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A man in a dark blue military uniform with a name tag that reads "TAFANELLI" is speaking into a microphone. He is wearing glasses and has a serious expression. The background shows a conference room with several flags on a table and other people seated at the table.

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Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, Kansas, adjutant general, speaks to attendees of the Joint Conference. He addressed concerns about future policies, the importance of caring for Soldiers and Airmen as well as finding solutions to strengthen and improve communication. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs



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Bird's Eye View

Commander's Comments

When I made the decision to have three wing focus areas, I put a lot of thought into what areas needed the most attention. Leadership Development, Domestic Operations and Drill Status Guardsmen were chosen not because these are the only areas needing improvement, but because I feel these areas will do the most to keep us on track for continued success.

There is, however, a fourth implied focus area—training. Let me make it clear to every Airman in the 184th, the person most important to your training is you!



Col. J.J. Jordan
Wing Commander

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You may also call 759-7561 or 759-7038.

This statement is so important that I believe if you spend your career with this principle at the forefront, you will almost certainly guarantee your success.

Leadership will be held accountable for training, from the front-line supervisors all the way up the chain to the wing commander. In fact, our third wing focus item, Drill Status Guardsmen, was largely determined by our need to improve how we are training our traditional Airmen. Our DSGs make the sacrifice to be away from work and family because they want to serve their country. They will continue to do so as long as they feel they are making a relevant contribution to the mission.

This does not imply we are not doing a good job training. Overall, I am very pleased. I know we are doing well, based on our performance. I often get feedback from outside agencies extolling the outstanding performance of the Airmen of the 184th. We didn't get here by accident; we did it by our long-held standard of excellence, achieved by training to the highest standards. We must remember that and remain steadfast in our commitment to conducting the best training possible.

Perhaps the biggest challenge we face in conducting relevant mission training is the Air Force ancillary training program. Lt. Gen. Stanley Clarke III, director of the Air National Guard, is committed to reducing the workload associated with ancillary training.

I hope he is successful. I've been in the ANG since 1997 and so far I have not seen any progress in this area. No, not all of the ancillary training is irrelevant and, yes, we still have to complete the required training. My commitment to you is that it is your squadron's ability to perform your mission for which I will hold you accountable. It matters little if the 284th ASOS, for example, has the best ancillary training program completion rate or runs the best Air Force compliance programs if their JTACs can't get a bomb off the rails while under combat fire.

As I roam about campus, I look forward to learning what exciting things you are doing to train to be the best Airmen in the U.S. Air Force.

Integrity First, Service Before Self, Excellence in All We Do.

Intelligence Wing hosts Joint Conference

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Kansas National Guardsmen gathered at the Hyatt in downtown Wichita to discuss ways to keep their organizations ready and relevant.

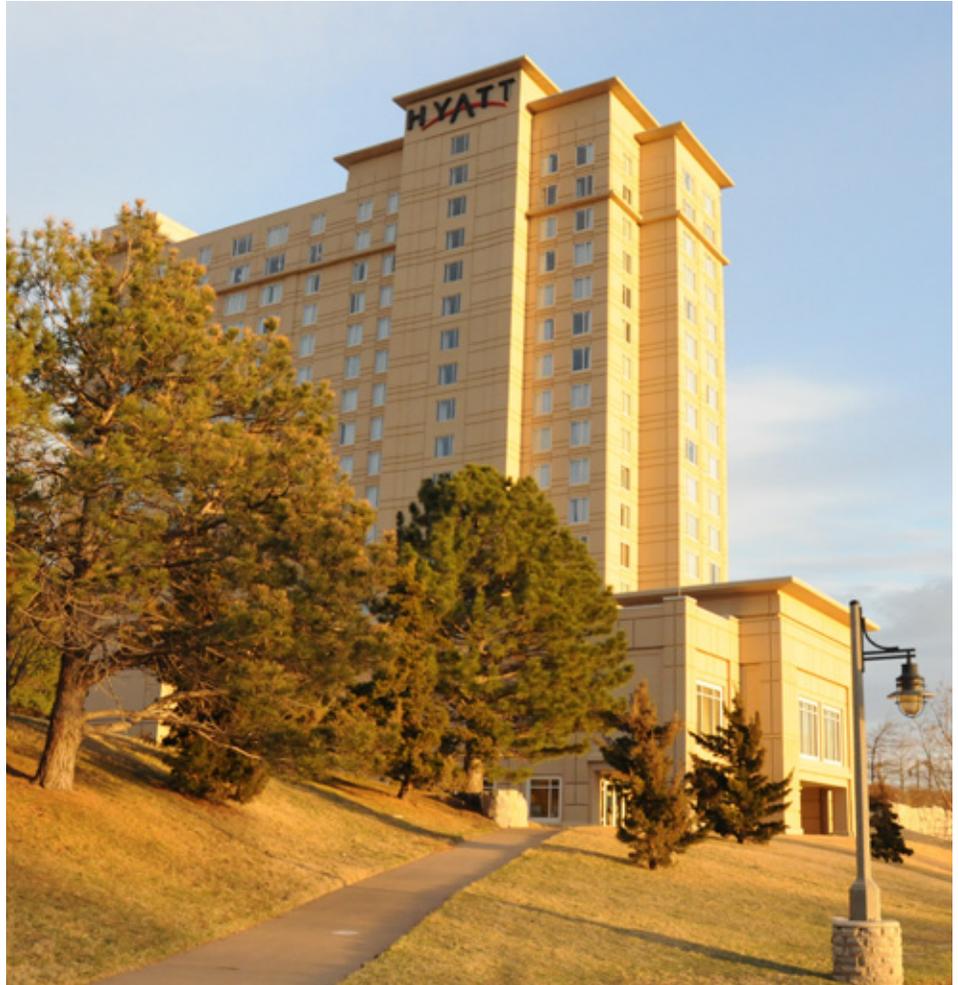
The Kansas National Guard held its annual Joint Conference over the course of four days beginning on March 20, hosted by the 184th Intelligence Wing. The conference brought Citizen-Soldiers and Airmen from around the state to the Hyatt in downtown Wichita.

The conference included members the National Guard Association of Kansas, and the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas, and provided a setting for each association to discuss ideas that are important to Guardsmen, their families and retirees.

Friday morning offered events throughout Wichita and the surrounding area. Members of the Army and Air National Guard participated in a golf tournament at Braeburn Golf Course and the 5K President's Run. The run was held on the bike path that stretches along the Arkansas River just outside of the Hyatt.

The golf tournament and fun run promoted camaraderie among both the Army and Air components of the Kansas National Guard allowing a way for Guardsmen to meet others that they may work with in the future. Both events take place every year as part of the NGAKS conference.

The association also held a



The 184th Intelligence Wing hosts the 2014 Joint Conference at the Hyatt hotel in downtown Wichita. The conference brings Army and Air National Guardsmen together in a unified effort to address successes and challenges the Guard currently faces.

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

shotgun shooting match on Friday at the Michael Murphy and Sons shooting range.

“This is a good team-building event that brings together Guardsmen from across the state with different skill levels to compete and socialize,” said 1st Lt. Rachel Watson, 161st Intelligence Squadron.

Watson finished among the top female shooters, along with Senior Airman Tiffany Cooper, who was

the top overall female shooter. The men's top shooter was Maj. Todd Kavouras, director, Smoky Hill Weapons Range. Kavouras and Lt. Col. Gary Nash, commander, 284th Air Support Operations Squadron, finished as the top shooting team in the men's competition.

Recognizing the importance of family time, the committee planned a family fun night that evening in the Hyatt ballroom. Children



Above: Conference attendees and their families run in the President's 5K Run as part of the morning activities offered at the Joint Conference.

Below: Other activities included a golf tournament and a skeet shoot.

Photos by Airman 1st Class Lauren Penney, 184th Public Affairs



enjoyed games, food and bounce houses to play in. The Wichita State University basketball game was shown on a big projection screen for the diehard Shockers fans.

On Saturday morning, members attended the joint session. Speakers at the joint session included

Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer; retired Col. Pete Duffy, legislative director representing NGAUS; Col. J.J. Jordan, commander, 184th Intelligence Wing; and Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, adjutant general, Kansas National Guard.

Jordan offered a common sense point of view.

“My wife sometimes says to me, ‘You know, Jeff,

things don’t just magically happen,’” Jordan said as he briefed the importance of associations that represent the National Guard.

Tafanelli briefed some of the proposed changes to the force structure. He listed possible losses and gains for Army and Air National Guard units across the nation, and how the changes could affect units in Kansas.

During his brief, Tafanelli stressed readiness, Soldier and Airman care, and better communication as the three main focus items for the next year.

Readiness factors included unit strength, medical readiness and effective manning. He explained that each organization has high control over their readiness, and improving it will keep them from being “low hanging-fruit.”

“Don’t make it easy for the Department of Defense to cut us,” said Tafanelli. “We have to take care of the basics.”

Tafanelli expressed the impor-

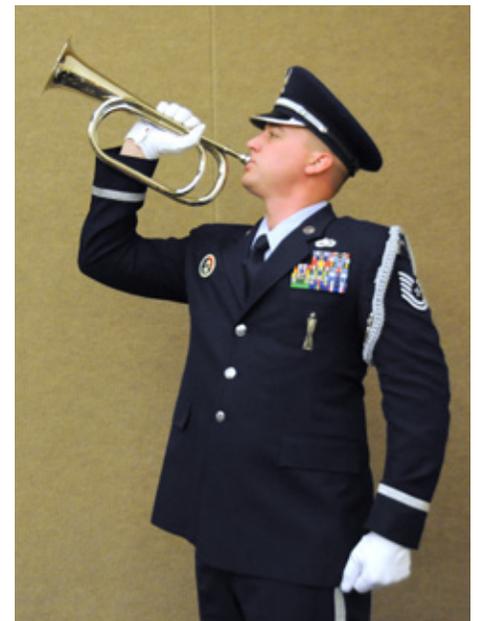
tance of taking care of Soldiers and Airmen while improving communication.

With technology and social media changing the way information is distributed, Kansas National Guard leaders discussed ways to find the most effective systems to pass information. Tafanelli challenged officers and enlisted personnel to learn how fellow Guardsmen prefer to be informed.

“We often find that on the same issue, depending on whether you’re enlisted or you’re officer, you may have a different perspective on the same topic,” said Tafanelli. “So this is an opportunity to get that input and really solve the problems.”

Following the joint session, attendees broke out into separate meetings based on their rank. During each session, personnel partici-

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Tech. Sgt. Aaron Rausch, 184th Honor Guard, played Taps during a ceremony honoring the Guardsmen who passed away over the last year.

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



Children play games including gigantic checkers and bean bag toss at the family fun night. Bounce houses and many other games were available for them to play on Friday evening.

Photo by Spc. Robert Havens, 105th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment

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pated in professional development, feedback and were given an opportunity to voice their concerns.

Most of the festivities ended Saturday night with a formal banquet. Both associations held board meetings on Sunday to close out the conference.

Like Jordan said, things don't just magically happen. The planning for this year's conference began in 2013 when he appointed Lt. Col. Craig Garcia, commander, 184th Operations Support Squadron, to lead the planning committee.

"Overall, the entire planning process and execution went extremely well over the past year," said Garcia.

Garcia requested the help of Capt. Naomi Hume of the 134th Air Control Squadron to gather the volunteers and personnel required to make the conference a success.

"Captain Hume was pivotal in the process, and I can't say enough about all the folks from across the 184th Intelligence Wing that stepped up and contributed to making this an outstanding conference," said Garcia. "Our folks were simply outstanding!"

The volunteers, both military and civilian, came from all over the state with a majority of them being first-term Airmen.

"When it comes down to it, there is no way that con-

National Guard associations benefit Guardsmen

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

A drill weekend hardly goes by without someone mentioning a National Guard association of some kind. Understandably, Airmen of all ranks express the importance of these organizations, but who are they and what have they done for you?

The National Guard Association of the United States, NGAUS
www.ngaus.org

The history of the NGAUS goes back to its founding by militia officers in 1878.

According to its website, "The National Guard Association of the United States is the nation's oldest military association lobbying solely for the benefit of the National Guard of the United States."

The NGAUS focuses on lobbying on behalf of current and retired National Guardsmen before members of Congress and their staff. The petitioning process begins with annual resolutions, which come from state associations such as the National Guard Association of Kansas, NGAKS.

Recently, the NGAUS succeeded in bringing a strong voice to the Department of Defense by elevating the chief of the National Guard Bureau to a four-star position and provided a seat on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The same legislative efforts also re-established a three-star, vice chief position.

The NGAUS also lobbied to improve the Post 9/11 GI Bill to include National Guardsmen who served in Title 32 status for a total of 90 aggregate days. Prior to these efforts, National Guardsmen



Military members, spouses and guests attend a banquet to conclude the majority of the conference activities. The banquet includes an awards ceremony honoring Airmen and Soldiers of the Year and ended with a dance.

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

ferences like this can come together without volunteers,” said Hume. “We just don’t have the resources to hire people to do all the work.”

The volunteers helped with all of the previously mentioned events as well as the youth and spouse events, registration, communications and hospitality rooms.

“Every one of those events were planned and executed by volunteers. I encourage everyone to get involved in the upcoming years as it’s a great networking experience,” said Hume.

The planning didn’t come without challenges. Garcia explained that the biggest challenge over the

past year was the logistical coordination of the event due to the geographical separation of NGAKS board personnel and the 184th IW.

“Overcoming those hurdles is a testament to the proactive and quality folks we have in the 184th,” said Garcia.

weren’t qualified for this benefit.

In 2012, the NGAUS thwarted proposed cuts to the Air National Guard. The cuts would have reduced the Guard’s manpower by more than 5,000 personnel, and removed 200 aircraft from the inventory.

The Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States, EANGUS

www.eangus.org

The EANGUS was founded in 1970 by a group of senior noncommissioned officers.

Its main goal is to “represent the interests and concerns of the National Guard enlisted force on

Capitol Hill and in each state.”

Currently, the EANGUS represents approximately 75,000 enlisted Guardsmen in all states, territories and at the National Guard Bureau. The Kansas National Guard is represented by the Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Kansas, or EANGKS. The EANGKS also has an auxiliary component for spouses.

The EANGKS works to ensure units have the appropriate funding for manning, equipment and training. They have pursued improvements in military pay and allowances, as well as incentives for recruitment and retention, such as medical benefits and improved

retirement entitlements.

Recent EANGUS victories include TRICARE programs for all reservists. In addition to the medical insurance programs, they have lowered the premium fees and blocked fee increases.

They secured funding increases for military construction and equipment.

They also helped improve pre-deployment and post-deployment benefits. These benefits include increasing pre-deployment TRICARE eligibility from 90 days to 180, and refining post-deployment/mobilization respite leave entitlements.

Enlisted professional military education expands opportunities

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Satellite enlisted professional military education offers more options for professional development.

A year after successfully launching the satellite Noncommissioned Officer Academy, the 184th Intelligence Wing has created a model for the Airman Leadership School scheduled to open in 2015.

The satellite Noncommissioned Officer Academy, or NCOA, has held two classes since it was organized in March 2013.

The NCOA opened up opportunities for Airmen interested in experiencing an in residence professional military education, or PME, but may have had circumstances that didn't allow them to leave home for six weeks.

"The students get the full, in-residence experience with the convenience of being at home," said Master Sgt. Stacy Harvey, lead site facilitator.

The classes met two evenings a week for 13 weeks. Each class included every aspect of an in-residence school including classroom instruction, open ranks inspections and professional accountability.

"We have to treat the students like they're in residence," said Harvey. "The students are expected to be on time, have outstanding uniforms and adhere to military customs and courtesies at all times."

While the students were in class, they viewed briefings and interacted with instructors via satellite tele-



The 184th Intelligence Wing launched the satellite Noncommissioned Officer Academy in March 2013 and plans to open the satellite Airman Leadership School early in 2015. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

vision. They also communicated with other classes from all over the United States. Group discussions and break-out sessions were held in the classroom without satellite communication.

The course also had a fitness program called human performance. Human performance provides a full-body workout while focusing on proper form rather than speed and intensity.

"Human performance isn't your typical Air Force PT," said Tech. Sgt. Chris Schulte, site administrator.

Exercises performed during the workout include the basics like

running, squats, lunges and push-ups, as well as butterfly sit-ups, mountain climbers, squat thrusts and burpees.

"The exercises we do at home station are the exact movements they will do at McGhee-Tyson," said Harvey. "When they get to the in-residence portion it's expected that the students know how to do the warm up and cool down sequence without guidance."

Once the 13-week training was complete, the students attended another two-week course at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base, Tenn., prior to graduation. The

graduates earned the same honors as those who attended a traditional, in-residence PME, including a certificate of training and the PME ribbon.

Schulte, one of the course's biggest advocates, said the main selling point for him was the fact that it empowers Airmen with training options.

"It gives Airmen one more option for getting PME accomplished," said Schulte, "and it's a good way to network and meet people from around the wing."

Not only is it another option, but the satellite course offers more openings. On average, the wing is allocated six slots per year for off-site, in-residence NCOA. The satellite course offers a minimum of eight openings per class and tops out at 14, allowing the wing to potentially train 28 students per year.

In addition to training opportunities for students, the satellite course offers a chance for PME graduates to serve as facilitators.

A satellite PME facilitator isn't



Students attend class two evenings a week for 13 weeks. During class they view briefings and interact with instructors via satellite television. They also participate in off-line group discussions and break-out sessions.

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

the same as an instructor. A facilitator provides the link between the student and the instructor. Throughout the course, they lead classroom sessions, mentor students and maintain class discipline.

Facilitators are required to meet high standards of professionalism.

Those interested in serving as a facilitator must submit an application package, which is vetted locally and then sent to the Air National Guard Training and Education Center at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base. They must also interview for the position.

"It's a competitive process," said Harvey.

Applicants are required to have an associate's degree or higher, a passing physical fitness score without exemptions and must embody the

wing's goals.

"You really need to want to mentor Airmen," said Harvey.

If selected, the applicant will attend the instructor certification program. They can only facilitate up to the highest level of in-residence PME from which they've graduated. For example, a graduate of ALS can facilitate ALS, but not NCOA. A graduate of NCOA can facilitate both courses. However, an Airman who completed correspondence courses isn't eligible to facilitate the satellite class.

Currently, the 184th IW has seven facilitators.

As always, cost reduction is on the forefront of many Air National Guard programs. According to the base education and training office, the Guard spends an average of \$2,800 per student by enrolling them into an off-site NCOA. Satellite PME may help alleviate some of those expenses.

"Satellite PME has become highly visible," said Harvey. "It will be the way of the future."



Tech. Sgt. Israel Morales, Staff Sgt. Arun Ball, and Tech. Sgt. Bobbi Nieuwhof participate in a classroom discussion while attending satellite NCOA.

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

Air Support Operations Squadron gets their first chief

By 1st Lt. Matt Lucht, 184th Public Affairs

Another first for the 284th ASOS as they continue to build. The squadron promoted their first chief master sergeant over the January UTA.

As the audience gathered at the Smoky Hill Weapons Range to watch one of their own get promoted to chief master sergeant, Senior Master Sgt. Matthew Foote knew the stripe wasn't just for him. The extra stripe would help the 284th Air Support Operations Squadron in the future.

"It gives us a seat at the table here at the Chief's Group and active-duty conferences," said Foote. "Before I couldn't get in the meeting or a seat at the table, but now we have an E9 representation. It really isn't about me; it is about the 284th ASOS."

Foote was one of the original members of the 284th ASOS and



Chief Master Sgt. Russ Brotsky, command chief, 184th Intelligence Wing, congratulates recently promoted Chief Master Sgt. Matt Foote, the first chief master sergeant assigned to the 284th Air Support Operations Squadron.

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

was instrumental in standing the unit up in 2009. His 15 years of experience on active duty as a joint terminal attack controller has helped him teach and mold the members new to the unit.

"He is not afraid to point out other people's deficiencies to make sure they learn from it," Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Austin, 284th

ASOS JTAC. "If something is messed up or you are doing something wrong, he will let you know, which is good, especially in this career field."

Foote knows the reality of why it is important to share his methods with the JTACs of his unit.

"There are few jobs that you have to be perfect," said Foote. "There is no reset button or do over once the bomb is dropped, so you have to be perfect."

Foote enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in September 1991 and spent the next 15 years on multiple assignments ranging from Florida to Vicenza, Italy. In 2006, he joined the Kansas Air National Guard and had to learn the ins and outs of be-



Chief Master Sgt. Matt Foote, superintendent, 284th ASOS, applies many years of experience as a joint terminal attack controller to teach and mold the members of his unit.

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

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ing a Guardsman.

“I came to the here as a technical sergeant and I got promoted the next year, but I had to start from scratch about the guard,” said Foote. “I ran a unit on active duty, I moved a unit to Aviano (Italy) Air Base. I get it, I know how to run an active-duty ASOS.”

Coming to the guard was a little different,” he continued. “There are many different programs, money is important, days, dollars. I had to learn how to be in the guard, even though I hadn’t been a traditional guardsman. I had to learn the guard from scratch and I learned something new every day.”

Austin believes that a lot of the 284th ASOS recruiting successes should be credited to Foote.

“He got guys excited to join and he was the one that got guys excited to put forth the effort to get through the schoolhouse.”

Again and again, Foote’s comments during the ceremony revolved around what the stripe means for the 284th ASOS and not what it means to him.

“Colonel Jordan hired me to startup the ASOS and my goal in life was standup the ASOS,” said Foote, “get them through a deployment and recover from that deployment.”

“The extra stripe will give us the voice that we need to get things done,” said Austin. “There is a huge difference between a chief saying something and a senior master sergeant saying something.”

Advances and movements

Article and photos by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Below are some recent changes throughout the wing that include leadership movements and promotions:

Col. Mike Venerdi

Commander of the 184th Regional Support Group, Mike Venerdi was promoted to the rank of colonel during the January unit training assembly. Venerdi assumed command of the 184th RSG in December of 2013, relieving Col. Mike Tokarz, who retired in January.



Lt. Col. John Adam

John Adam, Emergency Management Flight officer, 184th Civil Engineer Squadron, was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel in January.

Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Farris

Dennis Farris, superintendent of the 177th Information Aggressor Squadron, was promoted to the rank of chief master sergeant in February. Farris replaced Chief Master Sgt. John Davis, who retired in January of 2013.



Change of Command

Maj. Brock Sissel received command of the 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron in January. Sissel relieved Maj. Joe Dessenberger, who obtained a position in the Wing Plans office as the chief of plans and programs.

Fighting Jayhawks celebrate final Hometown Heroes event

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Kansas Air Guardsmen conduct one last ceremony honoring deployed Airmen as fiscal constraints cause the Hometown Heroes Salute program to end.

The 184th Intelligence Wing gathered in a crowded banquet hall for the final Hometown Heroes Salute on Jan. 5.

The purpose of the event was to celebrate, honor and thank Airmen and their families who have significantly supported the Air National Guard's mission. The Airmen that were recognized spent at least 30 days on orders in support of contingency operations.

"Today's ceremony recognizes the military and family members of the 184th Intelligence Wing who have given time and efforts of their families, friends and civilian careers to serve an honorable part of our nation's defense," said Maj. Janell Blaufuss, wing executive staff officer, 184th IW.

In 2008, the director of the Air



Col. J.J. Jordan, commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Russ Brotsky, command chief, 184th Intelligence Wing, express their appreciation toward recently deployed Airmen during the last Hometown Heroes Salute.

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

National Guard sanctioned the Hometown Heroes Salute recognition program. The program consisted of a three-tier award system in which each tier represented increased lengths of time spent on orders.

During the ceremony, Col. J.J. Jordan, commander, 184th IW, expressed his gratitude toward his

Airmen and their families.

"The Hometown Heroes program might be taken away, but everything you've done, the reason you're heroes to me is not going to be taken away," said Jordan. "We can't express enough to you how much we appreciate your service to your country."



Left: Following the ceremony, Airmen who were honored at the event received awards according to the tier group they qualified for. The length of time each Airman spent deployed determined their tier group.

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

Training will make it easier for Airmen to work from home

By Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Airmen learn to conduct government business using CAC readers in home computers.

There used to be a popular credit card commercial with the tagline “Don’t leave home without it.”

Members of the Kansas National Guard possess a different sort of card they should definitely not stay home without, particularly if they want to access the federal National Guard network from there.

The card is called a Common Access Card. The CAC, as it is commonly known, serves the dual purpose of identification card and computer access.

On Feb. 2, Airmen assigned to the 184th Intelligence Wing received training on using a common access card reader from home. Utilizing a CAC reader allows the user to access government e-mail, digitally sign forms utilizing Lotus software, access the Defense Travel System and Air Force Reserve Order Writing System sites, and enable other military and government websites without the necessity to travel to their base.

“It is an inconvenience for some traditional Guardsmen to travel to a base in order to sign AROWS forms or access DTS,” said Staff Sgt. Cole Watts, 184th Intelligence Security Squadron, cybersystem operations specialist. “This will definitely help those that do not live in the immediate area of a base.”

Home computers must have a CAC reader, ActivClient Agent and correct computer configurations to properly use a CAC reader at home. Additionally, users must have an enabled network account and be current on the DoD cyberawareness challenge training.

Home users can purchase CAC readers from civilian vendors for less than \$30. External USB, USB keyboard, laptop and desktop CAC readers are the basic types of readers. Airmen can trade their old CAC reader for a new one from the 184th Communications Flight.

ActivClient is a middleware program that uses digital certificates and a personal identification number to verify the identification of the CAC card user. Windows 8 does not require you to install ActivClient, but it is recommended. Windows XP, Vista and 7 require ActivClient to be installed in order to operate correctly.

ActivClient may be downloaded by accessing the Air Force portal with a username and password. Users must first log into the portal from a 184th Local Area Network computer. Once logged on, the user can update or verify security



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

questions, username and password. The user can then log on to the portal from home and download ActivClient from the CAC middleware download link.

Home users with Apple Mac computers can visit www.military-cac.com/apple.htm for more information for specific requirements.

“This class was very informative,” said Chief Master Sgt. Jim Weldy, Detachment 1, Smoky Hill Weapons range superintendent. “Those that don’t have a work laptop will be able to handle important work from home, if necessary.”

Wing personnel can contact the 184th Communications Focal Point at DSN 743-7555 or commercial at (316)759-7555 or visit the CFP SharePoint <https://eis.ang.af.mil/org/184IW/MSG/CF/Pages/default.aspx> for further information or questions. The 184th Intelligence Group personnel may contact DSN 743-7740 or commercial (316) 759-7740.

**Senior Master Sgt.
Stacie Smith**

Fighting Jayhawk since 1992

Organization:
Inspector General's Office

Military Job Title:
Commander's Inspection Program
Superintendent



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

Above & Beyond:

- Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice through the Community College of the Air Force
- Bachelor's Degree in Administration of Justice through Friends University
- Provided law enforcement support to Haysville and Wichita during tornado recovery in 1999
- Mobilized for two years with security forces following terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001
- Served at the National Guard Bureau's Crisis Action Center directing national security forces responding to areas affected by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005
- Performed on-scene operations superintendent duties during domestic operations response following a tornado that struck Greensburg, Kan., in 2007
- Served as superintendent overseeing 157 security forces personnel during a deployment to Eskan Village, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, in 2009

My story:

I joined the Kansas Air National Guard as a Drill Status Guardsman in October 1992. I started as a personnel specialist in the Consolidated Aircraft Maintenance Squadron and transferred to security forces in 1994 when they changed from a Security Police flight to the Security Forces Squadron. I have always had a passion to serve my community. In 1995, I joined the Wichita Police Department as a service officer, assigned to the DUI enforcement team as a breath alcohol test, BAT, van operator. That same year I joined the WPD as a reserve police officer and volunteered over 2,000 hours of service before being hired full-time by the department in 1997. I considered myself a dedicated drill status Guardsman, often working mid-shifts with the WPD and bringing a change of clothes to UTA weekend. After the terrorist attacks in September 2001, I was mobilized for two years to support Security Forces contingency operations. Upon return, I changed from one uniform back to the other. In 2006, an opportunity arose for a full-time position in the Security Forces Squadron. Leaving my job at WPD was one of the most difficult decisions I've ever had to make. Both organizations were my family, my blood and my passion. I've been blessed to serve along side some of the best and brightest Airmen and police officers in the world. Since January, I've been detailed to the Inspector General's Office as the wing MICT administrator in support of the new commander's inspection program. I look forward to doing my part to help our wing succeed, or as we are most noted for, EXCEED. I am grateful to be a member of this wonderful organization and to have the understanding and support from my family, husband, Master Sgt. Eric Smith; children Sarah, Kirstie, and Eric II; 16 goats, 12 cats, and three dogs.

History book committee begins work on new book

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Airmen from all areas of the wing are telling the history of the 184th Intelligence Wing through their personal stories.

The 184th Intelligence Wing was inducted into federal service in October of 1941 and was the last Kansas National Guard unit to be organized before World War II. The unit originated as the 127th Observation Squadron with Lt. Paul Flanary as its commander. The unit became known as the “Flying Jayhawks” in honor of its Kansas heritage...and so it began.

The history of our Air National Guard unit is not only one worth telling, but also worth reading.

In January the history book committee began gathering information about the contributions, challenges and triumphs of the Airmen who built this wing.

The last book the wing published was released in 2006, covering 65 years of history. The next book will be released in 2016 which will coincide with the wing’s 75th anniversary.

In order to get a full account of the unit’s history, each organization throughout the wing has appointed a history book committee representative. The representatives are currently gathering information and photos. They are also serving as liaisons between their units and the Public Affairs office while scheduling portraits and office photo shoots.



After a highly successful recruiting effort by the unit’s first commander, Lt. Paul Flanary, the 127th Observation Squadron was ordered into active service in October 1941. The squadron consisted of 110 men and four single engine observation planes. In 1945, the 127th supported British forces during the Burma offensive and the invasion of Rangoon.

Photo courtesy 184th Intelligence Wing archives

I’d encourage former and current unit members to contact me at 759-7561, or a squadron representative to contribute to the book. All it takes is telling your story.

For example, when I joined the ANG in 1997, our unit was the 184th Bomb Wing. Everything we did was done in support of putting B-1 bombers in the air so they could put bombs on target. The Air Force doctrine of the time was to achieve air superiority through rapid global strikes, anywhere, anytime.

On Sept. 10, 2001, when our commanders stood in front of us to announce the drawdown of the ANG B-1 fleet, many of us can remember fearing for the future of our jobs, and how we feared for the future of our country the next day.

It was only six years later we saluted the Flying Jayhawks and began a new chapter in our history. We were armed with the confidence, which was based on experience, that when Fighting Jayhawks perform any mission we revolutionize it.

In my story, our devoted service to our community, state and nation didn’t begin or end with an airplane, or a terrorist attack or a mission, it’s been in our Guardsmen the whole time and will continue through to the next challenge we face.

This is your chance to tell your story. Whether you’ve been in the Guard for one year or 41 years, every unit member has a story. Although some may seem insignificant, each story helps support the overall history of the unit.

JAY HAWK FLYER

photo finish ► Fighting Jayhawks in action



Airman 1st Class Luke Janzen, 284th Air Support Operations Squadron, talks with high school students at a career fair hosted by Derby High School. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Newly promoted master sergeants assigned to the 184th Intelligence Wing were recognized at a senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony during the wing commander's call in January. Photo by Staff Sgt. Maria Ruiz



Airmen assigned to the 184th Security Forces Squadron returned from deployment on March 2. A crowd of family, friends and Fighting Jayhawks were anxiously waiting at the airport to welcome them home. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Senior Airman TJ Tasker, right, and Senior Airman Adam Edwards, 184th Honor Guard, post the colors during Chief Master Sgt. Dennis Farris' promotion ceremony.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Master Sgt. John Bogart, 184th Civil Engineer Squadron; Col. Joe Jabara, vice commander, 184th Intelligence Wing; Master Sgt. Mark Wall, 161st Intelligence Squadron; and 1st Lt. Darral Garner, 161st Intelligence Squadron at the Super Bowl Run, Feb. 2. Photo by Airman 1st Class Lauren Penney