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Capt. Joshua Black helps carry a litter off an Arkansas Air National Guard C-130 during a National Disaster Medical System exercise May 31, 2016

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# Become a MAVerick for the 189th

**Col. Robert Ator II**  
189th Airlift Wing commander

To the incredible Airmen of the 189th Airlift Wing, Not a day goes by that I am not awed by your efforts, your dedication to the mission and the way you take care of each other. This wing is knocking it out of the park on our Formal Training Unit mission, but we're still hungry to create a long-term strategic viability for the wing, the state and you.

We're getting this done because we work for each other – the level of care and commitment to our Wingmen is inspiring, and I am forever thankful and proud.

As a cornerstone to my role in taking care of you I want to keep you up-to-date on what your efforts are doing, and where the wing is headed. By being fully informed you can be focused on accomplishing our priorities.

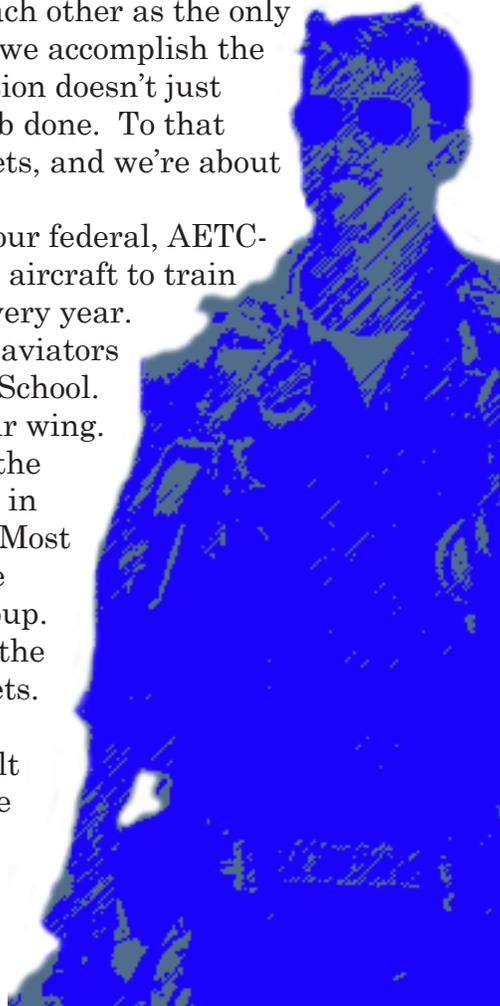
In describing our wing priorities, I wanted to keep it simple and easy to understand. So, I came up with a cheesy (but cool) mnemonic device – the 80's movie Top Gun. When you think of the wing's priorities, think "MAVerick."

**M – Mission:** The reason we all come together is our mission. To truly focus on the mission we must focus on each other as the only way to accomplish the mission. That is, we accomplish the mission through our own efforts; the mission doesn't just happen, only deliberate efforts get the job done. To that end, the wing has three major mission sets, and we're about to add another.

**Formal Training Unit (FTU)** – This is our federal, AETC-gained mission to employ our 14 C-130H aircraft to train a programmed 1,200 aircrew students every year. We also train an additional 120 enlisted aviators through our Enlisted Aircrew Academic School. This mission set touches every part of our wing.

**Agile Combat Support (ACS)** – This is the 44 percent of the wing that is deployable in support of the Combatant Commander. Most of this mission set resides with the "True Combatants" of the Mission Support Group. Numerous awards have been heaped on the wing over the last two deployment buckets.

**Domestic Operations (DOMS)** – This is our unique Guard mission. We have built rapid augmentation teams and they have matured to the point we can present a "menu" of support options to local and state authorities. We have also become the governor's quick reaction force, going to any part of the state to set up



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operations in support of our fellow citizens. We continue to refine this mission through participation in local, state and regional exercises and training.

**Cyber** – While we have not been official tasked by the National Guard Bureau, the Adjutant General has us positioned to stand up a new Cyber Operations Detachment that will become a Cyber Formal Training Unit. This is to fill a critical gap in available training in the growing cyber community through the use of our Sensitive Compartmented Information Facility (SCIF), as well as partnerships with local agencies. These are exciting times and much more will come out as we go forward.

**A – Airmen:** You, the Airmen of the wing, are the reason the mission gets accomplished. You will always be the focus, and the leadership will continually strive to build better Airmen. The wing will invest in professional development through programs like the Chief's Leadership Project, and will push this to our Top Three and Rising Six organizations. This past UTA, we presented this to the wing's officer corps. The use of our professional organizations is essential to this investment; each is set up to develop Airmen in the proper stage of their career, and they aid us in tailoring training. We will continue to invest in the Green Dot program; it is critical that each and every Airman works in an environment free of destructive behaviors. Our Airmen are our family, and we will jealously defend their right to rise to their full potential! This is a responsibility of EVERY Airman in our wing! Each of you are fully empowered to stop bad behaviors – it is my expectation of you – and Green Dot helps facilitate and reinforce this concept.

**V – Vision/Strategic Agility:** We enjoy an exceptional reputation in our Air Force and Air National Guard because of the work you do every day. We use this reputation to ensure that the wing remains viable into the future. This is important to the nation, the state, the governor and TAG, but it's also important to you so you may enjoy a full career with the

189th. Our vision is to be on the leading edge of every mission set and, when possible, to expand those mission sets, like cyber. Here's what we're doing to achieve our goals.

**FTU** – The C-130H will be with this wing for decades to come – make no mistake about it – considering the numerous acquisition priorities that are more critical the Air Force. The wing is positioning itself to remain nimble through a proposed Total Force initiative with the 314th Airlift Wing. It calls for the 314th and their C-130Js to associate with us in a consolidated C-130 Formal Training Unit. This would allow us the flexibility to adjust resources to meet the demand.

We're also currently deeply involved in the testing of new capabilities for the C-130, and we're working hard to build the C-130 Test Detachment here at the 189th. We will lead in the fielding of a modification of the C-130H engine and avionics modernization. We are also working to re-initiate C-130H maintenance training here at Little Rock AFB. We will lead in all things "Herk."

**ACS** – Because of our strong relationships with our partners here at Little Rock AFB, we look to enhance our ability to present capabilities that would free up active duty personnel. We are currently looking at several areas of the wing where we could become the major stakeholder.

**DOMS** – Our Rapid Augmentation Team concept of how we present Airmen to the Adjutant General and the governor has been recognized by the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, and has been adopted by several other states. Unwilling to rest on our laurels, we matured it again into a "menu" of capabilities that meet the needs of our fellow citizens. This is being adopted statewide and has led us to be the Quick Reaction Force (QRF) for the governor. We are continuing to expand and take on more capabilities through our defenders. We will lead the state as Guardsmen.

So, there it is, our priorities. Let's all become MAVericks and make MAV our call sign. Without a shred of doubt I know that, because of YOU, WE LEAD!



# Wing participates in disaster exercise



**T**he 189th Airlift Wing played a major role in a National Disaster Medical System exercise May 31, 2016 at Clinton National Airport in Little Rock.

The exercise was designed to simulate the arrival of medical patients and victims of a mock natural disaster. Members of the 189th Operations Group and Medical Group worked with local first responders, administrators and medical personnel during the three-hour exercise.

**Top:** A C-130H from the 189th Airlift Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, arrives at Clinton National Airport to participate in the NDMS exercise. **Right:** Master Sgt. Billy Ruhland of the 189th Medical Group, and Master Sgt. Steve Wilson of the 189th Operations Group, brief first responders and medical personnel on the ins and outs of a C-130.





**Left:** Capt. Joshua Black, Capt. Brandon Cook, Lt. Col. Paul Sherman and Master Sgt. Misty McClean strap in a mock patient on a litter on a 189th Airlift Wing C-130. **Middle left:** Two medical personnel triage “victims” of a mock natural disaster on board an Arkansas Air National Guard C-130. **Middle right:** A member of the Arkansas Air National Guard acts as a “victim” of a mock natural disaster and is treated by area medical personnel. **Bottom:** Master Sgt. Steve Wilson and other members of the 189th Airlift Wing participate in a National Disaster Medical System exercise May 31, 2016 at Clinton National Airport in Little Rock.





## *A word from the Chaplain*

# Time to refresh and renew

**Chaplain (Capt.) Matt Garrison**  
189th Airlift Wing chaplain

Every year about this time, I prepare to take a little vacation. Over the past several years I have managed to drive to all 48 lower United States, and I've had the opportunity to see and do some pretty amazing things in each.

My trips take quite a bit of preparation;

making sure my vehicle is in proper working order, making sure my clothing is appropriate for the environment, ensuring that my dogs are up-to-date on their shots and medications, and planning my route carefully so as to avoid danger or heavy traffic.

I enjoy the preparation, and I need this time of distraction and relaxation. In fact, we all need to plan some time away from our daily grind to ensure that we remain healthy physically, mentally, and spiritually.

Like most people, as my vacation time approaches, I feel myself simultaneously becoming more excited (about my trip), and anxious (about responsibilities being left behind). In fact, many people can become so anxious about leaving our responsibilities in the hands of others, that we can convince ourselves that it's easier to just keep working,



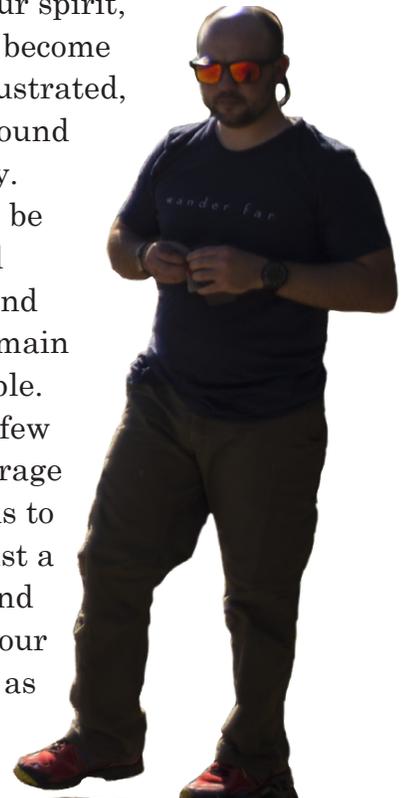
not taking the opportunity to get away and refresh ourselves. But, the fact is, we are probably doing more harm than good.

When we fail to refresh

our spirit, we might become overly irritable and frustrated, thus causing others around us to feel the same way. It's important for us to be refreshed and renewed in order for our work and our relationships to remain productive and enjoyable.

So, as I sign off for a few weeks of R&R, I encourage all of you to make plans to get away, even if for just a day or two. It's time and money well spent for your health and well-being, as well as that of others around us.

From your chaplain corps -- have a great summer. I'll see you in August!





## New DANG and Command Chief at NGB

Fellow Guard Airmen,

We are honored and humbled to serve as your new Director and Command Chief. We are extremely proud to lead our Air National Guard comprised of 105,500 Airmen, military and civilians. Our force has gone through significant changes since Operation Desert Storm and countless national and local contingencies over the years. Moving further into the twenty-first century, high operational tempos and scarce resources will further hone our Air National Guard. We will continue our evolution and transition to new missions and weapon systems to maintain our effectiveness as a member of the Total Air Force.

Our combined 64 years in the U.S. Air Force has taught us that our Guard Airmen are up to the challenges ahead. You,

together with support from your families and employers, have continually stepped up to accomplish the mission and your professional dedication has not gone unnoticed. Undoubtedly, the future will usher in new challenges to the way we accomplish our missions. In some areas, we will continue to conduct operations and work as we always have. While in other mission sets, we may need to break the mold and start anew. This is where we are asking you, our Airmen, to continue to provide the innovation required for us to proceed into the future. I firmly believe we are always better served when our own Airmen are the drivers of change. In order for us to succeed as a force, we will need home-grown innovative ideas from our Guard Airmen

and leaders to see those ideas through to fruition.

The Air National Guard is a vital and reliable member of the Total Force because of your dedication and flexibility to adapt in order to maintain our effectiveness. We are also certain that the Air Force, and our nation, will continue to rely on the Air Force's Operational Reserve. Whether we are engaged in the warfight, conducting homeland operations or building partnerships, the Air National Guard will always be ready to respond to the needs of our nation, states and communities. We look forward to serving you, and thank you and your families for making our Air National Guard the world class organization that it is today.



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**Editor's note:** The publishing date for the *Warrior* newsletter has been adjusted to reflect the coming month rather than the previous month. This will allow the wing to address special observances and awareness months ahead of time. To facilitate the change, a June issues was not published. Please send submissions and ideas to: [christopher.a.durney3@mail.mil](mailto:christopher.a.durney3@mail.mil)



# Group of maintainers set out on deployment

Approximately a half dozen members of the 189th Airlift Wing's maintenance squadron deployed Tuesday, May 24, 2016, in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. The Arkansas Air National Guard members departed in the afternoon from Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas, and will be away for about four months.



Master Sgt. Brian Moler gets some last minute time with his grandson before departing on a four month deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom. Moler and approximately half a dozen members of the 189th's Airlift Wing's maintenance squadron headed out May 24 from Clinton National Airport in Little Rock, Arkansas.



Col. Christopher Montanaro, commander of the 189th Maintenance Group, Lt. Col. Dean Martin, commander of the 189th Maintenance Squadron, and Col Robert Ator II, commander of the 189th Airlift Wing, talk with some of the deploying members before their departure from Clinton National Airport May 24.



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**Top right:** Lt. Col. Linda Kuhns describes piloting of a C-130 to young women as part of a Girls State tour of the 189th Airlift Wing June 10. **Middle right:** Lt. Col. Anthony R. Lorenz receives his certificate of retirement from Col. Christopher Montanaro, commander of the 189th Maintenance group during a ceremony June 4. **Above:** Master Sgt. Danita A. Scruggs receives her certificate of retirement from Lt. Col. Mark Hart, commander of the 189th Logistics Readiness Squadron, during a June 5 ceremony at Little Rock Air Force Base. **Right:** Senior Master Sgt. Mike Lenahan is honored during a retirement ceremony June 5, and receives his certificate of retirement from Lt. Col. David Allen, commander of the 189th Force Support Squadron.



# Boating safety floated



The 189th Airlift Wing safety office, in association with the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, hosted a special boater's safety and education course Friday, June 10. Mr. Alex Hinson, state boater education coordinator, and Mr. Joe Huggins, state hunter education coordinator, for the AGFC, joined the 189th's own Senior Master Sgt. J.D. Crawford and Senior Master Sgt. Walt McCloud to educate 28 active duty, National Guard and family members on the dos and don'ts of water craft operation and safety. **Right:** Walt McCloud helps a young boater learn about personal floatation devices. **Below left:** Alex Hinson talks about boating safety. **Below right:** J.D. Crawford, superintendent of ground safety for the 189th, makes a point during the course. **Bottom:** J.D. Crawford talks about safe operation of a boat during the outdoor session of the safety course.





# A Minute with the IG

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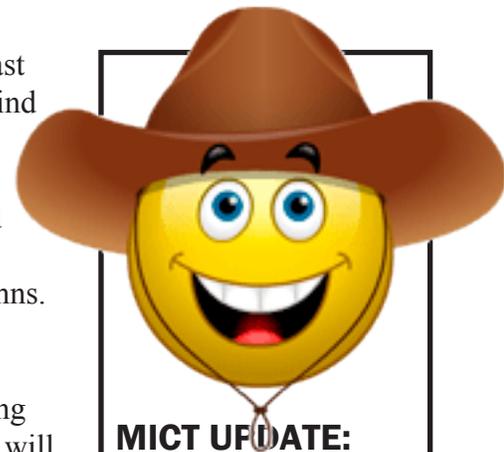


## Breaking down the MICT dashboard

The MICT Dashboard gives you a picture of communicators that are being tracked in your organization. There is more than one way to get to your assessments. From the MICT Home there is a block for “Active Assessments” you are tracking on. From the “Assessment” tab you can select “Assigned Assessments” which will give you a more condensed version of the Dashboard. The “Unit/Workcenter Dashboard”, under the “Assessment” Tab, will give you the most comprehensive look at your assessments. When looking at the “Title” column on the Dashboard be mindful of titles that are in red. This indicates that the FAM, or your

units Self-Assessment Program Monitor (SAPM) have added a new communicator or made updates to a current one which requires you to open and work the communicator. Once you have opened the communicator and made updates the title will turn blue. Remember per AFI 90-201, The Air Force Inspection System you have two UTAs to assess new or updated communicators. The “Assessed By/Validated By” column will show the name of the individual who last opened the communicator/ validated communicator. “The column for % Compliance” indicates the percentage of completion of the communicator. There are columns for the amount

of questions, and how they are answered. The “Assess. Date” will give you the date the communicator was last assessed. Keep in mind that it takes 24 hours for the dashboard to update the “Assessed By” column and the “Assess. Date” columns. There are columns for suspense’s and observations. Clicking the magnifying glass will open the communicator. A paper with a purple plus sign indicates a communicator loaded but not worked. You have the option to manage suspense’s with the clock icon, manage/upload support documents and links from the notebook and pencil icon, and the “Action” column gives you the status of observations.



### MICT UPDATE:

Version 2.0.17 release date is expected to be in Summer 2016.

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# IG TEAM



## Warrior of the Month: Senior Airman Corredur Vaden



**Rank and Name:** Senior Airman Corredur Vaden.

**Unit:** 189th Communications Flight.

**Job Title:** Comm Focal Point/Helpdesk.

**Status:** Indefinite Technician.

**Hometown:** North Little Rock, Arkansas.

**Civilian Employment:** N/A.

**Family:** Four sisters, three brothers.

**Why I joined the Guard:** I came from the Air Force Reserve and was stationed at Carswell Field, Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base Fort Worth. I was living in Arkansas and would drive back and forth every month; it got pretty tough. My drill checks were going straight to cover the trips. I decided to join the Guard so I could be closer to home, save some money and continue to be a part of something great, and to become a part of a new family.

**Most rewarding part of my job:** Meeting new people and gaining knowledge from them. In just one year I have met so many

people around the wing that have given me great career and life advice. The amount of knowledge you can gain from a simple conversation is amazing.

**Hobbies:** I play semi-professional women's football. I also play other sports and I like to travel.

**My favorite movie is:** *Anchorman*; *The Little Rascals*.

**My favorite TV Show(s):** *Devious Maids*, *Dexter*, *Orange Is The New Black*.

**My favorite book:** *Jane Eyre*.

**A perfect day would be:** 80 degrees and sunny, going to the lake, river or beach with my family and friends in a doorless, topless jeep.

**I admire:** Diversity. I admire how people can come together despite individual, religious and other differences.

**Something no one knows about me:** I have a tattoo of an alien and his name is Petey.



# Promotions



## To Senior Airman

Austin J. Adams, 189 LRS  
Blane C. LaRue, 189 MXS  
Ayana L. Powell, 189 LRS



## To Staff Sgt.

Cody L. Brown, 189 AMX  
Joshua M. Craig, 189 MXS  
Trey A. Jones, 154 TRS  
Evan M. Lackey, 189 MXS  
Daniel S. Schroff, 189 MXS  
Jason N. Sled, 189 SFS  
David J. Sweere, 189 CES



## To Tech. Sgt.

Trigaila E. Cole, 189 LRS  
Adam R. Emberson, 189 CE  
Mitchell H. Kirkpatrick, 189 CE  
George C. Lee, 189 LRS  
Mitchell D. Meredith, 189 LRS  
Hunter J. Spears, 189 CE  
Ebony C. Sturgis, 189 CE  
Nathan S. Teaff, 189 MXS



## To Senior Master Sgt.

Theresa L. Haberlen



## To Lt. Col.

Ryan Kiernan



# PME Graduations

## Airman Leadership School

Senior Airman Ryan Bernaiche, 189 CES  
Senior Airman Aisha Bullock, 189 MDG  
Senior Airman Trey Jones, 189 OSS  
Senior Airman Zachary Miller, 189 AMX  
Senior Airman John Sled, 189 SFS  
Senior Airman Robby Weng, 189 MXS  
Senior Airman Matthew Wurtz, 189 CES

## NCO Academy

Tech. Sgt. Michael Fish, 154 TRS  
Tech. Sgt. John Gaffney, 189 MXS

## Senior NCO Academy

Master Sgt. Jeremy Monds, 189 AMX

## Vacation Dos and Don'ts

### Dos:

- Ensure your home is locked and checked on periodically.
- Keep a few lights on, empty trashcans removed from the curb and your mail removed from the mail box.
- Have useful numbers on hand; emergency contact(s), road-side assistance, hotel front desk and local police stations.
- At night, park in a well-lit area, especially in public places.
- Always keep an eye on your credit/debit card when shopping, eating or at your hotel. Check transactions.

### Don'ts:

- Post on social media that you're away, your location and/or photos of your trip until after you're back home.
- Flash expensive jewelry or cash in public.
- Identify yourself as military or as a federal employee. Refrain from using military luggage, showing patches and/or flashing your DoD CAC.

