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C-130 Formal Training Unit (FTU)

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Putting the family in FSS

By Capt. Veronica Tice
189th FSS Operations Officer

The 189th Force Support Squadron's Airman and Family Readiness Flight has a new face. His name is Mr. Ed Summers. Hired in March of this year, Mr. Summers is now the Program Manager for the 189th Airlift Wing's Family Programs. He may be a new addition to the FSS and the 189AW, but Mr. Summers is not new to the Air Force or supporting military families.

Mr. Summers served 20 years as an active duty Airman and retired in 1991. He rejoined the Force as a Department of the Air Force civilian employee in 1992. Since then, he has had an array of duties and assignments across the Air Force similarly comparable to those that an active duty Airman would have.

Mr. Summers served as a Base Records Manager and Personal Financial Manager for Vance AFB, OK. In September 2001, Mr. Summers relocated to Little Rock AFB as a Relocation Specialist. His next assignment would take him thousands of miles away from Arkansas to the country of Japan where he worked as a Work Life Consultant for three years at Yokota Air Force Base. In 2006, Mr. Summers moved back to Little Rock AFB as a Community Readiness Consultant, specifically as a Transition Assistance



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Dianna Seerey

Ed Summers, the new Airman and Family Readiness Program Manager for the 189th Airlift Wing, works in his office located in the headquarters building (bldg. 103). Mr. Summers served 20 years as an active duty Airman and currently has two children serving in the 189th Airlift Wing.

Manager in the Family Support Center. Three years later, Mr. Summers was hired as an Air Force Wounded Warrior Case Manager at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) in San Antonio, Texas and proudly assisted over 85 Air Force Wounded Warriors. But something kept bringing him back to the state of Arkansas over the span of his career.

Finally in January of 2011, Mr. Summers moved back to Little Rock AFB as a Community Readiness Consultant, specifically as a Personal Financial Readiness Advisor and served Team Little Rock until recently being hired as the 189AW Family Program

Manager.

Mr. Summers has a passion for people and for the military family. He has been married for 40 years to Ginny Summers whom have five children, two of which are currently serving in the 189th AW. He also has four grandchildren and one on the way.

When asked about his goal for the Family Program, he said "My goal is to provide to our leadership, top down, resources and direction that will aid them in developing a cohesive unit that are both, resilient and mission ready. In other words, the installation and unit leadership are my number one

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So what's up with the C-130 Legacy Formal Training Unit?

By Col. Steve Eggensperger
189th Airlift Wing commander

If you've found yourself asking this question over the last few years, you're not alone. There have been lots of changes that have affected the entire "Herk" community so let me try to explain the logic behind some of the seemingly whiplash changes you've seen. Read on ...

But first a little background. The 189th Airlift Wing has been the Air National Guard portion of the Total Force Formal Training Unit for more than 27 years now. We first started training students in the C-130 in 1986 and taught Initial Qualification training only for the first 12 years. By 1998 we had amassed a very experienced cadre of C-130 instructors with both FTU and worldwide tactical airlift experience so it made perfect sense to transition the 189 AW into the Instructor School training mission. That mission continues to be our primary

flying mission and our operators and maintainers are focused on the FTU and student production on a daily basis. The rest of the wing supports the training mission but also provides expeditionary combat support so their primary mission focus is deployment preparation and combat readiness.

In 2004 the Air Force began studying an upgraded C-130 cockpit design which would eventually be called the C-130 Avionics Modernization Program. This avionics upgrade would retrofit the cockpits of the older C-130s giving them increased navigational precision and increased reliability and bring them into the age of the modern "glass cockpit." (A term which refers to flight instrumentation being displayed on computer screens rather than the old individual round gauges.) In 2007 the 189 AW was chosen as the "lead unit" for the program and to eventually stand up the AMP FTU to provide training to all crew positions of AMP flyers.



Col. Steve Eggensperger

The AMP crew complement is two pilots, a flight engineer, and a loadmaster (no navigator). Our pilots and flight engineers selected as the "AMP Initial Cadre" were involved in design testing and flew on the initial test missions with the 418th Test Squadron at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

The AMP conversion syllabus was significant and was almost like learning to fly a completely different airplane. The pilot conversion course to teach a currently qualified C-130 pilot to be an

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Tough times will come, but there is always help

By Chaplain Steve Rogers
189th Airlift Wing Chaplain's Office

There are so many difficult situations around us. Cancer with a friend or relative hits our world. Bombs begin exploding at a marathon in Boston. Jobs are lost due to cutbacks. Sequestration hits the military and civilian workers. A friend suddenly dies due to an illness or an accident.

Tough times will come our way. Unfortunately, this is just a fact of life. We live in a world where challenges are thrown our way every day in one way or the other. Where do we turn? Do we give up or do we fight?

Where are the answers?

Psalm 91 tells us that "Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, 'He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.' Because he loves me, says the LORD, I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges My name. He will call on Me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him."

Job situations may change. Finances may get strained. Marriages may be difficult and stressful. Illnesses may come our way. However, we

are never alone. Never. God is always with us. He will never leave us or turn His back on us. But we must seek His help. He will never force His way into our lives. The choice is up to us how we handle difficulties and where we seek help.

The 189th Chaplains are just a phone call, email or text away. We are available if you are facing difficulties, family illnesses, and job changes or just have questions about life. Call us. Email us. Text us. We are here for you and your families.

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customers. If I take care of their members and families, then I will have taken care of them.”

The Air National Guard

offers assistance and support to Airman, their families and unit leadership through various programs such as the Key Spouse Program, Transition Assistance Program, Personal

Financial Readiness, and Deployment Readiness. If you would like more information, please contact Mr. Summers at 987-5952 or earl.summers@ang.af.mil.



TRAINING UNIT

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AMP pilot, for example, was almost two months long. So as over 220 aircraft in the C-130 legacy fleet were to be upgraded, the 189 AW would simultaneously be training the crews to be qualified to fly their newly converted aircraft when they returned to their home unit. That was a significant amount of conversion training planned to take place at Little Rock AFB between 2012 and about 2020. And keep in mind that conversion training is in addition to the ongoing initial qualification, mission qualification, and instructor training taking place every day here at The Rock.

Meanwhile, as the Air Mobility Command tactical airlifters saw their deployments increase and their home station time decrease there was an obvious need for additional active duty crews to share in the deployment burden. This fact spawned the initiative in 2010 to bring a new Air Force Reserve unit to Little Rock AFB to partner with the 189 AW so that the active duty trainers in the 62nd Airlift Squadron could

be reassigned to other AMC units. This initiative would significantly reduce the active duty footprint in the legacy FTU as the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserves (together referred to as the “Air Reserve Component” or “ARC”) would form an ARC Association to take over the flight line portion of the legacy training (which would of course eventually become AMP training as the fleet was converted). That was the grand plan ...

The 189th AW spent most of 2011 preparing to host the Initial Operational Test and Evaluation phase of the AMP program. IOT&E was to begin in January 2012 but due to financial constraints the program was placed on hold only days before the IOT&E flying phase was to begin. AMP answers valid needs in the legacy airplanes, however, the program is expensive and therefore drew close scrutiny when there was a need to cut budgets. Today, the program remains on hold pending a final congressional funding decision.

Meanwhile, the legacy FTU training must continue despite budget and AMP uncertainty because the students never

stop showing up for training. But with the uncertainty of AMP conversion training there is no longer a need for such the robust FTU as originally envisioned when the decision was made in 2010 to create the ARC Association. Today the FTU stands at a crossroads. The current Air Force proposal is to cancel AMP and increase the size of the 189th AW by four aircraft to allow the ANG to take a greater role in the FTU with a goal of the 189th AW eventually taking over the entire flying portion of the legacy training program. But this will not happen overnight and the 314th Airlift Wing and AFRC Detachment 1 will likely be involved in legacy flying training for a few more years.

Yes, that’s a lot of change in a short period of time. But there are a lot of things that remain constant here at The Rock. Team Little Rock was Total Force before Total Force was cool. The Guard and the active duty have been working hand-in-hand here for years and although we are not a formal association the three wings here function together in some ways more efficiently than units that are involved in a formal Total

Force Initiative association.

The 19 AW provides an exceptional level of host base support to all the various units and components represented in Team Little Rock. Years of working side by side with the 314th AW in pursuit of excellence in C-130 training has forged a great partnership and understanding of the strengths and limitations of each component—so we work together in a synergistic manner to provide the best possible training to our students.

Our students and their gaining commands are our customers, and our objective is to provide combat units with highly qualified crewmembers and to instill in our graduates the confidence, skill, and ability to do the tactical airlift business of this great nation. So regardless of what changes lie ahead, I see Little Rock AFB as the center of the C-130 universe and I see a strong Team Little Rock ready and able to provide all components of combat airlift.

Team Little Rock = Combat Airlift!



IT IS OK TO ASK FOR HELP

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NATIONAL HOTLINES

Military One Source, 1-800-342-9647
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, 1-800-273-TALK(8255)
National Hopeline Network, 1-800-784-2433



Warrior of the month

Rank and Name: SrA Matthew Sewell
Unit: 189th Communications Flight
Job Title: Cyber Transport Technician/NCCR Team Lead
Status: Traditional
Hometown: Austin, AR
Civilian Employment: HP Conway
Family: Wife - Cyndi, sons - Austin and William, daughter - Kayla
Why I joined the Guard: To work in an environment that feels like family while serving the country when needed.
Most rewarding part of my job: Having fun each day and learning new things while finding innovative ways to complete projects to help the team.
Hobbies: Building/repairing computers and networks, robotics, woodworking, working in the shop.
My favorite movie is: Hackers
My favorite TV Show(s): Big Bang Theory
My favorite book: My Little Bible
A perfect day would be: Being home with the wife and kids relaxing and doing whatever comes to mind. Seeing smiles and enjoying the time.
I admire: My family and anyone that will mentor to others and like to learn new things.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

Something no one knows about me: I am harder on myself at times of failure and will not give up until the failure turns to success

If you have someone in mind that you would like to nominate for Warrior of the Month contact Public Affairs at 987-6232 or 987-6068 or send an email to ian.caple@ang.af.mil.

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Satellite Airman Leadership School gets well positioned

By Master Sgt. Mike R. Smith
I.G. Brown Training and
Education Center

MCGHEE TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Tenn. -- When the message went out months ago that Airman Leadership School might be offered in blended learning again through a satellite program there was a colossal, "Please do this!!" response to Master Sgt. Kirk Hayes and his Paul H. Lankford Enlisted Professional Military Education Center teammates.

The I.G. Brown Training and Education Center here strives to make training convenient and cost effective for the Air Force. The huge response from the field meant they uncovered a huge need, now they had to dust off a once shelved program and begin anew.

"Interest far surpassed what we thought it was going to be," said Hayes, superintendent of the Satellite EPME program.

The TEC is the Air National Guard's primary force development center. Its 85 Total Force staff members teach an average 18 EPME courses and host more than 40 professional continuing education courses each year.

The Center's satellite business has been robust in recent years as National Guard members, especially, work or attend college on the weekdays and have little time to travel. The TEC has done well with its satellite Noncommissioned Officer Academy.

That course, which teaches advanced leadership to technical sergeants hoping to make senior ranks is a weeknight broadcast. It's currently delivering the blended learning course to 115 Airmen at 11 installations across the country.

Many more are noticing the Center's success as the only Air Force blended learning EMPE available.

"Working in conjunction with the National Guard Bureau, we decided to try providing a satellite Airman Leadership Course for this spring to see how popular it was and see how it works for the future," said Hayes.

The course will be taught for eight hours, Saturdays and Sundays, for five weekends, followed by a two-and-a-half week in-resident session here.

The curriculum of the satellite is no different than the in-resident, Hayes said.

The instructors are confident they can get beyond the "dust off" phase of a satellite product shelved in 2008, but it's too early to say how effective they will be. They plan to monitor test scores to ensure it meets all Air Force standards.

"The students won't notice it because of all the hard work to ensure they get the same product as a physical classroom," said Tech. Sgt. Jenny Sanchez, EPME instructor and NCOIC of the ALS Satellite program.

Sanchez and Tech. Sgt. Caleb Rose are serving as on-camera instructors for this course. The

center has about a half dozen instructors like them who can teach all genres of NCOA and ALS, classroom and satellite.

"Sergeant Rose and I are fortunate to be the faces associated with the satellite program because we are the on-camera instructors, but as a whole, a greater TEC team is behind the vision of getting this out to the Airmen who need it," said Sanchez.

And although the course once stopped, technology progressed. That's where the TEC's niche of having a high-definition television studio and broadcast network makes the broadcast feasible but not as easy as warming up an overhead projector.

"We heard stories that it was done via satellite, but we are starting everything from scratch here," said Master Sgt. John Anderson, who manages a six-person team of broadcast technicians at the TEC's Media Engagement Division.

The broadcast team and engineers pulled together to attack the challenge. They started cross training and are designing new graphics and show introductions. They also plan to share the weekend duty with the mindset of gaining expertise as technical directors, so the course will go on without a hitch.

"From seeing the success of how satellite NCOA works, I have a good feeling about it," said Anderson.

The first broadcast is



Tech. Sgt. Caleb Rose and Tech. Sgt. Jenny Sanchez, both enlisted professional military education instructors at the Paul H. Lankford Enlisted Professional Military Education Center here, practice on camera April 17, 2013, at the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center's Media Engagement Division. The Center is offering Airman Leadership School via the satellite high-definition training and education offered through the Warrior Network and TEC-TV.

scheduled, live starting May 4 from the studio, which is in its 18th year of providing blended learning NCOA via its "Warrior Network" satellite broadcast system.

"If we are as successful with satellite ALS as we are with satellite NCOA, it's because of many working here to make that huge impact on the Air Force," said Sanchez.

"I think she said it best," Rose added. "The satellite team is going to give the best that we can, that being, we keep students enthralled, entertained and educated throughout the weeks of broadcast. Then we will meet them here to finish the in-resident part of course and seal that impact on their leadership that it should."

The 189th Airlift Wing mission:

Provide C-130 aircrew training to effectively airlift cargo and personnel supporting national and state objectives, and to develop, maintain, and refine wartime skills to serve, sustain, and support military and civil authorities during disasters or other emergencies.



- FEATURE -

State Command Chief Steve Arnold's Retirement



Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch, Arkansas Air National Guard commander, presents Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen W. Arnold, former Arkansas Air National Guard command chief, his Certificate of Retirement at Hangar 207 on April 7, 2013.



Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch, Arkansas Air National Guard commander and State Command Chief Master Sgt. retired Stephen Arnold promote his son, Daniel Arnold, 123rd Intelligence Squadron, to master sergeant during his retirement ceremony at Hangar 207 on April 7, 2013.



Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen W. Arnold relinquishes his position as the Arkansas Air National Guard state command chief to Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter during his retirement ceremony at Hangar 207 on April 7, 2013. Also shown is (L to R) Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch, Arkansas Air National Guard commander, First Sergeant Jassen Travis and Command Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter, Arkansas Air National Guard state command chief.



Command Chief Master Sgt. Asa Carter assumes the position of the Arkansas Air National Guard state command chief during Chief Master Sgt. Stephen W. Arnold's retirement ceremony on April 7, 2013. Also shown is (L to R) Brig. Gen. Travis D. Balch, Arkansas Air National Guard commander, First Sergeant Jassen Travis and Command Chief Master Sgt. Stephen W. Arnold.



Cabot Special Olympics



MSgt. Michael Duncan, 189th AMXS crew chief, helps a competitor during the softball throw portion of the competition at the Cabot Special Olympics held at Cabot High School on May 1, 2013.



SMSgt. Brad Orr, 189th AMXS Accessories Element, congratulates a competitor after the softball throw portion of the competition.



MSgt. Tony Huntley, 189th LRS Customer Service superintendant, makes sure the 100-yard dash goes smoothly.



Maj. Jacqueline Taylor, 189th Airlift Wing Military Equal Opportunity Officer, watches as students compete during the long jump.



TSgt. Amber Brown, Headquarters Administrative Assistant, Arkansas Air National Guard Headquarters, helps competitors get into place during the 50-yard dash portion of the competition.



MSgt. Jennifer Poindexter, 189th LRS Materials Management supervisor, calls out competitors' names during the softball throw portion of the competition.



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Keep 100% of your cash, practice good OPSEC at work and home. If you have any questions regarding OPSEC, please feel free to give me a call at 501-987-7501.

Lt. Col. Scott Dillman, 189AW OPSEC Program Manager.

Promotions



To Senior Master Sergeant
MSgt. Daniel Norwood, NGMTU



To Technical Sergeant
Adrienne I. Collins, 189 MXG



To Senior Airman
Cody L. Ealy, 189 SFS
Tracy J. Shatwell, 123 IS
Dakota M. Norwood, 189 CES
Kimberly J. Scott, 189 CES
Rachel A. Freeman, 189 SFS

PME Graduations

Air Command and Staff College

Maj. Jeremy Lassiter, 189 AW, 27 Mar 2013

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

MSgt. Connie Laughlin, 189 MXG, 20 Mar 2013
MSgt. Aaron Huffmaster, 189 MOF, 27 Mar 2013
MSgt. Michael Boles, 189 MOF, 03 Apr 2013
MSgt. Steven Mitts, 189 AMXS, 24 Apr 2013
MSgt. William Catton, 189 CES, 24 Apr 2013

Airman Leadership School

SrA Angela Smieth, 189 CES, 17 Apr 2013

Retirements

CMSgt. Stephen Arnold, HQ AR ANG, 30 April 2013
MSgt. Linda Dahl, 189 OG, 30 April 2013
MSgt. Shaun Sweeney, 189 MDG, 30 April 2013
TSgt. Adam Coats, 189 MXS, 30 April 2013



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The RAT Corner

A huge THANK YOU to MSgt. Dan Anderson, MSgt. Glen Bates, MSgt. JD Crawford, MSgt. Bryon Gullett and SrA Donald Brooks who responded on very short notice the day after Christmas and spent much of the next day assisting Garland County civilian authorities with emergency route clearance efforts. Their work enabled emergency responders access to citizens in remote areas who needed medical or other assistance.

Team "B": You are in the "bucket" now! As evidenced by the recent mobilization to Garland County, we may be called upon to assist the citizens of Arkansas when we least expect it, such as in this case, when we received the call well after the storm had passed and the icy roads were beginning to melt. Please make sure you have taken care of any medical or personnel issues that may affect your eligibility for State Active Duty and make sure you have made the necessary preparations to be ready to go at a moment's notice.

RAT ROTATION SCHEDULE:

Team B: "In the bucket" February 01, 2013 - April 30, 2013 TEAM C: "In the bucket" May 01, 2013 - July 31, 2013 Team A: "In the bucket" August 01, 2013 through October 31, 2013

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