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Airman 1st Class Michael Wruk and Master Sgt. Christopher Lago of the 189th Airlift Wing, unveil the new "hawg nose" artwork on Col. Robert Ator II's assigned C-130 aircraft October 16 at Little Rock Air Force Base. (Air Force photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple.) - See more on page 7.

C-130 nose art celebrates Guard heritage

By Master Sgt. Chris Durney
189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. -- On a beautiful sunny day at Little Rock Air Force Base, an Arkansas Air National Guard C-130 got a special nose job. On October 16, Col. Robert Ator II, commander of the 189th Airlift Wing, helped unveil on his assigned aircraft new nose art that celebrates a special chapter of Arkansas Guard heritage.

A bright red razorback head now adorns each side of aircraft number 1396, a nod to the state's most well-known university mascot, and a preservation of a symbol that has been a long-standing part of the 189th's sister Air

National Guard wing in Fort Smith.

The 188th Wing has been known as the Flying Razorbacks since 1976, with the famous symbol appearing on several types of aircraft, most recently the A-10 Thunderbolt II, "Warthog." In 2013, the 188th was selected to convert to an MQ-9 Reaper remotely piloted aircraft (RPA) and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) wing. This included the world's first-ever space-focused targeting squadron

The last A-10 departed Fort Smith in June, leaving the Arkansas Air National Guard without one of its most well-known sights.

After end of the 188th's

flying mission, the 189th was given authorization by the National Guard Bureau to display the razorback head, and to take on the 188th's call sign of "Hawg," thus preserving an important part of Arkansas Air National Guard pride.

"We did this for a couple of reasons," said Col. Ator. "First, it's for esprit de corps for the wing and the maintenance guys, and for the state. When our sister wing the 188th lost their aircraft, we wanted to preserve some of the heritage.

"All together, this is a plus and a win for everyone included in the state of Arkansas and the Air National Guard," said Ator.



Changing seasons

By Chaplain Matt Garrison
189th Airlift Wing Chaplains

After having been ordained for a little more than 10 years, it has finally sunk in that my “job” requires me to be quite the multi-tasker; to handle a great deal of business, all at the same time.

On any given day, I may one minute find myself talking to a family about a baptism, then with a couple about marriage, soon followed by a trip to the hospital to visit someone who has fallen ill, and then maybe a visit to the home of someone who has just lost a loved one to prepare for a funeral. When the

excitement of all that comes to an end, I may be faced with signing checks and contracts, dealing with personnel management, and then perhaps dinner with a family from the parish, usually peppered with questions about theology and how I came to be a priest.

Needless to say, sometimes all of this can be a bit overwhelming, and a bit more than I can handle on my own.

Each year, as the leaves begin to fall and the temperatures begin to cool, I’m reminded that I too must let go of a few things, and place my trust in others around me, and ultimately in God. It’s usually not until the weather begins

to change that I’m able to fully appreciate the preceding season and all the goodness that was offered. Likewise, in life, it’s usually not until I allow the creativity and personality of another to affect my ministry that I’m truly able to recognize the doors that are opened up before me.

So, as the seasons change, and as we grow in our numerous relationships and responsibilities, may we not fear the change that lies ahead, but embrace it. Unless we fully embrace the gifts of the present, we’ll never be able to fully appreciate the beauty of the past, or the greatness that is yet to come.

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Hunter education class of 2014

By Master Sgt. JD Crawford
189th Safety Office

The 189th Airlift Wing hosted the Arkansas Hunter Education Course on Oct 4th, 2014.

Master Sgt. James D. Crawford, 189th Ground Safety Manager and Hunter Education Instructor, conducted the class for 28 Airmen and their dependents.

This course gives young men and women and those new to hunting valuable information that will keep them safe and hopefully allow them many days of enjoyment in the great outdoors said Crawford.

The 189th has hosted this course for the past 8 years, educating approximately 500 Active Duty, Guard, Retirees and their Dependents.

Crawford wants everyone to know that anyone born on or after Jan. 1, 1969, must



Master Sgt. JD Crawford, 189th Airlift Wing safety, teaches students about the different parts of a deer and why certain areas are more effective in taking one down. The course was on Oct. 1, 2014 in the Blue Room of Hangar 207.

complete a hunter education course and carry a valid hunter education card to hunt in Arkansas.

Youths under the age of 16 may hunt without hunter education as long as they are under the direct supervision of an adult who is 21 years old.

Crawford and the Safety Office would like to thank the leadership of the 189 Airlift Wing, 189th Maintenance Group and Mr. Summers with the Family Readiness Office, for their continued support of the Hunter Education Program.



Legislators show keen interest in 189th, mission

By Master Sgt. Chris Durney
189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

LITTLE ROCK AFB, Ark. Over the past few months, staff members from the offices of Arkansas' congressional delegation have kept in contact with, and visited, the 189th Airlift Wing. Representatives from all four congresspersons and both senators have either phoned or visited with wing leadership.

Each staff member has called or visited in their official capacity as a representative of a sitting member of the Arkansas congressional delegation. The 189th Airlift Wing is an important element of the state's strong National Guard, and is responsible for the critical Formal Training Unit mission at Little Rock Air Force Base.

It is not unusual for the wing's impressive performance

of this mission, its economic impact within Arkansas and the local communities, and its value to the state active duty mission, to attract interest from federal and state delegations.

The wings is always open to visits from congressmen and senators, and their staffs in order to educate, updates and strengthen our representative voices at the federal and state levels. The wing sees regular interaction as a way to ensure a

bright future for the 189th and the Arkansans who make up our exceptional unit.

The 189th Airlift Wing in no way endorses any public office candidate, and remains neutral as per federal law and Air Force regulation. All wing Airmen are encouraged to exercise their right to vote for the candidate of their choice in the upcoming election.

Instructor certification joins Arkansas Airmen

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

MCGHEE TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Tenn. -- Tammie Smeltzer, Master Sgt. Bill Conner and Master Sgt. Clifton J. Boswell with the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center's Professional and Continuing Education office here took their training to Arkansas last week for the Instructor Certification Program.

The program is a two-week, intensive course that certifies satellite education facilitators and career field trainers to develop lesson plans, analyze student needs and give informal lectures and demonstrations.

The TEC holds the popular course from its campus here as well as takes it on the road as a value-added alternative, said Conner.

"There's always a big demand for the class," said Conner. Classes have been booked for years running.

Sending three instructors to teach a class of 24 students costs the government much less than sending 24 students

to TEC on a temporary duty assignment, said Conner.

Conner said they brought ICP to five states during the last year as well as held five classes on TEC's campus.

TEC certifies at least 100 new satellite education facilitators and Air Force specialty career trainers every year.

The Air National Guard requires satellite Airman Leadership School and satellite NCO Academy facilitators to take ICP before being allowed to instruct students at their home bases.

"You always want to be able to teach to a standard, consistently," said Conner. "That's a big part of it."

The requirement can create a waiting list of those wanting ICP certification.

"Classrooms have been full for a long time," said Dustin C. Russell, an instructional systems specialist at TEC.

Russell has taught ICP for two years and before he taught teenagers in high school English for six years.

"I wish I would have had taken the ICP before I taught in a public school," Russell



Instructors and students take a group photo Sept. 24, 2014 here during an Instructor Certification Program course. Instructors Tammie Smeltzer, Master Sgt. Bill Conner and Master Sgt. Clifton Boswell traveled from the I.G. Brown Training and Education Center, McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base in Tennessee to teach the two-week course, which is a requirement prior to teaching satellite education or professional military education. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple/Released)

said of the program's value.

Students receive four college credits for completing ICP, said Russell.

"There's a lot of homework, including reading, and writing lesson plans," said Russell.

Conner said that the pace of the class is demanding.

"It's crunch time from day-one, with lesson plans, studying and tests and graded instruction," said Conner.

A lot is expected of

students, said Conner, but graduates tell them consistently that they are happy to have taken the class.

"ICP's value is not only in good, formal instruction, but it remains with you any time you have to present materials to someone else," said Conner. "You will do it better because of the tools we teach," said Conner.



Warrior of the Month: Master Sgt. Brandon Stewart



Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

Unit: 189th Civil Engineer Squadron

Job Title: Prime BEEF Manager

Status: AGR

Hometown: North Little Rock, AR

Family: Michelle-Wife, Kierstin-Daughter, Preston-Son, Noah-Son, and Mason-Son

Why I joined the Guard: To find an amazing and absolutely stunning woman I had met five years prior to enlisting in the AR ANG (enlisted in 2006) while I was in the Active Duty Air Force.

Mission = Find + Marry

Most rewarding part of my job:

Interacting with as many Airmen as possible, regardless of what squadron they may belong, to motivate, educate, and provide guidance through my experiences in the Air Force which may hopefully enhance their careers and future within the AR Air National Guard.

Hobbies: Dominating in Fantasy

Football over fellow CES members, spending quality time with my family/friends, and educating people about the benefits of Vaping as opposed to smoking cigarettes.

My favorite movie is: Braveheart

My favorite TV Show(s): NCAA and NFL Football, NCAA and NBA Basketball, NASCAR, and Modern Family

My favorite book: The Firm

A perfect day would be: Relaxing on the beach or on a cruise with my beautiful wife.

I admire: Motivated and selfless individuals who seek out opportunities to enhance the lives/careers of the people who surround them.

Something no one knows about me: Co-Owner of "A Vape Life" which is a vaping lounge located in Sherwood, AR.



189th Airmen teach Basic Riders Course at LRAFB

Story and photos by Lt. Col. Scott Sims

By Lt. Col. Scott Sims
189th Safety Office

Last month I had one of the best UTA weekends I can remember. Of course every drill weekend is awesome, but this one was a little better because I got to help teach our first 189th Airlift Wing motorcycle refresher course called the Basic RiderCourse 2 (aka BRC2).

Recently, the governing regulation changed, as they often do, and now AFI 91-207, The USAF Traffic Safety

Program, requires motorcycle riders to take an approved refresher course at least every 5 years. Here is where the real wing benefit occurs. With four RiderCoaches in the 189th, we can hold a refresher course (BRC 2) at our discretion. Drill weekends are perfect for the six hour range and classroom course (though mostly range). We, the 189th RiderCoaches, can schedule the courses at our leisure. How do the comfortable spring and fall temperatures sound? Fulfilling mandatory

requirements on a nice May UTA doesn't sound too bad to me!

A maximum of 12 riders can attend the course at one time. These riders get to spend the day riding their bikes (and getting paid, remember) to practice and polish valuable riding skills such as braking, swerving, cornering finesse and limited-space maneuvering. Plus the added benefit of getting to laugh at your buddy when he runs over a cone or stalls his bike!

Our first class went very well and I received many comments

expressing how enjoyable it was to take the course, conveniently scheduled on a drill weekend. So if you have any doubt this is a fun course, please speak with one of the riders who took it. Lastly, I want to thank the other RiderCoaches who taught the course, Senior Master Sgt. Geoff Meyer, Master Sgt. Gary Hendrickson, and Master Sgt. Michael Ellis for their work and we will plan on doing it again in the spring! Ride smart.



Master Sgt. Gary Hendrickson give students tips and tricks during the Basic Riders Course at Little Rock Air Force Base during October UTA at the motorcycle lot.

October Tips & Tricks:

FINANCE:

AVOID DELAYS!

Help yourself out! Take time to log into your DTS profile and use these quick steps to avoid payment delays to both yourself and your Government Travel Card.

1. Log into DTS
2. Traveler Setup tab
3. Update Personal Profile
4. Verify your email address , phone number and HOR to avoid future delays
5. My Account information -Verify your GTC information and your bank account information is current and up to date.
6. My TSA Information - Make sure you have your DOB loaded.

If you make any corrections be sure to click on the Update Personal Information tab to save the information. These few corrections may assist you in getting paid promptly and likewise for your GTC.



Around the Wing



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Chris Durney

Col. Robert Ator, 189th Airlift Wing commander, meets with Col. Patrick Rhatigan, 19th Airlift Wing commander, and other Active Duty officials for the Little Rock Air Force Base Combined Federal Campaign Kickoff.



Air National Guard Photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

Maj. Linda Kuhns, 189th Operations Group pilot speaks to girls at the 2014 Girls of Promise event held at the Clinton Library in Little Rock.



Air National Guard Photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

Capt. Janelle Guillebeau, 189th Operations Group pilot, speaks to girls at the 2014 Girls of Promise event held at the Clinton Library in Little Rock. The event was held to present information to 8th grade girls from around the state what opportunities the Air National Guard offers.



Around the Wing, con't

This month, Col. Ator unveiled the new Hog nose art on his assigned C-130H and Senior Master Sgt. Doug McGroarty had his FINI flight.



Air National Guard Photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

Col. Robert Ator, 189th Airlift Wing commander, admires the newly placed hog on the nose of his assigned C-130H aircraft.



Air National Guard Photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

The new hog head on the nose of Col. Ator's assigned aircraft hides from the sun the day of the reveal.



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Chris Durney

Senior Master Sgt. Doug McGroarty stands tall as his family ceremoniously douses him with water following his fini flight as a member of the 189th Airlift Wing.



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Chris Durney

Senior Master Sgt. Doug McGroarty is congratulated by a fellow member of the 189th Airlift Wing as his wife Amy looks on following McGroarty's fini flight as a member of the Arkansas Air National Guard.



Promotions



To Senior Master Sergeant

Eugene C. Wages, 154 TRS
Michael R. Duncan, 189 MXS



To Master Sergeant

Joshua G. Atkins, 154 TRS
Nathan W. Poindexter, 154 TRS
Francisco Velasquez, 189 MXS



To Technical Sergeant

Jennifer L. Rinear, 189 AW
Richard A. Lang, 189 MXS
David N. Billings, III, 154 TRS



To Staff Sergeant

Ryan J. Flowers, 189 LRS
Justin Y. Sanders, 189 LRS
Blake A. Dejesus, 189 MXS
James D. Hayes, Jr., 189 SFS



To Senior Airman

Kyle J. Stage, 189 AW

PME Graduations

Senior NCO Academy

Master Sgt. Jeremiah Brewer, 26 Sep 14, 189 OSS
Master Sgt. Ryan Worcester, 26 Sep 14, 189 FSS
Master Sgt. Zachary Gardner, 17 Sep 14, 123 IS

Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

Technical Sgt. Ronald Johnson, 20 Aug 14, 154 TRS
Technical Sgt. David Foret, 12 Sep 14, 189 CES

Airman Leadership School

Staff Sgt. Toby Tucker, 04 Sep 14, 189 CF
Senior Airman Justin Sanders, 20 Aug 14, 189 LRS
Senior Airman James Hayes, 27 Aug 14, 189 SFS
Senior Airman Kristie Hollan, 25 Sep 14, NGMTC

Retirements

Lt. Col. Stephen Rogers, HQ 189AW, 1 Oct 14
CMSgt. Kevin Foster, 123 IS, 1 Oct 14
Master Sgt. Donald J. Caudill, JFHQ, 1 Oct 14
Master Sgt. Christopher Miller, JFHQ, 5 Oct 14
Master Sgt. Anatole Paradis, 189 AMXS, 5 Oct 14

The RAT Corner

QUICK NOTES:

Team "B" you are in the "bucket" through October; 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 after a natural disaster or other catastrophic event. As many of those who have previously deployed with a RAT can attest, lending a helping hand to our fellow citizens in a time of need can be one of the most rewarding things we get to be a part of during our military service. The rotation schedule means you are only in the RAT 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" Nov 01, 2014 through Jan 31, 2015
TEAM A: "In the bucket" Feb 01, 2015 - Apr 30, 2015
TEAM B: "In the bucket" May 01, 2015 through Jul 31, 2015

CONTACT INFO:

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