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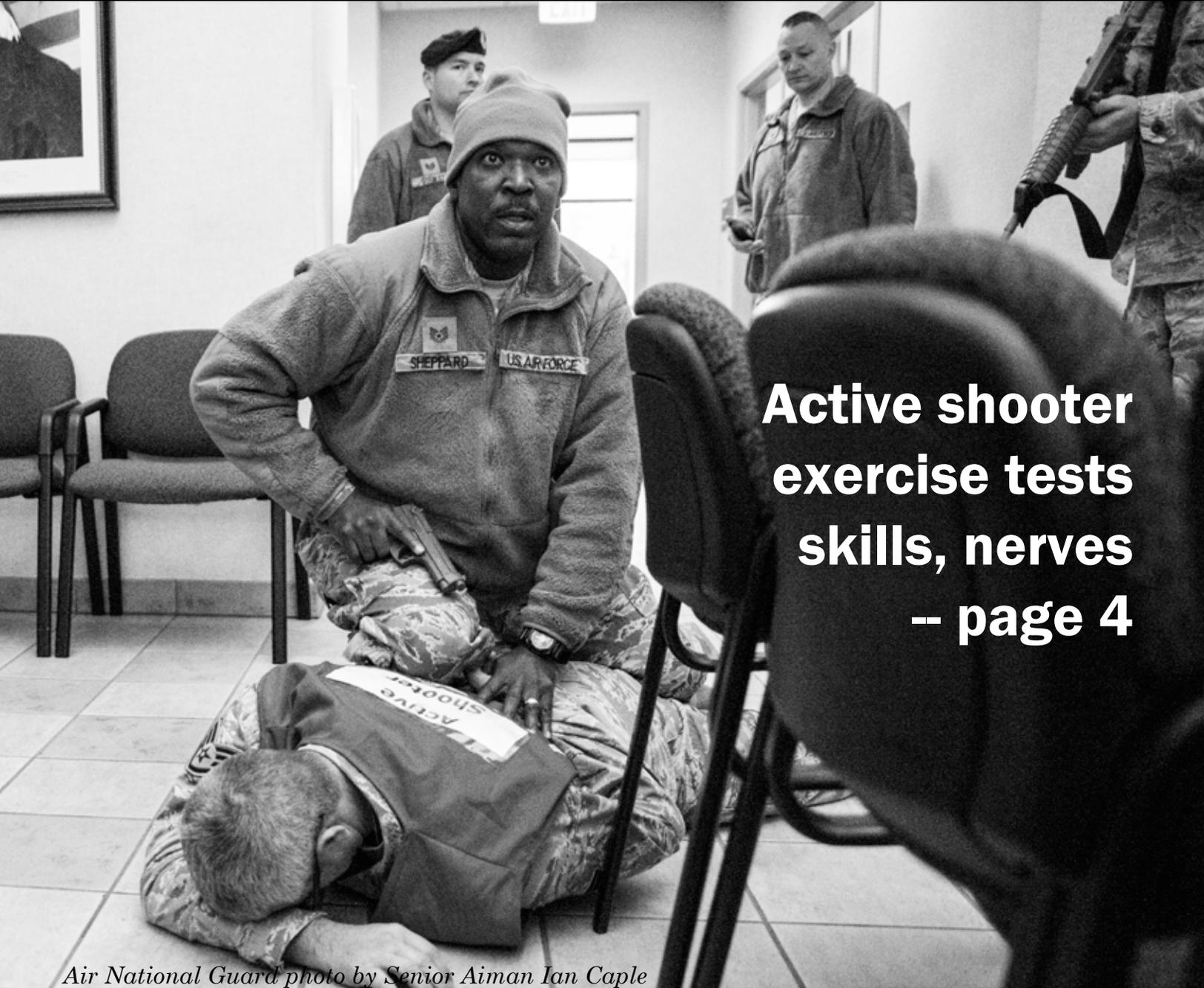
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We are Airmen

Col. Robert Ator II
189th Airlift Wing commander

**We Stand Unique in the
World's History --**

WE ARE AIRMEN

Make no mistake about it, we are different. The way we talk, look, the clothes we wear and the way we conduct our lives distinguish us from the rest of the nation that we support and defend. All while asking those we love the most to sacrifice with us.

We weren't always this way. We come from different parts of the country and the world; we come from differing genders, races, religions and sexual orientations. We each come together with our varying intellects, talents, biases and understandings, but we joined our Air Force and the Arkansas Air National Guard as AIRMEN. We are different, and thank the Almighty that we are; we are AIRMEN.

When I look across this wing, I do not see the things that make us different but rather the things that make us who we are; AIRMEN. I see AIRMEN, and in my humble opinion there are very few higher callings or titles. We stand for something bigger than ourselves which makes each of our unique talents, biases, etc., even more important. We foster, embrace and encourage the things that make us different because in a direct correlation, they become part of who WE are. The diversity



of our physical, spiritual, and cultural backgrounds forms the foundation for the greatness that is this wing. We blend the best of each of us into one unmistakable, unparalleled and professional team by combining the agility and resiliency learned through both our unique personal and common experiences. When you focus that background toward a common goal of mission accomplishment through taking care of one another, we are formidable indeed!

We recently celebrated Diversity Day with our Team Little Rock partners. I am reminded of the story of the wolves of Yellowstone National Park. I know I have discussed this in the past, but the story had a profound impact on my understanding of the value of diversity. Each of you brings a tangible value to the wing and our Air Force, just like the wolves of Yellowstone have to the park. The introduction of 14 wolves changed the paths of rivers!! You may ask "What do wolves have to do with rivers?" But hang with me and hopefully you will see the parallels with diversity.

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By 1926, all the grey wolves in Yellowstone Park had been killed as they were feared as predators. The result was that the elk and coyote populations no longer had a natural predator and their populations grew unchecked. The growth of the elk population challenged the moose population for food which led to a decline in the moose population. The beaver population was also affected and began to seek food away from the river, its natural habitat. The growing coyote population resulted in the beavers falling victim to the coyotes at an increased rate. As a result, the beaver colonies declined and without the associated beaver dams, natural erosion began because the rivers began to run straight.

In nature, there is a delicate balance, and each species brings something of real value to the maintenance of that balance. In 1995, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service re-introduced 14 wolves back into the park. In less than a

decade, the elk and coyote populations were cut in half as they now had a natural predator. This allowed the beaver and moose populations to regenerate, stopping the erosion and returning the rivers to their previous shape.

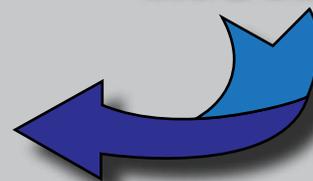
Don't ever think you are not significant to this wing or its mission. You add to who we are and what we are able to accomplish. Without you and your varying experiences, we are worse off and we are without one of our WOLVES. Diversity matters!

Let me end by saying that your uniqueness is of unmistakable value to who we are and what we are able to do for our nation and state. You prove it every day in how you rally around each other to support and accomplish the mission, showing that our diversity is part of who we are as a wing. You do it right, and again you demonstrate that "WE LEAD"!

AIR FORCE DIVERSITY



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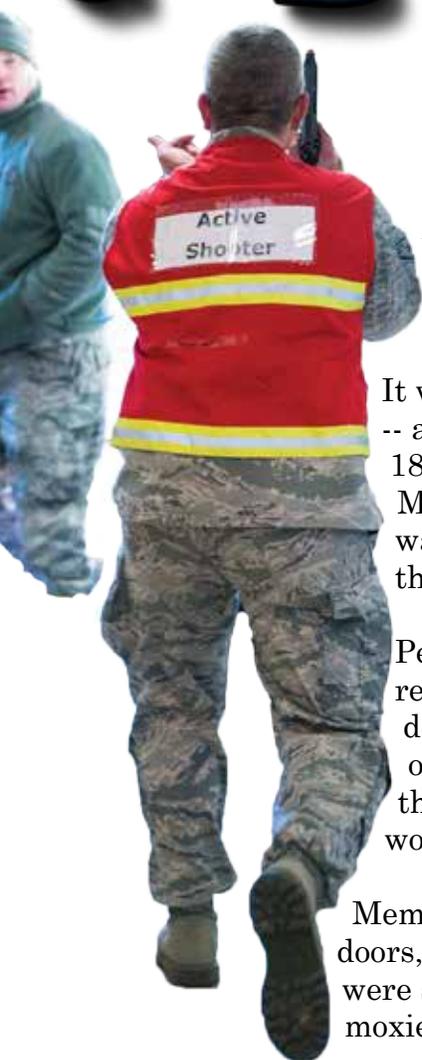


The Air Force broadly defines diversity as a composite of individual characteristics, experiences, and abilities consistent with the Air Force Core Values and the Air Force Mission. Air Force diversity includes but is not limited to: personal life experiences, geographic background, socioeconomic background, cultural knowledge, educational background, work background, language abilities, physical abilities, philosophical/spiritual perspectives, age, race, ethnicity, and gender.

OUR AIR FORCE - DIVERSE IN THOUGHT, WORD AND DEED



ACTIVE SHOOTER



“We’re taking over!” came the shout as two Airmen entered the Medical Group building on the campus of the 189th Airlift Wing. The waiting room was filled with Guardsmen waiting to be seen for varying medical readiness reasons, and med group personnel were scurrying about their duties -- no one expecting an active shooter exercise in their area.

It was Sunday morning of the January Unit Training Assembly (UTA) -- drill -- and the exercise was in full swing. Master Sgt. Matthew Pflieger of the 189th Security Forces, Master Sgt. William Catton of the 189th’s Emergency Management team, and Capt. Shalin Gieson of the Inspector General’s office watched carefully as two Airmen masquerading as active shooters entered the area to take hostages.

People scrambled, doors slammed shut and were locked, the medical reception team pulled down a metal window covering and dove under their desks. Some, however, didn’t quite get doors locked, their area secured or the idea that something was going on at medical. Eight people found themselves sitting quietly in the reception area as hostages. But that wouldn’t last long.

Members of the 189th Security Forces burst into the area from two different doors, rubber weapons in their hands. The shooters quickly surrendered and were secured, and the hostages freed -- a textbook example of Guard training and moxie.



Top left: An active shooter actor attempts to enter a secured office. Top right: Wing members find themselves the unfortunate victims of a mock hostage taker. Middle left: 189th Security Forces burst in to save the day. Middle right and bottom: The active shooters are quickly subdued and the area secured.



Business NOT as usual for SAPR 2016

Lt. Col. Tracy Nolley
Sexual Assault Response Coordinator



New SARC office!

The wing sexual assault response coordinator (SARC) office is now located in room 114 of building 106. This new space was chosen to better serve the needs of our members by moving out of the busy headquarters building and into a more private location. Parking is available in the visitor spaces between buildings 103 and 106, or chose any random unmarked and available space in either of the parking lots nearby.

Drop by the office to pick up a free pen or notepad or just to say “hello!” If I’m out, leave a note on my door, or better yet slide one under. You can also email me at tracy.l.nolley.mil@mail.mil.

The new office number is 501.987.7485 but it is not quite operational yet. If you cannot get in touch with me, you can reach an Arkansas SARC by calling the 24/7 number at 501.454.2452, or reaching out to the Department of Defense Safe Helpline by calling 877.995.5247, or viewing their website at safehelpline.org.

Sexual assault awareness and prevention month is

coming up in April and about the same time we will roll out our 2016 training.

New SAPR training!

From the newly developed Air Force sexual assault prevention strategy (AFSAPS), comes a whole new idea in sexual assault prevention and response (SAPR) bystander intervention training: Green Dot. Green Dot builds on our previous SAPR trainings and expands its sustainability by capitalizing on the 12-15 percent of members who act as informal influencers to the rest of us. This year, our wing will be joining forces with the 19th Airlift Wing, and the other tenant units on Little Rock Air Force Base, to create a Team Little Rock approach to Green Dot SAPR training. This year your trainer might be an active duty Airman or one of our own.

Our in-house experts on Green Dot are Master Sgt. Jennifer Poindexter and Master Sgt. Steven Wilson II. They were nominated to represent the wing, and chosen as part of a very small select group who will coordinate and implement the Green Dot program for

Team Little Rock. They are receiving intensive training and will be introducing us to the Green Dot program in the near future.

I am looking forward to this fresh perspective and the way forward for SAPR training. Be on the lookout for a Green Dot training session coming soon!

Familiar faces in exceptional roles.

The 189th Airlift Wing, and its supported geographically-separated units (GSUs), have a dedicated support team working behind the scenes to provide advocacy and/or training to each member.

Your SAPR Team is comprised of a diverse set of advocates who work at the wing, state headquarters and at the 61st Civil Support Team. You can reach out to us at any time if you have questions or need clarification, need training for you or your unit members, or to file restricted and unrestricted reports of sexual assault.

At the wing are Master Sgt. Travis Jaworski, Master Sgt. Monica Murray, Master Sgt. Leonard Smith, Tech. Sgt. Jason Baxter, Staff Sgt. Stephanie Cummiford, and



myself. At state headquarters are Ms. Jessica Hamilton, Capt. Seana Warner, and Second Lt. Michelle Malone; and Tech. Sgt. Chartrice Donahue is at the 61st Civil Support Team.

If you ever have question or concerns you may reach out to any of these team members with complete confidence.

You are probably more familiar with your unit members who have facilitated SAPR training, so I encourage you to make note of your SAPR team names in case you might want to refer to them later.

Special thanks.

In the past we have had over 30 SAPR facilitators a year who whole-heartedly invested extra hours in learning material and training all of us. Many of them volunteered every year, even though the time commitment was demanding, because they want to make a difference. Green Dot picks it up from here, but thank you SAPR facilitators and



victim advocates; we wouldn't be here without you. Our wing will continue to draw on your inspiration and expertise.

SAPR RESOURCES



VA Services for Military Sexual Trauma:



**Eliminate Sexual Assault,
Know Your Part, Do Your Part**



NSVRC

national sexual violence resource center

National Guard SAPR



**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Sexual Assault Prevention and Response**



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Warrior of the Month: Capt. William S. Titus



Rank and Name: Capt. Scott Titus.

Unit: 154th TRS.

Job Title: Pilot.

Status: Technician.

Hometown: Lenexa, Kansas.

Civilian Employment: Delta Airlines.

Family: Wife: Katie, Son: Conner, Daughter: Emily.

Why I joined the Guard: After leaving Active Duty I still wanted to continue to fly the Herk while pursuing an airline career. The guard gave me the flexibility to stay connected with the mission and provided the opportunity to put down roots for

the family in Arkansas.

Most rewarding part of my job:

Getting back to teaching students. It is rewarding to see a struggling student understand a new concept.

Hobbies: Wakeboarding, sailing, woodworking and construction.

My favorite movie is: Tombstone.

My favorite TV Show(s): The Blacklist.

My favorite book: Atlas Shrugged.

A perfect day would be: Spending the day at the lake or in the Caribbean on a boat.



Smedley, Tierney among top Airmen in AR Guard



Staff Sgt. Kourtney Smedley, a material manager with the 189th Mission Support Group, and Master Sgt. Justin Tierney of the 189th Maintenance Group have been selected as the Outstanding Airman and Outstanding Senior Noncommissioned Officer for the Arkansas Air National Guard.

“To even be considered is a huge honor, and to win the arduous competition is an incredible feat,” said Col. Robert Ator II, the commander of the 189th Airlift Wing. The competition

consisted of tests, speeches, physical fitness tests and interviews.

“Staff Sgt. Smedley and Master Sgt. Tierney are professionals we can all be very proud of,” said Ator. “They demonstrate everyday what it means to be an Airman.”

Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Hunter of the 189th Operations Group competed in the NCO category, and Master Sgt. Dean Simmons of the 189th Logistics Readiness Squadron competed in the First Sergeant category.

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Coalition aircraft led the largest air campaign since the conflict in Southeast Asia on 16 January 1991 following Congressional concurrence with UN efforts to enforce a resolution that demanded Iraq’s withdrawal from Kuwait. The attacks drove Saddam Hussein and his leadership underground, heavily damaging critical military support networks such as command and control, communications and intelligence capabilities, integrated air defenses and power generation. On 28 February 1991, President George HW Bush suspended combat operations and declared Kuwait liberated.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of Operation Desert Storm, of historical significance to the U.S. Air Force and the 189th Airlift Wing. A few members of the wing have great stories about their experience during Desert Storm. Our own commander, Col. Ator, was in pilot training at the time.

Master Sgt. Victor Siever remembers that he was active duty and engaged to be married in August of 1990 when the 314th Supply Squadron was put on alert. He and his wife rushed to be married before his deployment only to find out that the deployment was cancelled.

Master Sgt. Michael Keefover was in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia when the operation kicked off, working at King Khalid International Airport supporting KC-135 tankers. The closest he got to the “action” was a three day trip to Kuwait to deliver generators to a group of Marines. “Watching million dollar fireworks -- Scud missiles being intercepted by Patriot missiles -- every night was always fun,” says Keefover.

Master Sgt. Julie Snyder served during Desert Shield, not long after Desert Storm ended.

All graphics are links to more info!



-  [**A look back at Desert Storm**](#)
-  [**25 years later, AMC doing more with less**](#)
-  [**2nd Bomb Wing leads the air war**](#)
-  [**Ghost over the highway - AC-130**](#)
-  [**Gulf war created need for better critical care**](#)
-  [**The U.S. Air Force in the Gulf War**](#)
-  [**Photo Gallery**](#)



Retirements

Technical Sgt. Timothy Waters, 1 Jan 16, 154 TRS
Staff Sgt. David Ross 3 Jan 16, 189 LRS

PME Graduations

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

Master Sgt. Nathan Howell, 20 Jan 16, 189 LRS

Non-Commissioned Officer Academy

Technical Sgt. Joseph Kraska, 10 Jan 16, 189 MXS

Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Shaqueelah Rogers, 13 Jan 16, 189 OSS



Coming in February issue: Guard rolls out for winter blast.

The RAT Corner

By Master Sgt. William Catton

Emergency Management Superintendent

QUICK NOTES:

We are always recruiting for new members to join the Rapid Augmentation Team so please spread the word. As we lean into future operations I believe we will be as busy as ever and therefore need to always be ready at a moment's notice. Please contact the Emergency Management Flight if you would like to join or if you would need to leave the team so we can update our recall list.

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 of 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.

CONTACT INFO:

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

