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Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr., Air Education and Training Command commander, is welcomed by the 314th Airlift Wing commander Col. Scott Brewer, as they arrive, June 18, 2013, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Rice visited the base to interact with Airmen and see the Team Little Rock mission first hand. (U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Kaylee Clark)

AETC commander tours, praises the Rock

By Staff Sgt. Jake Barreiro
19th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

The Commander and Command Chief of Air Education and Training Command toured Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark., June 18 – 19, and talked to Airmen personally and in mass about contemporary issues and challenges in the Air Force.

At the end of their visit Gen. Edward A. Rice Jr. and Chief Master Sgt. Gerardo Tapia held an all-call at the Hercules Hall where they talked about their visit and answered several questions from the audience. At the all-call Rice praised the base's mission of managing the largest training center for C-130s in the world as well

as carrying out real-world missions around the clock.

"We had a great visit here," Rice said in his opening comments at the all-call. "We had a great chance to see the mission here at Little Rock and we know how important the work you do is to AMC, AETC, the U.S. Air Force and our international partners around the world. I was am very impressed with the way you all operate on the operational and training side."

One thing Rice and Tapia got to do on their visit to the Rock was to sit down and personally talk with small groups of Airmen on base in order to get a personal perspective on the issues Airmen here face.

"Talking to the Airmen was

great," said Rice. "It helps me look at the issues I have to talk about in Washington in a different way."

Tapia praised Team Little Rock's noncommissioned officer corps.

"I don't always seesay this when I go places, but you all have some great NCOs here," he said. "Judging from the talks I had with junior Airmen, your NCOs are concerned with their issues, personally and professionally and involved with them like they should need to be."

During the all-call, the duo took questions from the audience. Rice and Tapia answered questions about possible changes to tuition

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Driving to a safe summer

By MSgt. JD Crawford
189th Airlift Wing Safety Office

The summer is here and with it comes many activities that we all seem to enjoy, but many of those activities have the potential to cause serious injuries or even death. The Air Force Critical Days of Summer Campaign has been developed to raise awareness of the hazards during the summer season. It is an effort to help Airmen mitigate those hazards and to understand that safety has a role in everything we do, both on and off-duty.

The number one cause of fatalities in the Air Force during the summer, are private motor vehicle (PMV) mishaps. Although the percentage of PMV-related fatalities has decreased over the past three years, it remains, by far, the major cause of fatalities throughout the summer. Speeding is only one part of the problem when it comes to PMV-related mishaps. When you take a look at the top six causes, you'll see that the greatest threat to drivers is the drivers themselves. These are the top six (in order), identified by the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration: driver distraction, driver fatigue, drunk driving, speeding,

aggressive driving, and weather conditions.

The most common traffic-law violation is speeding, outnumbering all other traffic violations combined. And how much time do you really save by speeding and risking a costly traffic ticket or, worse, causing a crash? Check out the time it takes to make a 30 mile trip at different speeds: 55 miles per hour = 32.7 minutes, 65 miles per hour = 27.7 minutes (5 minutes saved), 75 miles per hour = 24 minutes (8.7 minutes saved). The math assumes you can maintain a constant speed without slowing down for traffic, signals or curves in roads. In reality, you'd probably save only 4 minutes at best.

However, did you notice that the number one cause of accidents is driver distraction? Arkansas bans texting for all drivers, and bans handheld cell phone use for drivers aged 18-20. All cell phone use (handheld and hands-free) is banned for novice drivers (drivers under 18). Bus drivers are also prohibited from all cell phone use (both handheld and hands-free). With the exception of the law pertaining to novice drivers, all of Arkansas's cell phone and texting laws are considered "primary" laws. A primary law means that an



officer can pull you over for the offense without having to witness some other violation. The ban on all cell phone use for novice drivers is a secondary law. A secondary law refers to the fact that an officer can only pull you over and issue a ticket if the officer has witnessed some other violation – for example, you ran a stop light while on the cell phone (legal information provided by www.drivinglaws.org).

While all Airmen have a commitment to the core values of Integrity, Service, and Excellence, Airmen must also have a commitment to their family, friends, co-workers and country to value safety as well as the safety of others, with the same intensity that is held for our other core values. For the period 24 May – 3 September, 2013 the 189th Safety Office will be sending out information on multiple topics that are highlighted during the Critical Days of Summer Campaign. Keep it smart.

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Blessings from God

By Lt. Col. Steven Rogers
189th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office

Dr. Michael Youssef has said that "When people become preoccupied with the blessings that God gives them and ignores the Blessor, those very blessings are going to curse them. When people become more focused on possessions

and give no attention to the One who has given them these possessions, one day these possessions are going to make a mockery out of them."

There is nothing wrong with having money or possessions. All of us have been very blessed to live in these great United States. The US is one of the richest countries in the world.

According to statistics from the World Bank, 56 percent of the world's population lives in extreme poverty. They survive on an income of less than \$730 per year or \$2 per day. Half of the world's poor who comprise 28 percent of the world's population live on \$1 or less per day. In comparison, the average

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DEERS locks down access to some information updates

By **Debbie Gildea**

Air Force Personnel Center Public Affairs

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-RANDOLPH, Texas -- Base identification card issuing offices will no longer be able to manually correct or update certain types of personnel information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, Air Force Personnel Center officials said today.

DEERS is the system used to enroll Airmen and their eligible family members for an identification card and associated benefits such as medical and dental care, federal installation access and access to installation facilities such as the commissary or exchange.

DEERS updates are required for major life events that change an Airman's status, including marriage, divorce, birth or death of a dependent, promotion, reenlistment, extension, retirement, separation or unit transfer to another branch of service or

agency. Personnel specialists use the Real-time Automated Personnel Identification System to update DEERS.

In past, RAPIDS customer service representatives could manually update or correct members' DEERS information. Now, access to member citizenship, date of birth, gender, social security number, name, service dates, civilian or contractor employment dates, Air National Guard or Reserve activation periods and member separation transition benefit information is locked down. The lockdown does not affect dependent family member record information that needs to be updated.

"Members' DEERS records are established and updated by an authoritative data feed directly from a personnel source like AFPC or the Air Reserve Personnel Center. If information about a member that feeds into DEERS is wrong, the ID card issuing office can't fix that. Only the office of primary responsibility

for that information can correct it," said Ed Yoder, AFPC DEERS/RAPIDS operations branch assistant chief.

For example, if a member's reenlistment date is wrong, the reenlistments office must correct it. If the social security number in DEERS is wrong or a member becomes an American citizen after the DEERS record is established, he or she will need help from the Total Force Service Center to verify information in the personnel data system.

"If you have incorrect or outdated information in your DEERS record and it is locked down, your first step is to contact the origin of the information and work with them to correct it. Once it's corrected in the personnel data system, it will flow to DEERS and be updated," Yoder said.

Typical OPRs include military reenlistment, separation and retirement offices, or the civilian human resource office, or the contractor trusted agent.

Airmen who don't know the appropriate OPR for specific information should go to the myPers website, Yoder advised.

"Once your record is updated, you can check the corrections or updates online at the eMilConnect website," said Yoder. "Depending on the nature of the correction, Airmen may need to get a new ID card, so keep an eye on your records."

Retired military members who need a DEERS update or correction can submit a request to AFPC, Yoder said. Once AFPC completes the correction action, an Air Force Form 281, Notification of Change in Service Member's Official Records, is filed in the retired member's military record and the member's documents are returned.

For more information on DEERS updates and other personnel issues, visit the myPers website at <https://mypers.af.mil/> and enter "21534" or "DEERS Record Correction" in the search window.

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assistance, changes to professional military education and sexual assault.

Tapia told the audience he doesn't anticipate a lot of stark changes to tuition assistance, but there may be minor amendments to the benefit in the future.

"Bottom line is we'll find a balance," Rice added to Tapia's comments.

On the topic of PME Tapia said there are experiments with transforming some curriculums, with the aim to shorten TDY and in class time, but stressed the Air Force will not lose

sight of ensuring their enlisted and commissioned force get the best possible educational experience they can via PME.

"In the future, you may see some more long distance learning," he said. "Long distance learning is going to be critically important and I can envision NCO Academy, for example, still having a brick and mortar classroom, but only having 10-14 days of in-class education as opposed to six weeks or so right now."

The last statement Rice made was on the topic of sexual assault in the Air Force, and he stressed the importance of not only acknowledging sexual assault as a problem,

but working together to build a culture that makes sexual assault intolerable.

"First we have to accept we have a serious problem with sexual assault," he said. "Then we have to commit to doing something about it, which means taking appropriate actions to address the problem."

Rice highlighted the importance of looking out for each other as wingmen and said there needs to be a zero-tolerance culture in the Air Force for sexual assault.

"Sexual assault is a crime and it's unacceptable," he said. "There's a difference between a zero-tolerance policy and a zero-tolerance culture. We

need to walk the walk with this. This is something that's happening and we as a force need to find the people who are doing it and get rid of themhold them accountable."

Rice ended his visit with words of praise and encouragement for Team Little Rock. He expressed confidence in the base's ability to adapt to upcoming challenges and overcome obstacles.

"We've had a fantastic visit," he said. "Thank you for your hard work, living our core values and serving our great nation. I'm very pleased with what I've seen and I look forward to coming visiting again."



Warrior of the month

Rank and Name: A1C Orlando Roberts
Unit: 189th FSO/FSS
Job Title: Airman Family Readiness Assistant/ Services Apprentice
Status: ADOS Orders
Hometown: Jacksonville, Arkansas
Civilian Employment: Full-Time Air National Guard
Family: Mother Terri R Wright, Brother De'Lano Wilson
Why I joined the Guard: I joined the guard for the educational benefits and fulfillment in my life.
Most rewarding part of my job: I get to work with everyone in the wing. I truly enjoy helping our members and their families.
Hobbies: I play softball on base with the 189th AW Team. I enjoy cooking and traveling.
My favorite movie is: "Love in Basketball"; even though I'm not the most talented in playing, I love the passion both characters had for the game and each other.
My favorite TV Show(s): Recently I have been on Netflix catching up on "Sons of Anarchy"
My favorite book: I honestly don't read for entertainment. I read the newspaper every Sunday and watching a lot of the History Channel and news programs.
A perfect day would be: It would start off with the smell of breakfast coming from the kitchen when I woke. After eating and watching ESPN's Sports Center I would get dressed and begin my day. The perfect day for me has no room for worrying. I would have a full tank of gas and a pocket full of cash. Who knows what I would end up doing.



U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Dianna Seerey

I admire: My mother for her selflessness and determination. She is one of the many reasons why I am the man I am today. If it wasn't for her showing me the right way of doing things, the lord only knows what I would be doing. I am thankful that she has taught me the meaning of hard work and nothing is free in life. No one owes you anything, you have to earn it. When you earn something it is truly better, you value and cherish it no matter what it is.
Something no one knows about me: Growing up my grand mother told me my father's dad was Italian, so as a child I often dreamed and wanted to be in the Italian mob. I watched all the gangster movies and thought I would be just like Al Pacino. Except for the dying parts in all the movies of course...

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.cagle@ang.af.mil.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to SrA Jasmine Watson, Arkansas Air National Guard student, who attended an Active Duty Airman Leadership School course at Little Rock Air Force Base. She was the third ANG student to attend the course.

While there she learned how the Active Duty Air Force conducts performance feedbacks, how the Enlisted Evaluation System works and volunteered during the Memorial Day Retreat this year.

As a civilian Jasmine works at the State Military Department of Arkansas at Camp JT Robinson.



SrA Jasmine Watson stands with Col. Steve Eggenesperger, 189th Airlift Wing commander, TSgt. Jennifer Ablan, 189th OG, Chief MSgt. Kelly Chong, 154th Training Squadron Flight Engineer Superintendent, Lt. Col. Chris Montanaro, 154th Training Squadron commander and MSgt. Taunya Kidd, 189th Airlift Wing headquarters administrative assistant.



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American earns from 46 to 92 times more than the poverty stricken in the world. The poverty stricken in the world is over half the world's population.

American's spend an average of \$3,400 per year per person on food and beverages. That is 365 percent more than

the total average income of over half the people in the world. If you have traveled to developing countries in South America, Central America or Eastern Europe, you may have seen the difference in how blessed we are materially in America. God has richly blessed us materially, while much of the world struggles to just have food to eat and

somewhere to sleep at night.

The real point isn't to feel guilty about what we have compared to other countries, but remember where our blessings ultimately come from in America. The blessings do not ultimately come from the Arkansas Air National Guard or the United States Air Force. God has richly blessed us and expects us to appreciate the

many blessings from Him. He also wants us to bless others and show gratitude for all we have been given by God. When we turn our backs on the Blessor, we are held accountable for this decision. We may not pay the price in this life, but all of us will one day answer for the fateful decision of ignoring The Creator and His greatest Plan for eternity.

From the Inspector General

By **Lt. Gen. Stephen P. Mueller**
Inspector General of the Air Force

What's the right question? Have you ever stopped and asked yourself "What are we trying to find out when we 'inspect' something?" I think today's inspections really only ask the question, "Are you complying?" For a small portion of the Air Force, we ask "Can you meet your mission demands?" The answers to those questions simply don't give leadership enough data to make key enterprise level decisions.

I believe more appropriate questions might include: "Are we properly manned? Are we properly equipped? What is the condition of our equipment? Are we properly trained? Are we proficient and ready with our mission and tasks? What is the leadership climate? Is it effective? Are we disciplined and compliant? What is our quality of life?"

Good news! Our new inspection system will help answer these questions and help bring Air Force level data to our decision makers.

In the last few TIG Briefs we have discussed the new system and we have a few more articles in this TIG Brief to continue educating Airmen

on where we are headed.

Colonel Rob "Raw" Hyde did an awesome job in developing a short Power Point presentation to help communicate the basics of the new inspection system and why we need it. View his presentation here.

In this TIG Brief you will also see a few articles about Sexual Assault Prevention and Response (SAPR). Recently, the Air Force conducted a Health and Wellness Inspection to identify and remove material conducive to an environment of sexual harassment. In effect, we wanted to re-baseline our tolerance for an environment that respects ALL Airmen, period! Our baseline has always been zero tolerance but we have let that baseline slip over time by not aggressively maintaining our standard.

One of the many benefits of the new inspection system is a shift in focus from compliance or rule-based to Airmen-centric. By paying attention to what Airmen think, and utilizing an inspection system that truly looks at the environment, we open new dimensions that will aid us in truly living in a culture of respect for all Airmen.

One last point, my recent travels included both the Afghanistan and Pacific



Air Bases. As always, I am incredibly impressed with the Airmen performing their assigned mission. Often, when describing the complexity or challenges of their mission I heard the phrase, "We make it happen."

It's true, our fantastic Airmen do make it happen, day in and day out—and make the tough look easy. But we should ask ourselves, why aren't they

saying "We make it better"? To me, this can be an indication of an underlying problem and

I take these comments as a signal that policy, guidance, organizational structure or resource limitations are posing significant obstacles to mission completion.

Why aren't we asking those questions during our inspections? In the future, we will!



- FEATURE -

New Enlistees



Lt. Col. Chris Montanaro, 154th Training Squadron commander, gives the Oath of Enlistment to SrA Charday Jefferson who will work as a 154th Training Squadron administrative assistant.



Lt. Col. Chris Montanaro, 154th Training Squadron commander, gives the Oath of Enlistment to Peter Seidel. He will work at the 154th Training Squadron as an instructor flight engineer. Peter is retired Air Force and currently works for Lockheed-Martin as a flight engineer instructor.



Maj. John Johnston gives TSgt. Rogelio Ramos the Oath of Enlistment. Ramos will be working at the 154th Training Squadron as an instructor flight engineer.



Maj. Tracey Nolley, 189th Airlift Wing Headquarters Wing Executive Officer, gives the Oath of Enlistment to Trey Vaden. Trey will be a Chaplain's Assistant for the 189th Chaplain's Office.



Enlistees, Con't



Lt. Col. Rob Ator, 189th Mission Support Group commander, gives the Oath of Enlistment to Byron Miller. Byron will be working in the 189th Airlift Contracting office.



Col. Richard Oxner, Arkansas Air National Guard Director of Staff, gives Jonathon Cruise the Oath of Enlistment. Jonathon will work at the 189th Security Forces Squadron.



Maj. Greg Johnson, 123rd Intelligence Squadron, shakes Blane LaRue's hand after giving him the Oath of Enlistment. Blane will work at the 123rd Intelligence Squadron.



Maj. JJ Hunt, 154th Training Squadron, gives the Oath of Enlistment to SSgt. Nicholas Rhoades. Nicholas will work at the 154th Training Squadron as a Aircrew Flight Equipment Journeyman.



Lt. Col. James Latture, 189th Logistics Readiness Squadron commander, gives the Oath of Enlistment to Chase Erickson. Chase will work as an Air Transportation Specialist in the Small Air Terminal.



Lt. Col. Michael Stage, 154th Weather Flight commander, gives the Oath of Enlistment to Mark Hughey. Mark will be a weather forecaster for the 154th Weather Flight.



50% more cash?

Capital One credit card offers 50% more cash. Man that sounds great! What if I said there was a way to get 100% cash? Now you're talking!

What are you throwing away at home? Credit card statements, medical bills, credit cards, etc? Is your social media locked down and secured? What about Facebook Friends of friends? All I need is a little of information that is critical to you and an internet search engine and I could possibly make a 100% more cash for me...thanks to you.

Guardsmen are encouraged to take home OPSEC practices we perform at the Guard. Shred, destroy, or protect paper that could be used against you by an adversary. With a little savvy and critical thinking from an adversarial perspective, you can protect yourself and especially the family.

Please do your due diligence when using social media, be careful what you post. After all, it is there permanently. There are a lot of references online how to secure social media, please lock it down.

Keep 100% of your cash, practice good OPSEC at work and home. If you have any questions regarding OPSEC, please feel free to give me a call at 501-987-7501.

Lt. Col. Scott Dillman, 189AW OPSEC Program Manager.

Promotions



To Technical Sergeant

Gwendolyn M. Hernandez, 189 OG
Kente D. Reed, 189 OG
Daniel J. Ahlquist, 154 TRS



To Staff Sergeant

Paul A. Duet, 189 LRS



To Senior Airman

Eric S. Richard, 189 CF
Dylan Seaton, 189 CES
Danny Henry, 189 CES
Matthew B. Duncan, 123 IS
Heath S. Cupples, 189 SFS
Christopher L. Crim, 189 SFS

PME Graduations

Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
TSgt. Jeremiah Covington, 01 June 2013, 189 SFS
Non-Commissioned Officer Academy
TSgt. Aleta Posey, 15 May 2013, 123 IS
Airman Leadership School
SrA Jasmine Watson, 13 June 2013, 154 TRS

Retirements

MSgt. Joey Ray, 01 July 2013, 154 TRS
MSgt. Brian S. Packard, 06 July 2013, 154 TRS
TSgt. Kenneth Keymer, 01 July 2013, 189 MXS
TSgt. Robert York, 18 July 2013, 189 LRS
TSgt. Michelle Lyons, 29 July 2013, JFHQ
SSgt. James Young, 06 July 2013, 189 MXS
SSgt. David Cagle, 31 July 2013, 189 LRS



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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.