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2012 Year in Review Photo Feature

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Senior NCO Induction Ceremony

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RAT Corner

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189th Airman receives Bronze Star for agriculture



Photo courtesy of TSgt. Will Earnhart

Technical Sgt. Will Earnhart stands in front of a garden in the Zabul Province of Afghanistan in 2011. He, along with Master Sgt. John Weston, helped natives get agricultural projects started so that they could make a living.

By Senior Airman Ian Caple 189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Technical Sgt. Will Earnhart, a ground radio communication craftsman at the 189th Communications Flight, was recently awarded the Bronze Star for his agricultural work in Afghanistan in 2011.

Earnhart deployed with the Arkansas Agricultural Development Team II (ADTII) to Southern Afghanistan in the Zabulo Province, one of the poorest provinces in the country. He acted as an agricultural and business extension agent in cooperation with the Director of Agriculture Irrigation and Livestock (DAIL).

The DAIL worked directly

for the Provincial Governor of Afghanistan to improve agriculture in Afghanistan.

"TSgt. Earnhart did a great job on the Agricultural Development Team and represented the Arkansas National Guard in a superior manner," said Col. Steve Eggensperger, 189th Airlift Wing commander. "I'm proud of his accomplishments and I'm very happy to see him receive this prestigious award."

He also conducted several training seminars for small farmers in various districts around the province.

These seminars covered orchard and pasture management, wheat and garden crops, irrigation and

water management and soil improvement along with pest and disease management.

"We worked with the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to develop irrigation levees and check dams to prevent erosion and preserve precious water resources," Earnhart said.

The team developed a home garden project and provided training to farmers and villagers on planting and food preservation along with soil testing, fertilizing and mulching practices as well as worked with the small farmers and villagers to develop poultry production as a small scale business for widows and orphans and for

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Wingman Day is everyday

By Chief Gary Wynn
189th Airlift Wing Command Chief

The term Wingman stems from a time-honored tradition within our Air Force flying community that essentially says a lead pilot will never lose his/her Wingman.

It's a promise, a pledge, a commitment between Airmen who fly. The Air Force wants to cultivate and instill this same culture of commitment between all Airmen and Air Force civilians in all career fields and specialties via the Wingman program.

The Air Force established the Wingman program to encourage Airmen and their families to look out for each other and to intervene when signs of stress are observed. To make wingman day everyday in the Arkansas Air National Guard, let's talk about the Comprehensive Airman Fitness' five Cs (Caring, Committing, Connecting, Communicating and Celebrating).

The first C is Caring. You can become a caring wingman by doing caring things at work, home, and in your community. Being genuine with your kindness, generosity, and help lets your wingmen

know they can count on you. A caring wingman is about the relationship and is never mean or hurtful.

The second C is Committing. As an Airman you committed to serve and protect our great nation. Making a commitment or promise can be easy, what can be hard is the follow through. A broken commitment or promise can end a wingman relationship. When the chips are down your wingman have to know your commitment or promise is solid.

The third C is Connecting. You may think this C is easy because we wear the same uniform, use the same acronyms, and have a common goal. These items are a connection, but to have that bond of trust you need that wingman relationship. New Airmen (prior and non-prior service) coming into the Arkansas Air National Guard are looking for that wingman connection.

The fourth C is Communicating. To use this C effectively as a wingman; you have to know when to listen, know when to ask the hard questions, know when to give helpful inputs, and know when to assist your wingman with finding a needed service



Command Chief Gary Wynn

agency.

The fifth C is Celebrating. This C makes your wingman feel good. Celebrating one of your wingman's accomplishments lets them know they are moving forward, helping the team, or meeting the expectation. The accomplishment doesn't have to earth shattering to be celebrated. Celebrating your wingman's small victories will ensure they remain confident in their abilities.

To make Wingman Day Everyday in the Arkansas Air National Guard use the 5 Cs. They are five simple behaviors which positively create a sense of belonging, create a culture of people who care for each other, and create a support network. Being a wingman in the Arkansas Air National Guard is Natural. "WE LEAD".

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Forget the things that will never happen

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

An average person's anxiety is focused on:

40% -- Things that will never happen.

30% -- Things about the past that cannot be changed.

12% -- Things about criticism by others, mostly

untrue.

10% -- About health, which gets worse with stress.

8% -- About real problems that will be faced.

We need to quit worrying about the 92% that will never happen, has already happened, mostly untrue things or our health that will only get worse with worrying and stress. We

should all begin the year being positive and dealing with the things that we have some control over and not worry about the things out of our control. Life will be much better if we ask God for wisdom, work hard to do our very best and quit worrying about things that we cannot change.



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State's Deputy Adjutant General retires after 36 years of service to Guard General praised as "Trail Blazer" for African-American opportunity in Guard

By Lt. Col Keith Moore
AR National Guard Public Affairs

ROBINSON MANEUVER TRAINING CENTER, North Little Rock, Ark.—Hundreds gathered to celebrate the career achievements and contributions of Brigadier General William J. Johnson, Jr., deputy adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard Saturday on the occasion of his retirement after a career spanning over 36 years of military service.

Current and past commanders, officers and enlisted members of the Arkansas National Guard joined with representatives of Arkansas' congressional delegation, state legislators, and Johnson's family and friends to honor his service.

The auditorium at the National Guard's Professional Education Center was set for 425, but the crowd filled the facility to standing-room only capacity.

Maj. Gen. William Wofford, adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, praised Johnson for his contributions to the Guard and the citizens of Arkansas during his military career here and summed up two of his greatest characteristics as integrity and mentorship.

"Google integrity and you'll see a picture of William Johnson pop up there," said Wofford. "Those that have worked with him over the years know his character and the type and quality of the man he is.

Wofford related that the

climate was quite challenging for African-Americans coming into the military service during the early to mid-1970s. He credited Johnson for not only joining the Guard, but also accepting a number of jobs and transfers throughout his career which he would not have likely volunteered to assume. "He not only accepted these challenges, he excelled in them," said Wofford.

Col. Anita Deason, human resources officer for the Arkansas Guard said, "The staff refer to him as a "trail blazer" for opportunities for African-Americans in the Guard."

Johnson began his career as an enlisted soldier with the 212th Signal Battalion as a communications operator in 1977. He later completed officer candidate school and received a commission as an officer in 1981. He rose through the ranks serving in a variety of leadership and command positions in the 39th Infantry Brigade, then as a senior operations officer, human resources officer and chief of staff for the Arkansas National Guard before being promoted to the rank of Brigadier General and assuming his duties as deputy adjutant general for the Guard.

"His patience and mentorship have served to benefit his superiors and subordinates alike," said Wofford. "There are countless officers and senior non-commissioned officers who have sought council and mentoring advice from General



Maj. Gen. William Wofford (left) adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard, presents Brig. Gen. William Johnson with the Legion of Merit Medal during a retirement ceremony for Johnson on Saturday, January 05, 2013, at Robinson Maneuver Training Center in North Little Rock. Johnson retirement culminated a 36 year career of service with the Arkansas National Guard.

Johnson, and he's always glad to give it."

Wofford also credited Johnson for leading by example and setting the standard for all the soldiers of the Arkansas National Guard.

During the ceremony Johnson was presented the Legion of Merit Medal and the Arkansas Distinguished Service Medal in recognition of his long and distinguished service to the nation and the state of Arkansas.

In addition he was presented with letters of thanks from President Barack Obama and Gov. Mike Beebe on behalf of the citizens of a grateful state and nation for brave and

diligent service.

In his remarks to the gathered crowd Johnson was characteristically humble and took the opportunity to thank a long list of current and former commanders and senior non-commissioned officers for the impact and assistance they provided him through the course of his career.

"None of us are capable of doing this alone," Johnson said.

Johnson closed the ceremony by thanking all the current Soldiers and Airmen of the Arkansas National Guard for their service and sacrifice, and that of their families which help to make their service possible.

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food supplementation.

Master Sgt. John Weston,

189th Civil Engineering Squadron, worked with him on planning and developing a demonstration farm owned and operated by the DAIL. On

this farm they demonstrated the benefits of soil and water management both in an open environment and inside a large unheated greenhouse.

Earnhart was presented the Bronze Star in November of 2012.



Warrior of the month

Rank and Name: SSgt. Justin Davis
Unit: 189th Logistics Readiness Squadron/LGRVM
Job Title: Vehicle Technician
Status: Traditional
Hometown: Fresno, CA
Civilian Employment: Schlumberger
Family: Wife and I
Why I joined the Guard: I joined the National Guard after I served 6 years active duty as a C-130 engine mechanic here on Little Rock AFB. I joined 2 weeks after I got out of active. Once I was out I had the need to still serve my country and continue my years I had left in the Guard. I knew I still wanted to be a mechanic, so I re-enlisted into vehicle maintenance and love the job, the work and people. When I'm not working here I am working at Schlumberger as an Oil Field technician on tractor and trailers, been with them now for 4.5 years and the guard now for 6.5 years and recently re-enlisted for 6 years back in May 2012. I'm looking forward to going past my 20 years in service here to get the most out of it.
Most rewarding part of my job: : Learning new things and meeting great people.
Hobbies: Watching movies, video games, racing, working on cars, outdoors, taking trips, relaxing at the house.
My favorite movie is: Hard to say what my favorite movie is, but I love action, horror, suspense, comedy and sci-fi.
My favorite TV Show(s): Don't watch TV much but would have to say comedy shows and any car building and racing shows.
A perfect day would be: A perfect day would be to have won



Air National Guard photo by Senior Airman Ian Caple

the lottery and start my own business and do what I've always wanted to do in my life.
I admire: I admire all the people in my life that give me support in everyday occurrences when needed.
Something no one knows about me: Back in high school I was invited to join a soccer team that was going to travel all over California to compete. They took the best players of 10 teams that competed the season before, which I was a full back on one of them, then joined them into the team named the "ALL Stars". We trained for a month, and then financially the team could not survive, so they shut us down. I had a chance to travel California and possibly become a professional soccer player. I played soccer for seven years.

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 christopher.nelson.4@ang.af.mil.



Senior NCO Induction Ceremony

When: 2 Feb 2013

Where: Hangar 1080

*Time: 1745 Social Hour
1818 Chimes/Seating*

*Menu: Elegant BBQ Buffet or Vegetarian Meal (Substitute)
Cost: \$30.00 Please make checks payable to TOP III Council*

Military Attire: Semi-formal or Mess Dress

Civilian: Men - Coat & Tie and Women - Evening Dress or Cocktail Dress



Hotaling named next Air National Guard Command Chief

By Continental U.S. North American Aerospace Defense Command Region Public Affairs

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. (AFNS) --

Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling from the Continental U.S. NORAD Region-1st Air Force here was named as the Air National Guard's next command chief today.

As ANG command chief, Hotaling will serve as the senior adviser to Lt. Gen. Sid Clarke, the incoming director of the Air National Guard, on matters concerning the readiness, morale, welfare, proper use and progress of more than 90,000 enlisted Airmen.

Hotaling succeeds Chief Master Sgt. Christopher Muncy, who retired in September after serving almost four years as the Air National Guard's command chief.

"This is a bittersweet moment for my family and I," Hotaling said. "On one hand

I am excited to be moving on to bigger challenges serving our Air National Guard, but on the other I will miss the camaraderie and friendships I have established during my short time here at First Air Force."

Hotaling will be the Air Guard's 11th command chief. Prior to July 1998, the title was "senior enlisted advisor."

Hotaling currently serves as command chief for the Continental U.S. NORAD Region-1st Air Force (Air Forces Northern). He previously spent nearly 24 years in various Air Force Special Tactics and leadership positions. He also serves as a member of the Air Guard's Enlisted Field Advisory Council and the Combat Control Association.

Hotaling is a native of North Carolina where he enlisted in the Air Force in 1987. He joined the Oregon Air National Guard in 2003.



Force Support Squadron change of command



National Guard photo by TSgt. Billie Thompson

Lt. Col. Wes Nichols (right), relinquishes command of the 189th Force Support Squadron. Also shown is Lt. Col. Domenic Sarnataro (left), 189th Mission Support Group Commander, and First Sergeant Jamar Bennett, 189th Mission Support Group First Sergeant.



National Guard photo by TSgt. Billie Thompson

Maj. Patti Walters (right), assumes command of the 189th Force Support Squadron. Also shown is Lt. Col. Domenic Sarnataro (left), 189th Mission Support Group Commander, and First Sergeant Jamar Bennett, 189th Mission Support Group First Sergeant.



- FEATURE - 2012: A YEAR IN REVIEW



Air National Guard photo by SrA Ian Caple

Col. Steve Eggensperger explains the 189th Airlift Wing's mission to Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III in the 189th Headquarters conference room, Jan. 18, 2012. (L to R) Col. Todd Pavich, Col. Steve Eggensperger, Maj. Gen. William D. Wofford and Lt. Gen. Harry M. Wyatt III.



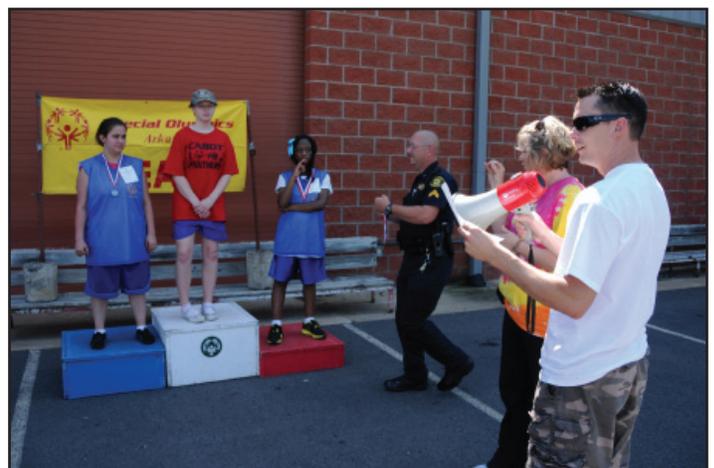
Air National Guard photo by Lt. Col. Keith Moore

Staff Sgt. Cory Davis and Tech. Sgt. Kevin Lenderman, cargo specialists with the 189th Small Air Terminal, apply a stencil to a pallet box during a recent painting session to upgrade another practice airdrop pallet. The tribute paint schemes have garnered a lot of attention, and established a higher level of Esprit de Corps for the air terminal team.



Air National Guard photo by SrA Ian Caple

Pinewood Elementary School children listen to Staff Sgt. Jeffery Browning, Aerospace Propulsion Craftsman, Maintenance Squadron, 189th Airlift Wing, Arkansas Air National Guard, read the book "Charlie Anderson", by Barbara Abercrombie, during the "Read Across America" week. The students participated in special activities during the week that encouraged them to read both at home and school.

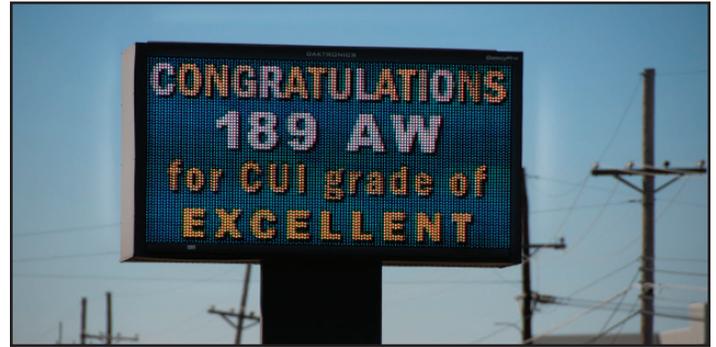


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Master Sgt. Brad Orr, 189th Accessories Element Supervisor, announces shotput winners during the 2012 Cabot Special Olympics held at Cabot High School, May 2, 2012.



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Dianna Seerey
 189 AW Command Chief Master Sgt. Gary Wynn, Chief Master Sgt. Ken Fisher, 189 Logistics Readiness Squadron and Chief Master Sgt. Jeff Hagar, 189 Security Forces Squadron, prepare the meal for the wing family day pool party attendees.



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Dianna Seerey
 A marquee at Little Rock Air Force base congratulates the 189th Airlift Wing on it's overall 'excellent' grade that was recieved after a Consolidated Unit Inspection held last week.



Air National Guard photo by SrA Ian Caple
 Lt. Col. Dominic Sarnataro speaks to veteran's after his speech at Parkway Village Independent Living during the Veteran's Day Celebration held there on Nov. 12, 2012.



National Guard photo by Maj. Chris Heathscott
 Master Sgt. JD Crawford, 189th Airlift Wing safety manager, hauls a limb off of a roadway in Garland county on Dec. 26, 2012.



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Dianna Seerey
 Retired maintainers and pilots that flew and worked on the RF-101 stand in front of the recently moved static display at the Little Rock Air Force Base Heritage Air Park on Oct. 31, 2012. Over 20 of the aircrew attended the ceremony and luncheon held at the air park and 189th Airlift Wing Operations Group.



Air National Guard Photo by Master Sgt. Dianna Seerey
 Governor Mike Beebe speaks during the Veterans Day Ceremony at the Arkansas State Capitol with (l to r) Col. Harold S. Eggenesperger, 189th Airlift Wing commander, Col. Edward S. Brewer, 314AW commander, Col. Brian S. Robinson, 19AW commander, Maj. Gen. William D. Wofford, The Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard, and Mr. Tom Cotton, Arkansas Congressman-elect in attendance. The Prisoner of War/Missing In Action flag is draped with a rose in remembrance of our POW/MIA veterans.



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Promotions



To Technical Sergeant
 Steven B. Beachum, 189 MXS
 Daren J. Jacek, 154 TRS
 Christina Jurdan, 189 SFS



To Staff Sergeant
 Jessica M. Goy, 123 IS



To Senior Airman
 Mark W. May, 123 IS
 Rosario Dispensa, 189 SFS
 Stephen A. Miller, 189 AMXS

Retirements

Senior Master Sgt. Jeffrey Vaughn, 189 OSF, Jan. 1, 2013
 Lt. Col. Alan King, 154 TRS, Jan. 1, 2013
 Master Sgt. Carl B. Ross, 189 MXG, Jan. 4, 2013
 Staff Sgt. Charles Pritchard, 189 AMXS, Jan. 6, 2013
 Chief Master Sgt. Willard Helmick, 189 CES, Jan. 19, 2013
 Master Sgt. Noralee Perkins, 189 AW, Jan. 30, 2013

PME Graduations

Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
 Technical Sgt. Michael Parrish, Jan. 6, 2013, 189 CES

Airman Leadership School
 SrA Martin Richardson, Jan. 6, 2013, 189 FSS
 SrA Ryan Roderick, Jan. 6, 2013, 189 FSS
 SrA Milissa Johnson, Jan. 6, 2013, HQ 189 AW
 SrA Leonardo Jacquez, Jan. 6, 2013, 123 IS
 SrA Jonathan McWhirter, Jan. 9, 2013, 189 CPTF



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The RAT Corner

Historically, January is the coldest month in Arkansas and also has the highest frequency of winter precipitation.

We need to be prepared for the potential of winter storms and the possibility that we will be asked to assist local communities with stranded motorist assistance and/or route clearance. If your team is in the bucket, please make sure that you are personally ready to respond at a moment's notice and remember to inform your Team OIC/NCOIC if you are going to be unavailable at any point during your bucket timeframe due to vacation, school, TDY etc.

RAT ROTATION SCHEDULE:

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

CONTACT INFO:

If you have any questions or would like to join a team, please contact Capt Chris Wald at 501-987-6897 or CMSgt Ken Fisher at 501-987-7978