 IW look on.

# Kaw River Clean Up

Article and Photos by SSgt Justin Jacobs, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs

On Saturday March 21, 2009 members of the 184th Intelligence Wing performed a clean-up of the Kaw Wildlife Area (Kaw WA) near Arkansas City, Kansas. TSgt. Mark Wall had the idea to clean up the area when he realized that flooding in late September 2007 had cluttered the area with debris.

Assigned to the 184th Phoenix Ravens, TSgt Wall is one of their Team Leaders at McConnell AFB, Kansas. He has been in the military for 20 years to include the active duty Air Force, the Kentucky Air Guard, the Tennessee Air Guard and the Kansas Air Guard. He has been a member of the 184th since October 2004.



SSgt Jeff Nicholson and Kurt Grimm (KDWP Officer) carry an old rusty clothes washer.

TSgt Wall is an avid hunter and the Kaw WA is one of the places that he enjoys hunting. While he was hunting and walking along the river he noticed that the area was cluttered with debris. With the limited access of the area and only occasional visits from artifact hunters and fishermen, he realized that the chances of the area being cleaned up were non-existent. TSgt Wall figured that it would take at least 10 volunteers to help with the clean-up. The land

manager of the area donated a flatbed truck and a front-end loader to help with the clean-up. TSgt Wall bought trash bags with money out of his own pocket to dispose of the trash and other small debris in the area.

The trash clean-up produced over 15 bags of trash and also an old refrigerator and four washing machines. With the help of seven unit members, MSgt Melanie Graber (plus her daughter and a friend), TSgt Shawn Knowlton, TSgt Diane McNany, SSgt Terry Adkins, SSgt Jeff Nicholson, and SrA Roger Seward; the Kaw WA clean-up was a huge success.



TSgt Diane McNany and TSgt Mark Wall load debris on to a truck.



TSgt Mark Wall and SSgt Terry Adkins help load an abandoned refrigerator on to a truck.

# 134 ACS Returns from Iraq

Photos by: MSgt Neil Fogg and SSgt Justin Jacobs



American Legion Riders presented AIC Michael Fear with a special welcome home flag upon his unit's re-deployment from Iraq. AIC Fear was the most junior enlisted member to have deployed.



TSgt Kristina Kapaun is the first to be greeted by the Kansas Adjutant General, Maj Gen Tod Bunting, at McConnell AFB after serving on deployment at Joint Base Balad, Iraq.



134th Air Control Squadron members form up by the Jayhawk Roost to be welcomed home by the Adjutant General of Kansas, Maj Gen Tod Bunting, family members, friends and Kansas American Legion Riders.

## ***Col Randy Roebuck's Retirement Ceremony***

*Photos by SSgt Justin Jacobs, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*



*Maj Gen Tod Bunting presents Col Randy Roebuck with the Kansas Medal of Excellence.*



*Col Ross Flynn hands Col Randy Roebuck his Retirement Certificate.*



*Col Randy Roebuck gives his wife the spouse appreciation certificate and minute man pin.*

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## ***Col Joe Jabara Promotion Ceremony***

*Photos by MSgt Neil Fogg and SSgt Justin Jacobs, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*



*Col Joe Jabara looks on as his wife and daughter pin his new "Colonel" rank on.*



*Col Joe Jabara gives a thank you speech to the crowd.*



*Col Michael Foster gives Col Joe Jabara the oath.*

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## ***Col Joe Jabara & Col Hans Neidhardt Promotion Party***

*Photos by MSgt Neil Fogg and SSgt Justin Jacobs, 184th Intelligence Wing Public Affairs*



*Both past and present Jayhawks came to the Jayhawk Roost on May 7 to celebrate Col Joe Jabara and Col Hans Neidhardt's promotion to "Colonel."*

# Driving Safety Home

By: SMSgt Keith Decker, 184th Intelligence Wing, Wing Safety

Photos By: MSgt Neil Fogg, SSgt Justin Jacobs, and SSgt Tim Traynor

The 101 Critical Days of Summer are in full swing and with that comes our Wing's Annual Safety Day festivities aimed at promoting safety and reducing mishaps during the summer season.

On Saturday, June 6 the weather was great, the location was perfect, and the price was right. After work centers had a chance to reflect on safety issues during the morning hours, people lathered up with sunscreen and headed to the Jayhawk Roost.

Safety Day activities got underway starting with the 13th Annual Chili Cook-off. We've always enjoyed teams who dress up as characters, but this year's participation was exceptional. Most notable was the Communications Flight's Wicked Chili of Oz costumes that earned them the Showmanship Award and \$100.



One of the traditional events for Safety Day is the Chili Cook Off. Awards and prizes are given for Best Tasting Chili and Best Showmanship. Col Foster presented the 184th Communications Flight's team a \$100 check for winning Best Showmanship with their Wicked Chili of Oz costumes.

first-class dining facility for refreshing fun foods and a quick game on the Wii.

Activities at the Roost culminated with a mandatory assembly to observe a somber reenactment of a DUI crash scene known as "Cheat the Reaper". As the scene began to sink in, Mr. John Cowel, brother in-law of MSG First Sergeant Joel Unger, bravely shared his testimony of having been the victim of a drunk driver. During the reenactment the First Sergeants handed out "Think Before You Drink" key fobs in an effort to prevent such a tragedy from happening to any of our members. We encourage you to obtain a copy of the "Cheat the Reaper" DVD from the Wing Safety Office and share it in your work centers and communities. Have a great and safe summer.



Unit members met in Bldg 37 behind the Roost to taste and sample the chili that various squadrons and flights made for the cook-off.



AIC Joshua Burget plays the role of a drunk driver in the "Cheat the Reaper" DUI reenactment put on by the 184th Intelligence Wing's Safety Office.

As for the chili, in the "Judges Pick" category 3rd place and \$68 went to the 184 OSS for their Rancho Notorious chili. Second place and \$100 went to the 184 FSS for their Celebrity chili. And this year's 1st place award and \$120 went to the 184 LRS for their tasty chili offering.

In their first year entering the chili cook-off, the 127 CACS went all out displaying a life-size racecar and their rendition of NASCAR style chili. Their hard work earned them the People's Choice award, and they graciously accepted their winnings of \$120 and the traveling "Chili Pot" trophy.

Traffic safety was the focus for safety day this year featuring interactive learning stations directed towards Roadside Emergency, Know the No Zone, motorcycle safety equipment, and the seatbelt convincer. While meandering through the classic car show, the smokehouse, fire engine rides and the inflatable, you could make a pit stop inside the cool confines of our Wing's



Members of the 184th Intelligence Wing and their families watched the "Cheat the Reaper" drunk-driving reenactment held on June 6 for the Wing's annual Safety Day. Volunteer actors from around the Wing were made-up to look injured, and the Sedgwick County EMS, Wichita Fire Department and Cochran Mortuary respond to the scene as if it were real.

**There is only one print copy of the Jayhawk Flyer left. The October 2009 edition will be the last mailed copy of the Flyer. After that all the information that was in the Jayhawk Flyer will be available on the new 184 IW public website:**

<http://www.184IW.af.mil/>



The next 184 FRG Informational Meeting will be held Thursday July 16 at the Roost. The meeting begins at 6pm, 5:30 potluck. Childcare will be provided during the meeting. The FRG meetings occur each month on the Thursday before UTA. Please

contact Marie DeLong for more info at 617-8043.

We are looking for Key Volunteers for each Squadron. This is a wonderful opportunity to get involved with your squadron, learn about programs available to guard families, and be a conduit of information to families. Please email Hilari DeLaRosa to find out more about this volunteer opportunity at [Hilari.delarosa.civ@ang.af.mil](mailto:Hilari.delarosa.civ@ang.af.mil)

The Kansas National Guard Back to School event is for kids aged 6-18 and their parents to attend a weekend full of great speakers! Topics include: Dangerous Teen Trends, Bus Safety, Self-Esteem, Bullying, and Resiliency

in Children. This exciting event will be held this August, exact date TBD, here in Wichita at a local hotel. If interested please check online at [www.guardfamily.org](http://www.guardfamily.org) or contact Dezaree Harding at 1-785-806-1750.

The Dave Ramsey Fall 2009 introductory class will be on Tuesday August 25 at 7pm, in bldg. 65 the SFS classroom A. This is a 13 week course on Financial Management, Super Savings, the Debt Snowball, Retirement, and College Savings. The actual classes will begin the first week of September. To sign-up contact: Hilari DeLaRosa at 759-7092.

## HUMAN RELATIONS OFFICE UPDATE

by CMSgt Danny Walker, Human Relations



On May 1-3, approximately 15 volunteers from the 184 IW supported the National Latino Peace Officers Association of Sedgwick count with the Cinco de Mayo celebration in downtown Wichita. This was a great way to show our community more about the 184th Intelligence Wing and to give our volunteers a chance to understand more about our community.

This event went extremely well and the 184 IW was very well received and thanked many times for allowing the use of our recruiting trailer as a command post for the National Latino Peace Officers Association (NLPOA). We were also provided booth space to provide information about our Wing, to include brochures in Spanish, and to talk with anyone who was interested in what the 184 IW and Air National Guard had to offer. Our recruiters and volunteers were treated with great respect and the

NLPOA made everyone feel right at home with their hospitality.

Our volunteers were also very energetic and in addition to manning the recruiting booth they helped with crowd control, moving chairs, setting up tent canopies, and answering general questions. Many of our volunteers also spoke fluent Spanish and were able to effectively translate our unit mission to those who came by our booth.

The chance to experience the Hispanic culture such as traditional dancing, live music, arts and crafts, boxing and authentic food was absolutely fantastic. It was also great to see many unit members attend the event with their families and to experience the Hispanic culture and the excitement of Cinco de Mayo.

Det. Edwin Melon, President of The National Latino Peace Officers Association, said, "they were especially grateful to the men and women of 184th

Intelligence Wing for their help and support with the 5th annual NLPOA Cinco de Mayo Fiesta in Old Town. This event helps bridge the gaps between the Hispanic community, law enforcement and the citizens of Wichita. NLPOA understands the importance of developing partnerships with community groups, organizations and their members. These partnerships form an effective team to get any job or mission done. We thank you and your personnel for helping Wichita NLPOA have a successful event this year."

I would like to thank the following individuals for volunteering to help out this year: Cory Arellano, Dan Ayres, Michael Balevre, Jose Cabral, Tricia Deluna, Darla Griffin, Lily Habtemariam, Diana Olivar, Carlos Ortiz, Pam Russell, Martha Ryan, Edgar Salazar Aguirre, Karina Vazquez, Michael Venerdi, and Stephen Vogt.



*MSgt Edgar Salazar-Aguirre talks to a potential new recruit about joining the 184th Intelligence Wing. Members of the 184th were downtown recruiting at the Cinco De Mayo event in Wichita, Kansas.*

# Wichita River Festival

Photo by: MSgt Neil Fogg and SSgt Justin Jacobs



The "Fighting Jayhawks" of the 184th Intelligence Wing and their families were out in force at the annual Riverfest Parade in May that covered almost two miles of downtown Wichita's city streets.



(l-r) TSgt Stephen Vogt, MSgt Randi Hill, MSgt Jack Webber and TSgt Adam Fortner work together to try and win the "Plunge" water obstacle course competition at this year's Riverfest Event in Wichita.



Over twenty 184th Intelligence Wing members woke up early Saturday, May 9 to go run in the annual Wichita River Run. The run serves as the kick-off to the annual week-long Wichita Riverfest.

## JAYHAWK SPOTLIGHT

Article and photo by TSgt Celeste Lindquist

Name: TSgt Adam Fortner

Hometown: Derby, KS

Organization: 184 CF

Job Title: Network Administrator  
3C0X1



Main Responsibilities: Performs daily network management, control, and administration of information flow in Help Desk, Information Protection Operations, and Network Administration.

Reason for joining the military: "I was bored after high school and wanted to do something more with my life."

Military History: 1997-2004 Marine Reserve 2004-Present 184 IW

Most memorable military moment: "Having a howitzer fall on me, crushing my ankles."

Hobbies: CF Dodgeball Team and Volleyball

Family: Married 6 1/2 years  
two children – Jacob (4) and Leah (1)

Best part about being married to another guardsman: Having your spouse fully understand what is required of you when you are in the military

Name: SrA Cori Fortner

Hometown: Derby, KS

Organization: 161 IS

Job Title: Imagery Analyst  
1N1X1



Main Responsibilities: Performs intelligence activities and functions including exploitation, development, and dissemination of multi-sensor imagery products.

Reason for joining the military: "I wanted to join after high school, but my parents didn't want me to. When I married Adam, he encouraged me to go for it."

Military History: 2006-Present 161 IS

Most memorable military moment: "I went to boot camp when I was thirty, and was older than the training instructors."

Hobbies: Softball





*Gates Open at 0830*

## Smoky Hill Weapons Range Open House



*Events Begin at 1000*



**Saturday 1 August 2009**

*For more information call  
(785) 827-9611/9612 ext 125 or 148  
[www.184IW.ang.af.mil](http://www.184IW.ang.af.mil)  
"Smoky" Link*



### **184TH INTELLIGENCE WING GOALS**

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