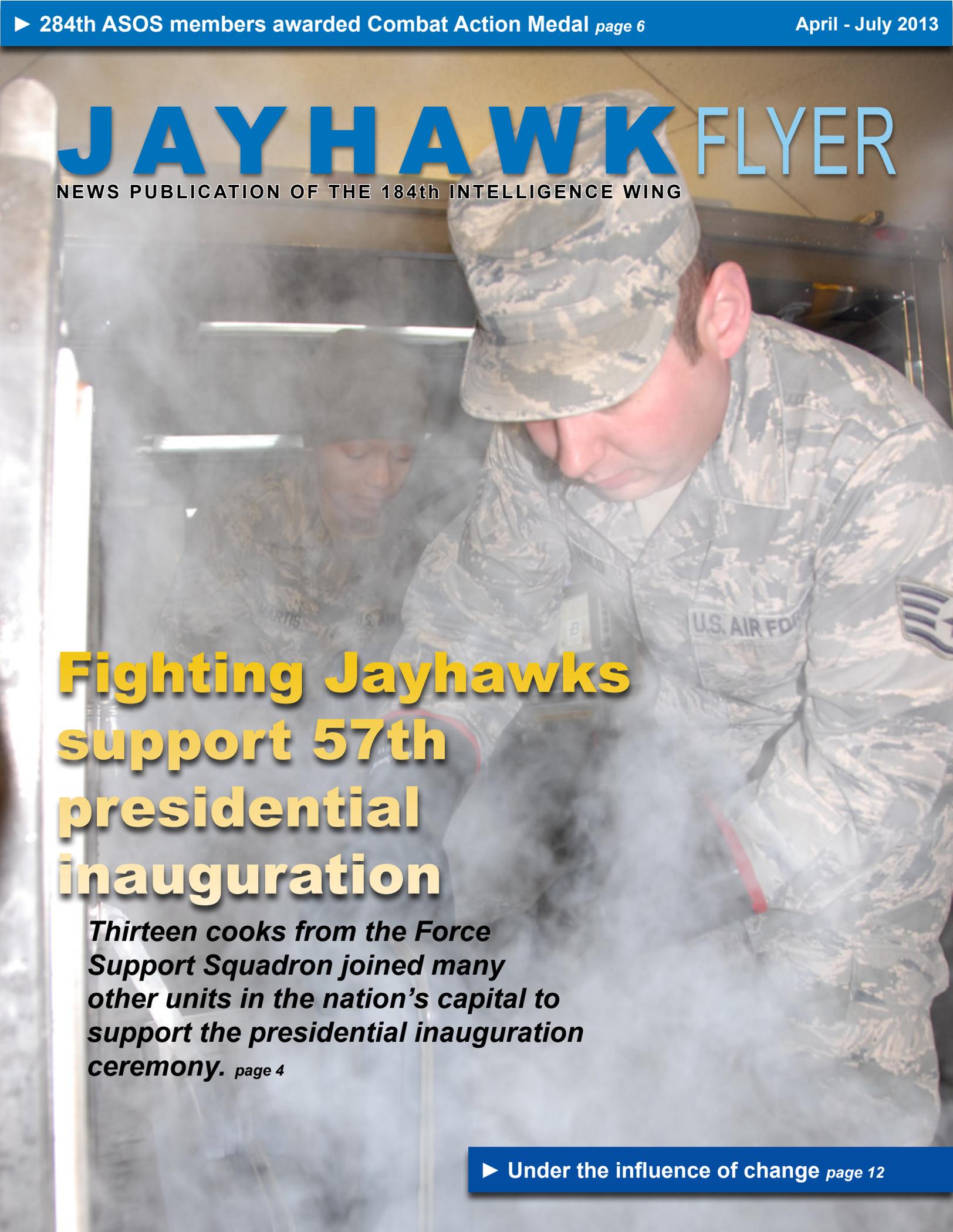


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Chief's Comments

“Making a Difference”

Over the last couple of years, I've had the honor of getting to know many of you throughout our organization. We truly do hail from all walks of life, and I think our wing is becoming as diverse as our society is.

As we've visited, many of you have told me the reasons why you joined our wing. Some wanted more structure in your lives. Some wanted the advantages a military career could bring to attaining a career in information technology, intelligence, medical, finance, or the many other possibilities our wing offers. Many said this path gave you the chance to realize education goals, financial goals and assistance in getting families started or growing them. All of us would say we are getting the chance to serve our country honorably, to make a difference in her military strength.

The times are changing now. Some of the reasons we joined our Air Force and Air National Guard may change with these times. As missions and benefits fluctuate through budget battles and sequestration, remember why you joined this service. It will help keep you focused and grounded during these times of uncertainty. Focused Airmen produce good wingmen. Remember that we are responsible to ourselves and to each other.

Next month, our May drill brings the focus on Wingman Day. Take advantage of the wide range of planned activities to make you a better wingman. These breakouts and exercises can give you tools you can use to make a difference in your life, or the life of your buddy. You might pick up a tip on watching out for one another if you or a comrade is too impaired to drive. Or maybe you might learn to recognize symptoms of emotional distress and help a friend get the help they need.

But it all needs to start with your willingness to make a difference. We can give you all the tools you would ever need to be a great wingman, but you can't use a single one of them if you can't commit to being a difference maker for yourself or your wingmen. If you want to make a difference.... You can make the difference.

Have a great April

Chief



**Chief Master Sgt.
Russ Brotsky
Wing Command Chief**

Fighting Jayhawks support 57th presidential inauguration

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy and Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

Thirteen cooks from the Force Support Squadron joined many other units in the nation's capital to support the presidential inauguration ceremony.

On Jan. 16, members of the 184th Force Sustainment Flight left for Washington, D.C., to provide services support to the 57th presidential inauguration. The 13-member group served breakfast, lunch and dinner to approximately 1,500 Air and Army National Guardsmen.

Many of the Guardsmen the 184th supported were serving as security personnel in the district and along the parade route during the inauguration ceremony.

Upon arrival at Joint Base Andrews, the team unloaded pallets of supplies and tested the equipment.

The personnel then went to Wilkinson Elementary School where they teamed up with the food services personnel from Arizona, New York and Pennsylvania. The school served as living quarters for



The presidential inauguration ceremony provided an opportunity for Airmen assigned to the Sustainment Services Flight of the 184th Force Support Squadron to support a national event. Master Sgt. Janet Probst helped dispense truckloads of water that was later given to Airmen and Soldiers supporting the ceremony.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs



Airman Clyde Samilton and Airman Basic Rheanna Brown moved cases of water to a storage area in the elementary school they were staying in.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

the Kansas and Pennsylvania Guardsmen, as well as the dining hall for many troops in the area.

The task seemed difficult at times, forcing the team to overcome many challenges throughout the week.

“The school where we were staged at had limited equipment, which meant we had to be creative in heating water and, at times, some of the food,” said Master Sgt. Marla Harris. “As expected, it was a necessity to have hot coffee available most of the time.”

The different units took turns preparing, serving and cleaning for each meal. The average work day lasted 15 to 18 hours.

“The number of Guardsmen that we were supporting was a challenge at times since their mission took them out at various times, and they rarely knew when they would be back,” said Chief Master Sgt. Carolyn Crabb. “This made it difficult to determine how much food to prepare for each meal, but the 184th Services always managed to get it right.”

The units worked effectively as a team while serving



Tech. Sgt. Andrew McGhee helped distribute water to National Guardsmen.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

a total of 8,207 meals in a four-day period.

“An exciting opportunity for our team was the chance to work in a joint environment with 10 Army Guard food service members,” said Crabb. “Our teams learned food prep techniques from each other, providing a different perspective for both branches of service.”

The assignment also presented an excellent learning experience for new Airmen assigned to the unit.

“This is a great simulated deployment and an opportunity to develop camaraderie with other services units from across America,” said Airman Clyde Samilton.



Airman Clyde Samilton ensured proper assembly of equipment before meal preparation began.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs



Staff Sgt. Chris Guild prepared meals while serving approximately 1,500 Air and Army National Guardsmen.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs



Workdays began early and ended late for Senior Airman Abby Smith and the Services team.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

248th ASOS members awarded Combat Action Medal

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Airmen were recognized for outstanding achievement during a recent deployment at a wing commander's call in March.

On Feb. 9, four Airmen assigned to the 284th Air Support Operations Squadron were awarded the Air Force Combat Action Medal during a wing-wide commander's call. The medals were earned during a recent deployment in Southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The 248th ASOS is a ground combat unit consisting of personnel who specialize in coordinating close air support, or CAS. While serving in combat zones, the unit often travels outside of defensive perimeters to conduct missions.

During multiple missions, the squadron came under fire and engaged directly with enemy combatants. The unit responded each time with lethal force.

According to the Air Force Personnel Center, the criteria for receiving the medal for ground missions require personnel to deliberately go outside the defended perimeter to conduct official duties and come under enemy attack by lethal weapons while performing those duties. The enemy actions must also put the personnel at risk of grave danger.

Lt. Col. Gary Nash

While out on a mission, Nash assisted a joint terminal attack controller, providing mounted over



Lt. Col. Gary Nash, (center) commander, 284th ASOS, was awarded various medals for his actions while deployed to southwest Asia. Presenting the medals were Col. J.J. Hernandez, (left) commander, 184th Intelligence Wing and Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, adjutant general, Kansas National Guard.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

watch and support by fire during a key meeting with a local tribal leader. Minutes after arriving at the meeting site, Nash and his team came under fire from insurgents. The team took defensive positions with their armored vehicles and returned fire. After the fire fight, which lasted nearly five minutes, Nash and his team scanned the area for the next three hours until the engagement was complete. On the return trip to the combat outpost their convoy came under heavy attack from insurgents. Nash and his team maneuvered their vehicles to a defensive position and returned fire. The JTAC requested CAS and successfully talked the responding aircraft to the area where Nash and the team were taking fire. The

aircraft released a single "smart bomb," resulting in the insurgents breaking contact. While doing damage assessment, Nash and the team came under fire again. A supporting company immediately chose to go after the insurgents. Nash and the team pursued after the insurgents until the supporting company called it off for lack of cover and the over watch was no longer in sight of the friendly force.

Tech. Sgt. Francisco Galindo

While on deployment, Tech. Sgt. Galindo served as a JTAC for an infantry battalion. Galindo accompanied a dismounted patrol with Afghanistan National Army troops to provide over watch and CAS coverage for security force assis-



Nine Airmen from the 284th ASOS received recognition for their outstanding achievements during a deployment to southwest Asia in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Two Bronze Stars, four Air Force Combat Action Medals, eight Army Commendation Medals and three Army Combat Action Badges were presented. All nine Airmen were also presented NATO Medals. Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

tance operations. That patrol came under fire from eight insurgents. Galindo saw one of the enemy positions and began to engage with his rifle. Working through his radio operator maintainer and driver, “troops in contact” was declared. Because aircraft were 30 minutes away, Galindo called in a fire mission from nearby mortar systems. The six surface-to-surface rounds allowed the platoon to break contact with the enemy. Once the aircraft checked on station, Galindo used them to provide armed over watch as they returned to the outpost. Galindo’s effective use of surface-to-surface fire missions and airpower provided safe travel for the patrol to complete the mission.

Tech. Sgt. Justin Stephens

While on deployment, Stephens was in direct and close contact with the enemy while

supporting an operation outside his operating base as part of the tactical air patrol party for an infantry battalion. Stephens came under fire from three to four insurgents, and returned fire with a .50-caliber machine gun and grenade launcher. Mortars were fired to suppress

the enemy, and Stephens called in aircraft to suppress enemy fire. Later, the observation point began receiving machine gun fire, and Stephens returned fire. Enemy fire was suppressed and the team kept observing the enemy position until

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The Airmen assigned to the 284th ASOS experienced intense training prior to the deployment. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs



The 284th ASOS board a plane in Salina, Kan. in January, 2012, as they depart for a combat tour in southwest Asia. The squadron was attached to the 37th Infantry Brigade for the duration of the deployment.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

the battle ended.

Senior Airman Andrew Jundt

As a tactical air command and control journeyman, Jundt was in an over watch observation point in support of operations with another unit. The observation point fell under heavy, direct enemy fire from unknown number of enemy soldiers, receiving several mortar rounds, rocket-propelled grenade rounds, and heavy small arms fire. Jundt took cover, with multiple small arms rounds hitting less than 30 feet from his position, and several mortar and RPG rounds striking approximately 200 feet away. He immediately set up a satellite communications link to pass vital information that they were now in contact with enemy troops. Jundt moved with his JTAC to a better vantage point to facilitate acquiring targeting data. With small arms rounds hitting less than two feet away, Jundt used a laser range finder and ground penetrating radar to assist with targeting information while his JTAC was conducting CAS check-in. Enemy fighters broke contact and sight of the enemy was lost. Jundt's actions were vital in thwarting any further enemy action and to the protection of U.S. and Afghan National Security Forces personnel.

ROMAD

A radio operator maintainer and driver, or ROMAD is a JTAC in training. While most ROMADs are highly experienced operators, they only lack the final JTAC certification.



Col. J.J. Hernandez, (left) commander, 184th Intelligence Wing and Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, adjutant general, Kansas National Guard, presented the Air Force Combat Action Medal to Senior Airman Andrew Jundt. Jundt, along with his peers from the 284th ASOS, were recognized for their actions at a wing-wide commander's call in March. Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Medical personnel help Puerto Rico unit prepare for inspection

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Kansas Airmen share experience with the 156th Medical Group as they gear up for a health services inspection.

Personnel from the 184th Medical Group travelled in late January to the Caribbean to help another unit prepare for a health services inspection. The nine-person team deployed to conduct a practice inspection called a staff-assisted visit, or SAV, on the 156th Medical Group, Puerto Rico Air National Guard.

The HSI is a compliance inspection which examines a medical unit's current practices based on interviews and documentation required by the health services inspection guide.

The 184th Medical Group scored a 90 during their HSI and scored higher than average in key areas such as the self aid and buddy care program. The higher scores prompted the 156th to invite the 184th to check their programs.

"It was actually the 156th wing commander's office that contacted me to see if we could perform a SAV on their medical group as it prepared for the HSI," said Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Akin, superintendent, 184th Medical Group.

The 156th was given a two-week notification before the SAV team arrived.

"Aside from the short notice, the medical group was very receptive of our team allowing us to not only assess their inspection readiness, but also provide them with training and lessons learned from our HSI in 2012," said Akin.



Left to right: Airman 1st Class Joshua Mendez and Tech. Sgt. Luis Velez, Master Sgt. William Presson and Tech. Sgt. Melinda Kellogg were among the SAV team that assisted the 156th Medical Group.

Photo provided by 184th Medical Group

During the SAV, the Kansas Airmen acted as inspectors. A project officer was assigned to explain how the process would flow. The team indicated what the inspectors would look for in regard to paperwork and proper documentation.

"The inspectors are looking to see if medical units have functioning programs and that these programs comply with applicable regulations, guidance and instructions," said Tech. Sgt. Melinda Kellogg, bioenvironmental engineering technician.

To prepare for the assessment, the SAV team printed the current HSI guide and used it as a baseline for their visit.

"Our final report to their wing commander was formatted with all the areas that we found to not be in compliance with the guide," said Akin.



Col. Rafeal Carrero, commander, 156th Airlift Wing, presented a plaque of appreciation to Maj. Liane Larson for their support in preparation for the HSI.

Photo provided by 184th Medical Group

Field grade officers meet with adjutant general

By 2nd Lt. Matt Lucht, 184th Public Affairs

Air and Army National Guardsmen get an opportunity to discuss ideas, issues and success stories.

Maj. Gen. Lee Tafarielli, adjutant general, Kansas National Guard, held a forum March 3 at McConnell Air Force Base with approximately 20 Army and Air Force field grade officers to discuss issues and/or successes that are happening in the state as a result of the sequestration that took effect March 1.

“Getting their perspective on issues is very important for me because at my level the way that I look at a particular issue may be completely different than the way that the field grade community looks at that very same issue,” said Tafarielli.

Tafarielli started the meeting with the most current information about the budget and how Kansas will adjust to the changes. He made it clear that he would answer any questions and encouraged a frank conversation.

“We are trying to be as transparent as we possibly can with this,” said Tafarielli. “If we are going to have the positive dialogue and exchange of ideas that I think is going to be necessary to move this organization forward, then we have to be able to engage in a very frank and candid manner and we have to be able



Army Maj. Gen. Lee Tafarielli, adjutant general, Kansas National Guard, discusses issues concerning current situations that will affect future operations with field grade officers.

Photo by Airman Lauren Penney, 184th Public Affairs

to understand each other.”

A topic of interest from the group was more joint Army/Air Force training possibilities.

“Where we can find opportunities for our Soldiers and Airmen to work together, I think that they are going to be much, much better prepared to deal with the kind of challenges that they are going to face in the future,” said Tafarielli.

Since November 2011, Tafarielli has talked with company grade officers, field grade officers, warrant officers and senior noncommissioned officers in Salina, Topeka and Wichita on nine separate occasions. These forums give Tafarielli an opportunity to interact with his Soldiers and Airmen.

“It’s always exciting to see the interaction between the different services. For many of them, it is the first time that they have ever got to be on a forum from an Army perspective of the Air Guard and the Air perspective of the Army Guard,” said Tafarielli.



The open forum allowed Army and Air Force Guardsmen to address questions directly to the adjutant general.

Photo by Airman Lauren Penney, 184th Public Affairs

Guns, pucks: putting ‘Thunder’ on the ice

By Airman 1st Class Victor Caputo, 22nd Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs

Master Sgt. Frank Cook takes an interesting path into the Air Guard and uses his experience to support his hometown hockey team.

One might ask how someone determined to join the Marine Corps ends up a master sergeant in the Kansas Air National Guard. If Master Sgt. Frank Cook is asked that question, it’s best to pull up a chair and get comfortable because it’s not a simple story.

Born at McConnell Air Force Base and raised in Wichita, Kan., Cook, 184th Security Forces Squadron supply mobility NCO in charge, runs the 184th Intelligence Wing armory. He is responsible for tracking weapons and equipment, keeping it all in working order, and replacing items that are no longer fit for action.

He spends his time off-duty as the assistant equipment manager for the Central Hockey League team, the Wichita Thunder. His responsibilities there entail the same duties as in the armory but instead of assault rifles and handguns, he deals with sticks and skates.

“I have to make sure we have the correct equipment for the team,” said Cook. “The difficult part is making sure we can afford the stuff we need, but I’ve had plenty of practice doing the same thing in the military.”

Cook went through several different phases before he settled into his current lifestyle as an airman and a member of the Thunder.

He joined the Marine Corps in 1986, separated in 1993 and joined the Wichita Police Department a short time later.

“My grandmother still lived in Wichita and sent me a newspaper clipping that the Wichita Police Department was hiring,” he said. “I applied, was accepted



Master Sgt. Frank Cook, 184th Security Forces Squadron supply mobility NCO in charge, stands with a collection of memorabilia he acquired through his career of more than 20 years at McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. Cook, who spent seven years in the Marine Corps, has been with the Kansas Air National Guard since 1997 when he signed up as a traditional guardsman.

Photo provided by Airman 1st Class Victor Caputo, 22nd Public Affairs

and, in 1995, I graduated from the WPD academy.”

Cook, a fan of his hometown team since its founding in 1992, received a call from a friend in 2005, asking if he knew how to sew socks.

“My mom taught me a lot of things when I was young,” said Cook, “and sewing was one of them. So I told her ‘Yeah, I can darn socks.’”

He learned that the Thunder needed to have their game socks sewn after every game. He would have to go to each game, take their socks home with him, wash them and sew them back into shape. Cook gladly accepted the opportunity to work with the team.

Eventually he began to help with the visiting teams’ socks and was offered the assistant equipment manager spot when it became available.

“When my current boss was promoted to equipment manager,” said Cook, “he asked if I would be willing to take on the role of his assistant. I’ve been there since 2008.”

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Under the influence of change

By Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

While fighting the battle against DUIs, wing members listen to testimonials of people whose lives were changed by intoxicated driving.

The music is loud, the atmosphere is lively and friends laugh at your jokes. You take a drink or two and head home. What is the harm, right?

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, more than 10,000 people died in alcohol-impaired driving crashes in 2010, approximately one every 51 minutes.

On Jan. 5, the wing held a driving under the influence panel composed of volunteers from the DUI Victim Center of Kansas. The panel spoke about their personal experiences of how a DUI crash changed their lives.

Jarrold Blecha, convicted DUI offender, was once an U.S. Air Force



Jarrold Blecha, former Air Force Judge Advocate, caused a near fatal accident while driving under the influence of alcohol and prescription medications.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs



Gary Heath, a victim of a car accident involving a drunk driver, told his story about the crash, the long road to recovery and the impact on him and his family. Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

enlisted and officer member. Now a McDonald's employee, he spoke of how his life problems, alcoholism and prescription drug use changed his life and urged individuals to seek out help to prevent mistakes like his.

"Hopefully, someone can learn from my mistake. If they are having a problem, seek help," Blecha said.

His head-on crash caused traumatic physical injuries to a family of a mother, father and

5-year-old boy. The father suffered a crushed skull and eye socket, and a severe ankle injury. The mother was hospitalized with internal injuries. The boy almost died at the scene, but survived with lower leg injuries and a brain infection. He is paralyzed from the waist down and suffers from seizures.

Blecha had a blood alcohol content of 0.35 at the scene and 0.42 two hours later.

Blecha was sentenced to eight years in a Texas prison and \$80,000 restitution to the victims. He spent 180 days in prison and will complete the remainder of his sentence on probation. Some of the probation requirements are to speak at high schools and colleges on the dangers of DUIs, write a letter of



Maj. Janell Blaufuss, 161st Intelligence Squadron, lost her father in 2005 as a result of an accident involving a drunk driver. As her dad was jogging in the early morning, a car crossed the road and hit him from behind.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

apology to the victims, and he cannot operate any motor vehicle until 2021.

Airman 1st Class Duylan Todd, 134th Air Control Squadron radio frequency transmission member, was affected by Blecha's story. "His story makes us realize that it can be any one of us on that stage if we don't take the proper precautions."

Maj. Janell Blaufuss, 161st Intelligence Squadron flight commander and organizer of the DUI panel, lost her father to a DUI crash in 2005 and has been volunteering for the victim center for six months. Her hope is that individuals hearing her story will take a look at their actions and make better choices.

"Wearing my heart on my sleeve will show the impact they can have on someone's life," said Blaufuss.

Available resources

184th IW members and their families have resources they may call or visit for assistance such as:

- Airman and Family Readiness Center at (316) 759-7092
- Director of Psychological Health at (316) 759-8901 or (316) 990-6662
- Military Family Life Consultants at (785) 289-3386 or (785) 250-1558
- Chaplain at (316) 304-2306
- Military One Source at (800) 342-9647
- First sergeant, supervisor, family and friends.



Col. J.J. Hernandez, wing commander, delivers opening remarks during a wing assembly designed to educate personnel about the consequences of driving under the influence. Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Staff Sgt. Theron Thompson

Fighting Jayhawk since 2008

Organization:

**299th Network Operations
Security Squadron**

Military Job Title:

**Information Technology
Specialist**



Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Above & Beyond:

Ultimately my faith in God is responsible for where I am in life. As a Christian, I am inspired to move forward in my career. I have good habits and set goals to benefit others more than myself. When I am at work, I do my best to help others solve problems. When I am not at work, I spend an ample amount of time serving as a musician at Revelation Ministries Christian Church. Recently, I have finished my bachelor's degree in information technology while at the same time getting closer to my second CCAF degree.



Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

My story:

I came over from the 931st Air Refueling Wing to the Air National Guard I-NOSC because I heard about good job opportunities and benefits. I've come to really enjoy my time here and I am looking forward to learning and understanding how I can make a greater impact on the unit. I am here today because I have grown to care about my coworkers and the people I help on a daily basis. My current goals are to get my CompTia Network+ certification and complete my coursework for a master's degree in project management.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Information retrieved from www.sapr.mil

“As military professionals we must fully understand the destructive nature of these acts (of sexual assault), lead our focused efforts to prevent them, and promote positive command climates and environments that reinforce mutual respect, trust and confidence. Sexual assault among service members is a problem we face together, one that can only be solved together.”

*The Joint Chiefs of Staff
Strategic Direction to the Joint Force on
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response*



Guns, pucks: putting ‘Thunder’ on the ice continued from page 11



Master Sgt. Frank Cook, 184th Security Forces Squadron supply mobility NCO in charge, performs a function check on an M4A1 assault rifle, McConnell Air Force Base, Kan. Cook has monitored and repaired weapons for more than 20 years, and works as the assistant equipment manager for the Wichita Thunder, a Central Hockey League team.

Photo provided by Airman 1st Class Victor Caputo, 22nd Public Affairs

Affectionately known to the team as “Sarge,” Cook makes sure he gets to know each player individually. This helps him “fire-up” the team before each game, he said.

“Sarge is great,” said Jon Madden, Wichita Thunder defenseman. “He comes in here and volunteers his time to help us. He’ll do anything for anyone; he would even give you the shirt off of his back. What more could you ask for from a guy?”

Cook is tentatively retiring from the Air Force in summer of 2014, and is preparing to leave his longtime home at the 184th SFS.

“The squadron is young right now and many of them look up to Master Sgt. Cook, so we will miss his mentorship,” said Chief Master Sgt. Donna Buckman, 184th SFS manager. “I’ve personally known him for 13 years. We were partners on the Wichita streets. He’s been my wingman for years, but most of all he has been a friend.”

When it comes to his plans for the future, Cook is aiming for his dream job of working in the National Hockey League team for his favorite team.

“My long-term goal is to work with the Detroit Red Wings,” said Cook. “Will I ever make it that far? I don’t know. But I believe that with the drive and determination and work ethic that has been developed in me, not only in the Marine Corps but also through the Air Force, I have every confidence that I will continue to move up through the leagues.”

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Fifth Annual Dodgeball Tournament winners, from left to right, Larry Coffman, Lance Stadler, Devehn Spitzer, Terry Clain, Chris Harrington, Ben Rausch, Bryan Fehrenbach, Jimmy Evans and Gary Valdez.

Photo provided by 184th Munitions Squadron



Airman 1st Class Dani'el Ricker, 299th Network Operations Security Squadron, handed out buttons to children during the Girl Scout cookie sales kick off in February.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Staff Sgt. Dawn Gudd and Master Sgt. Darla Griffin provided paper and markers for children to write messages to deployed troops during the Girl Scout cookie sales kick off in February.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Airmen competed in the Fifth Annual Dodgeball Tournament during the February unit training assembly.

Photo by Airman Lauren Penney



Left: Tech. Sgt. Edgar Salazar-Aguirre, production recruiter, 184th Force Support Squadron, presented an award of appreciation to Lt. Col. Michael George on March 6 for his support to the recruiting efforts of the 184th Intelligence Wing. The award was presented during a Wichita East High School JROTC morning formation.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy