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Master Sgt. Marcus Rawls, in-service Air National Guard recruiter, explains options in palace chasing to a Team Little Rock member July 31. Rawls is the first permanent recruiter for Little Rock Air Force Base. (U.S. Air Force photo by Senior Airman Regina Agoha)

New ANG recruiter for Little Rock AFB

By Senior Airman Regina Agoha
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Little Rock Air Force Base now has an in-service recruiter for any active-duty member who wants to join the Air National Guard.

If an Airman wants to go to a specific state or perhaps back home, Master Sgt. Marcus Rawls, Little Rock AFB in-service recruiter, said he is the “broker” between that Airman and the recruiter there. He can make sure there is a vacancy and a position number in the Air Force Specialty Code he or she is qualified in. If an Airman wants to cross train, Rawls said he can initiate that as well.

“I am here specifically recruiting active-duty members

for palace chase and palace front programs,” said Rawls. “That’s for active-duty members who want to get out early or at the end of their time of service and transition directly to the Air National Guard.”

Rawls said to remember this is a part-time gig, and one would have to double the remaining years that are left. For example, if there are three years left in one’s enlistment, he or she would have to serve at least six years in the guard.

“This is for people who want to go home and have a full-time job waiting for them,” he said.

Before setting up an appointment, Rawls said there are certain things an Airman should have.

“Make sure you have three

years of service completed,” he said. “That way, you will be eligible for your Post 9/11 GI Bill. Make sure you have a good track record with your active duty service. If you have any law violations, demotions or a derogatory record, there’s probably not a good chance I can help you. You have to be in good health. You have to be passing your PT test as well. You cannot be on any type profile, except pregnancy.”

Rawls said there are certain AFSCs that are categorized as critically manned according to Air Force standards. During certain periods, those AFSCs will be disqualified. For those interested, go to the virtual

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August is Anti-Terrorism, Force Protection Awareness Month

By Lt. Col. Keith Moore
Arkansas Air National Guard Public Affairs

August is annually the time where military organizations review their anti-terrorism/force protection plans, programs, defensive measures and response activities. And August 2013 is no different, however, this year the observance will be expanded to include a public and law enforcement aspect.

In light of the numerous terrorist attacks in nations all around the world, planners have expanded AT/FP programs to spread the word of vigilance with our communities, Families and support organizations – all of which could also be targeted by violent extremists.

The 2013 AT/FP program carries a theme of “See Something – Say Something” report suspicious activity. The initiative in Arkansas also includes a statewide reporting phone number where the public and military servicemembers may report information for follow up by local law enforcement. The statewide number links a caller to the state fusion center where the information is taken and routed to the appropriate local, state or federal law enforcement entity for investigation or response. The reporting number is: 1-866-787-2332 and is monitored around the clock.

For the Arkansas National Guard many organizations, facilities and installations will be conducting anti-terrorism exercises and response drills during the month. In addition, two family events will be held to promote the need for personal vigilance and situational awareness. The first will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Saturday, August 3, 2013, at Chappell Armory on Robinson Maneuver Training Center in North Little Rock. The second event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon, Sunday August 4, 2013, at the theater -building 1584- on Fort Chaffee.

These events will include information for family members on how to protect their identity information, how to reduce their likelihood of being targeted and what information they should gather on a suspicious individual or situation before reporting to local law enforcement or the anti-terrorism hotline.

“Our purpose is to increase overall situational awareness of our members and their families,” said Lt. Col. Chuck Vereen, anti-terrorism program manager. “An observant public can be a force multiplier in preventing or intercepting possible terrorists before they have an opportunity to do us or our community harm.”

Threat protection experts



cite cyber crime as the #1 threat – from both identity theft perspective and outright deceit of consumers. But effective protection involves a holistic approach. Protecting our forces, our families, our infrastructure and personal information involves overall situational awareness, attention to implementing security measures and procedures, as well as knowing and protecting critical information for yourself and your unit and family.

No single-level security system can be comprehensively effective. A multi-layered approach involves every Soldier and Airman as a sensor, to recognize threats and vulnerabilities that could put our force and our community in jeopardy. Keeping OPSEC in mind and knowing its benefits for you and your unit, family and community can protect us all.

Be vigilant. Mitigating the threat risks through awareness, planning, evaluations, and information sharing is the best method to ensuring force protection.

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There is no I in team

By Capt. Steven Rogers
189th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

Over the years, I have come to learn the value of teamwork. While it is true that individuals can excel and accomplish great things on their own, most of the truly great accomplishments

in history and in our lives are the results of teamwork. This applies to all areas of life – work, play, family, charity, etc. We can accomplish so much more as a team and often it is neglecting the team concept that causes so much stress and pain.

In his Book, “Teamwork Makes the Dream Work,” John Maxwell includes the story of Charlie Plum, a fighter pilot during Vietnam. Combat pilots are a great example of how teamwork is needed - pilots can’t accomplish their mission without the help of many people. Hundreds of people with

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Hagel Announces Reduction in Civilian Furlough Days

American Forces Press

WASHINGTON, Aug. 6, 2013 – Hundreds of thousands of Defense Department civilian employees who have had to take a weekly unpaid day off from work since July 8 are getting some relief, as the total number of furlough days has been reduced from 11 to six, Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced today.

Here is the complete text of the secretary's announcement:

When I announced my decision on May 14 to impose furloughs of up to 11 days on civilian employees to help close the budget gap caused by sequestration, I also said we would do everything possible to find the money to reduce furlough days for our people. With the end of the fiscal year next month, managers across the DoD are making final decisions necessary to ensure we make the \$37 billion spending cuts mandated by sequestration, while also doing everything possible to limit damage to military readiness and our workforce. We are joined in this regard by managers in non-defense agencies who are also working to accommodate sequestration cuts while minimizing mission damage. As part of that effort at the Department of Defense, I am announcing today that, thanks to the DoD's efforts to

identify savings and help from Congress, we will reduce the total numbers of furlough days for DoD civilian employees from 11 to six.

When sequestration took effect on March 1, DoD faced shortfalls of more than \$30 billion in its budget for day-to-day operating costs because of sequestration and problems with wartime funding. At that point we faced the very real possibility of unpaid furloughs for civilian employees of up to 22 days.

As early as January, DoD leaders began making painful and far reaching changes to close this shortfall: civilian hiring freezes, layoffs of temporary workers, significant cuts in facilities maintenance, and more. We also sharply cut training and maintenance. The Air Force stopped flying in many squadrons, the Navy kept ships in port, and the Army cancelled training events. These actions have seriously reduced military readiness.

By early May, even after taking these steps, we still faced day-to-day budgetary shortfalls of \$11 billion. At that point I decided that cutting any deeper into training and maintenance would jeopardize our core readiness mission and national security, which is why I announced furloughs of 11 days.

Hoping to be able to reduce

furloughs, we submitted a large reprogramming proposal to Congress in May, asking them to let us move funds from acquisition accounts into day-to-day operating accounts. Congress approved most of this request in late July, and we are working with them to meet remaining needs. We are also experiencing less than expected costs in some areas, such as transportation of equipment out of Afghanistan. Where necessary, we have taken aggressive action to transfer funds among services and agencies. And the furloughs have saved us money.

As a result of these management initiatives, reduced costs, and reprogramming from Congress, we have determined that we can make some improvements in training and readiness and still meet the sequestration cuts. The Air Force has begun flying again in key squadrons, the Army has increased funding for organizational training at selected units, and the Navy has restarted some maintenance and ordered deployments that otherwise would not have happened. While we are still depending on furlough savings, we will be able to make up our budgetary shortfall in this fiscal year with fewer furlough days than initially announced.

This has been one of the most volatile and uncertain budget cycles the Department of

Defense has ever experienced. Our fiscal planning has been conducted under a cloud of uncertainty with the imposition of sequestration and changing rules as Congress made adjustments to our spending authorities.

As we look ahead to fiscal year 2014, less than two months away, the Department of Defense still faces major fiscal challenges. If Congress does not change the Budget Control Act, DoD will be forced to cut an additional \$52 billion in FY 2014, starting on October 1. This represents 40 percent more than this year's sequester-mandated cuts of \$37 billion. Facing this uncertainty, I cannot be sure what will happen next year, but I want to assure our civilian employees that we will do everything possible to avoid more furloughs.

I want to thank our civilian workers for their patience and dedication during these extraordinarily tough times, and for their continued service and devotion to our department and our country. I know how difficult this has been for all of you and your families. Your contribution to national security is invaluable, and I look forward to one day putting this difficult period behind us. Thank you and God Bless you and your families.

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Military Personnel Flight site to find out if their AFSC is one in that category.

Rawls explain that anyone wanting to go through the

process of palace chasing or separating to become ANG has to be flexible with the time frame.

"It's not just something that can happen in a week or two," he said. "It can take up to four months, and that's because

of the layers of approval. The person whose applying just needs to be patient as the process goes through."

Rawls is available Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in building 1255, upstairs in room 216B. He can

be reached at (501)-987-6767, (301)-250-5838 or marcus.rawls.1@us.af.mil. For more information on the Air National Guard visit www.goang.com.



Warrior of the month

Rank and Name: TSgt. Anthony Thompson
Unit: 189th LRS
Job Title: IEE NCOIC
Status: Technician
Hometown: Conway, AR
Civilian Employment: Technician
Family: Wife: Annette, sons: Zach, Ryan and Heath, daughter: Heather.
Why I joined the Guard: I was prior service and when 911 happened, I felt that I needed to help in some way.
Most rewarding part of my job: The people I work with
Hobbies: Trying to play guitar, repelling, horseback riding, hunting and fishing
My favorite movie is: True Grit
My favorite TV Show(s): The History Channel
My favorite book: The Bible
A perfect day would be: My family and friends at the lake grilling, swimming and fellowshiping
I admire: People that are content in all things and love and except all people unconditionally
Something no one knows about me: I've been on my own



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

since I was 14 and joined the army at 17 and finished high school in the Army.

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.

DID YOU KNOW?

The DD Form 214, "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" is provided on your release from active duty, discharge, separation, or retirement. The information on your DD Forms 214 is used for benefits eligibility and legal verification of your military service. It is important to keep your military personnel records accurate.

If while you are in service, you find any information that

needs to be corrected or added on any of your DD Forms 214; you can submit a request online to have a DD Form 215, "Correction to DD Form 214, Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty" prepared for that form and distributed. Usually your need for a DD Form 215 is to document information that



wasn't available when the original DD Form 214 was produced; but it can also be used to correct certain specific pieces of information that are in error.

To submit your request, log on to myPers at mypers.af.mil. From the myPers homepage, go to the "I Would Like To..." section and select "Access the vPC-GR

Dashboard" link, choose the "Action Request" tab, and select "Correction to My DD Form 214." Fill out the information in the "DD Form 215 Request Worksheet" and attach any required documentation.

If you need assistance at any time when submitting your request, click on the "Contact Us" link from the myPers website to reach a customer service representative.

Go check it out!



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different skills work together as a team to put our pilots in the air and help them achieve victory. Charlie was a POW who went down in 1967 during his 75th mission. He said, "Our unity through our faith in God and in our love for country were the great strength which kept us going through some very difficult times." Later in life Charlie was reminded of how important teamwork is when he met the man who had

packed his parachute. Charlie recounted how he had many times said a prayer of thanks for the person who had packed his parachute, but was grateful for the opportunity to thank him in person. Charlie went on to become a motivational speaker. He says, "In a world where downsizing forces us to do more with less, we must empower the team. 'Packing others' parachutes' can mean the difference in survival. Yours and the team's!"

Remember that story when you think about your role and

responsibility as part of a team – your shop, your unit, the 189th, the Air National Guard, etc. What you do really matters and it is part of a bigger picture where your membership on the team is vital. Let me also bring this down to the family level. I see so many families struggling today because one or more of the members are not willing to see their family unit as a team. So many times, the attitudes are "my way or the highway" and "That's just the way I am, I'm not going to change." That is not a team player attitude! We

all need to work together, give and take, work for the good of all, and help each other. That is how to achieve victory through teamwork as the United States Air Force and as a member of your family at home. It works for both and for all our other relationships. So, join the team! We can do great things together. Maxwell states, "One person seeking glory doesn't accomplish much. Success is the result of people pulling together to meet common goals."

Stay connected with social media without sacrificing career

By Maj. Shane D. Pair
188th Fighter Wing Chaplains

FORT GEORGE G. MEADE, Md. (AFNS) -- Engaging in social media can be a positive experience that entertains, keeps people connected and allows opinions to be expressed on a wide variety of topics.

In some cases though, social media can ruin personal reputations or careers, and create an open window for criminals to access personal information.

According to the Air Force's top social media expert, safe use of social-media outlets is simple -- use common sense.

Tanya Schusler is the chief of social media for the Air Force Public Affairs Agency, Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, Texas. She said in many cases, problems arise when people are "too trusting" with their personally identifiable information.

"It can be something as simple as sharing your location when visiting your favorite store or restaurant," said Schusler. "This tells your social network one critical piece of

information--you're not home."

To take full advantage of social media, and still post to Facebook and tweet to friends safely, Schusler offered the following advice:

Many Airmen cause issues by posting photographs of themselves violating appearance standards, acting inappropriately and most importantly, violating operational security protocol. If you're not within regulations, don't post it.

Airmen should not post information about deployments or photos of secure areas within their workplace. Even if the Airman takes the information down shortly after posting, someone has already seen it. The information can be printed, screen captured, copied etc. Once information is released to the internet, it's there permanently.

When posting personal opinions about Air Force topics, provide a disclaimer stating the opinion as your own, and not that of the Air Force. This can be done either as a disclaimer on a profile, or on each individual post and will alleviate any

potential confusion from followers reading the post.

If an Airman posts a statement about hurting himself or others, time is of the essence. Contact 911 if you know the location of the Airman. If you do not know the person's location, contact the command post or your supervisor for assistance in locating the Airman. It is important to seek help for these individuals immediately.

Using certain security features within social media sites can help mitigate some of the risk of personal information being shared. However, privacy policies change almost daily, and Airmen may not know about the updates. Therefore, do not rely on site security measures alone. Be careful of whom you allow into your social media networks, and don't trust that the account will always remain secure. Assume personal responsibility.

Airmen's social-media pages are their personal space, and they are encouraged to tell their personal Air Force stories through social networks. They simply need to ensure the information they



post is cleared for release and within regulations. Don't jeopardize the mission or put anyone's life, or lives in danger. Think before you post.

"We don't want Airmen to feel like they are stifled from sharing information," Schusler said. "We just want to emphasize the use of common sense to keep people safe."

If Airmen have questions about acceptable posting to social media, there are resources available to them for guidance. AFPAA has published a new booklet, the Air Force Social Media Guide, available for download here, or at <http://www.af.mil> on the homepage under the social media icons. Airmen can also contact their local public affairs office with questions.



- DOUBLE FEATURE -

Motorcycle Safety Foundation Instructors' Course at LRAFB



Lt. Col. Scott Sims, 189th Airlift Wing Safety officer, teaches the classroom portion of the MSF Basic Riders Course as a part of his training to become an MSF instructor, July 31, 2013.



MSgt. Gary Hendrickson, 154th TRS loadmaster, goes over the basics of starting and mounting a motorcycle during the MSF instructor training.



MSgt. Geoff Meyer, 189th MXG sheet metal fabrication, explains the basics of using the throttle during the MSF instructors training course.



MSgt. Mike Ellis, 189th MXG sheet metal fabrication, MSgt. Gary Hendrickson, 154th TRS loadmaster and Lt. Col. Scott Sims, 189th Airlift Wing Safety, look over their instructor guides during MSF instructor training.



A1C Christian Forsythe, 50th Airlift Wing Loadmaster, goes over the start up checklist before letting students ride their motorcycles for the first time.



Students ride across the practice lot for the first time during the MSF instructors course.



August Honorary Commanders' Tour



MSgt. Mike Parrot explains the functions of each of the screens in an AMP C-130 aircraft during the Honorary Commanders Tour on Aug. 15, 2013.



A 19th air traffic control Airman explains his duties on the catwalk of the tower during the Honorary Commanders Tour.



Rodney Showmar, Arkansas Federal Credit Union, holds a Barrett .50 caliber sniper rifle at the 189th Security Forces building while Curtis Lyman, Martin Borchert Construction, and retired Methodist minister Wendell Dorman take a look.



Curtis Lyman with Martin Borchert Construction and Rodney Showmar with Arkansas Federal Credit Union shoot airsoft rifles at targets at the 189th Security Forces building during the Honorary Commanders tour.



MSgt. Kevin Zaitz, air transportation specialist at the 189th Small Air Terminal, explains the uses of the parachute tower at the 189th Aerialport building during the August Honorary Commander Tour.



MSgt. Kevin Zaitz, air transportation specialist at the 189th Small Air Terminal, explains how pallets are packed during the August Honorary Commander Tour.



Congratulations!

SSgt. Brandon Garrett, a 154th Training Squadron Flight Engineer, was the Combat Airlifter of the Week (CAW) on Aug. 5, 2013.

Col. Patrick Rhatigan, 19th Airlift Wing commander, along with Chief Master Sgt. Margarita Overton, 19th Airlift Wing command chief, presented him with their coins as a congratulations at Little Rock Air Force Base on Aug. 5, 2013.

Garrett flew 187 mishap-free hours in support of student training for all the crew positions.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Clifton Dolezal

Promotions



To Master Sergeant
Leslie D. Coffman, 123 IS



To Technical Sergeant
Todd J. Belverstone, 189 MXS
Marissa C. Novak, 189 MXS
Gaylend S. Sheppard, 189 SFS
John Clamp, 189 LRS



To Staff Sergeant
Jasmine D. Watson, 154 TRS
Megan R. Terry, HW 189 AW
Justin L. Archer, 189 SFS
Ebony C. Sturgis, 189 FSS



To Senior Airman
Bruce A. Booth, 189 LRS
Torrez French, 189 FSS



To Airman 1st Class
Torrez French, 189 FSS

PME Graduations

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

MSgt. Ray Pratt, 17 Jul 2013, 189 MXS
MSgt. David McClanahan, 31 Jul 2013, 189 189 MXS
MSgt. Vernal Ballew, 31 Jul 2013, 123 IS.

Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

TSgt. Aleta Posey, 15 May 2013, 123 IS

Airman Leadership School

SrA Ryan Davidson, 19 Jun 2013, 189 LRS
SrA Ebony Sturgis, 01 Aug 2013, 189 FSS

Retirements

MSgt. Paul Ording, 189 OG, 1 May 2013
MSgt. Roderick Lambert, 189 SFS, 4 Aug 2013
TSgt. David Wood, 189 MXS, 31 Aug 2013
MSgt. Patric Taylor, 123 IS, 1 Aug 2013
MSgt. Wesley Hibner, 189 MOF, 6 Aug 2013
Lt. Col. Patrick A. Powell, 154 TRS, 1 Sept 2013
MSgt. Jacob Lunzer, 189 FSS, 9 Sept 2013

The RAT Corner

"THE RAT CORNER"

QUICK NOTES:

Team "C" you are in the "bucket" through July; are your bags packed and are you ready to assist affected local communities at a moment's notice?

Additional volunteers are needed for all three teams. Being part of a RAT is a great opportunity to deploy with your family from the 189th to assist local communities during a time of need. Our rotation schedule means you are only in the deployment "bucket" for 3 out of every 9 months. Give us a call if you are interested in signing up!

RECALL PROCEDURES: Texts and Telephone Calls are our primary means of contacting personnel when we receive a mission tasking and begin activating a RAT. If either your primary or alternate telephone numbers have changed and you have not previously let us know, please send an email to william.catton@ang.af.mil with your updated information so that we can keep our recall roster up to date.

RAT ROTATION SCHEDULE:

TEAM C: "In the bucket" May 01, 2013 - July 31, 2013 TEAM A: "In the bucket" August 01, 2013 through October 31, 2013.
TEAM B: "In the bucket" November 01, 2013 through January 31, 2014

CONTACT INFO:

If you have any questions or would like to join a team, please contact CMSgt Ken Fisher at 501-987-7978 or MSgt Bill Catton at 501-987-2169.