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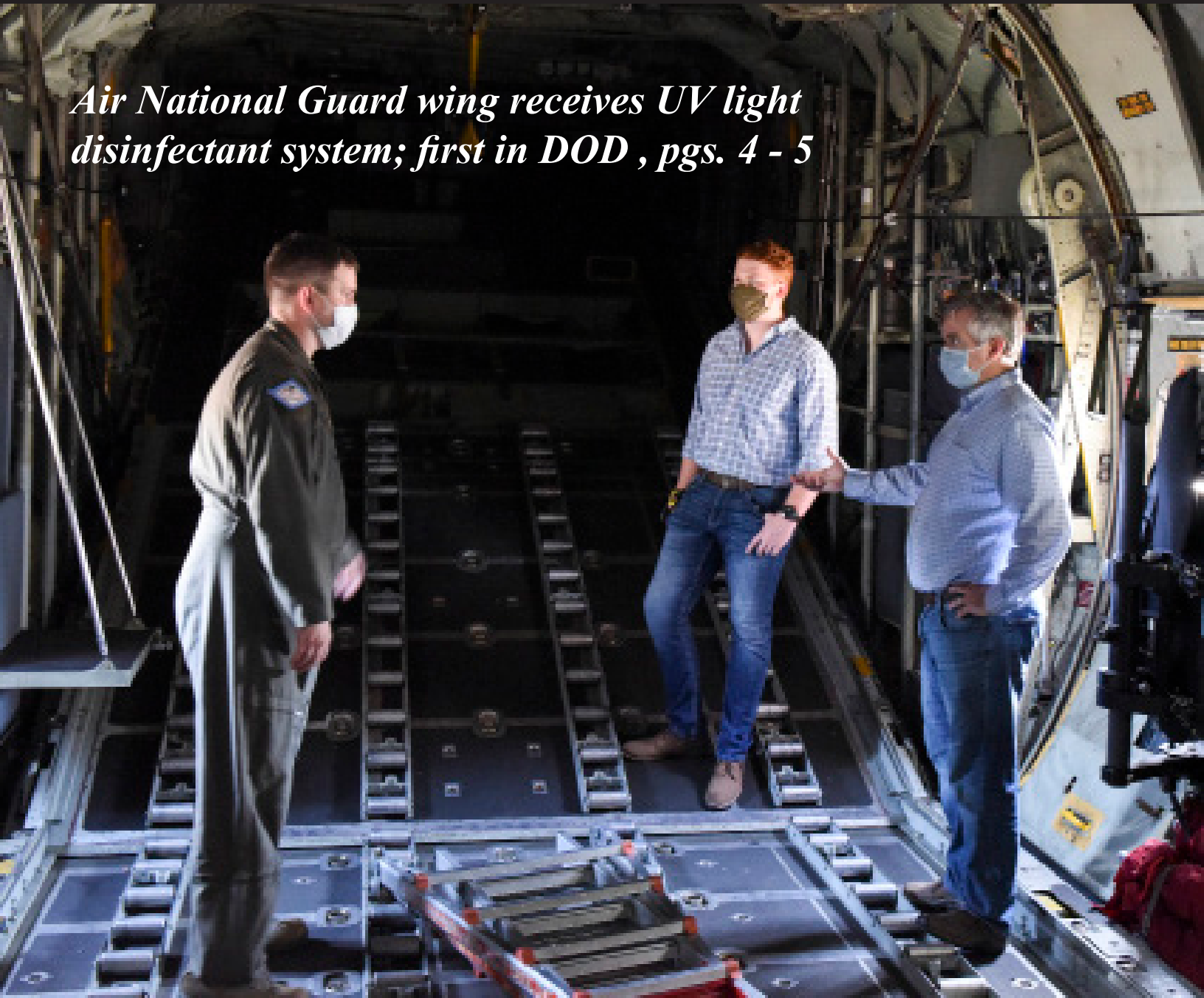
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Commander's Commentary

By Col. Dean B. Martin
189th Airlift Wing Commander

Welcome back to another great drill weekend! I hope everyone is having a COVID-free summer and enjoyed a great Fourth of July. I greatly appreciate your continued adherence to our health mitigation procedures as we continue to maintain readiness in this dynamic environment. As we approach the end of this fiscal year, take the opportunity this month to catch up on AFSC and ancillary training.

This month, we are celebrating something unique to the Guard. August is dedicated to our National Guard employers. It is important to understand the role employers of our drill status Guardsmen play and how they contribute to the support of our combat and homeland response effort missions. Most of our Guardsmen are DSG's. This means that they are woven into the fibers of our community. We are the backbone, not only of our Air National Guard and wing, but of the community we support. In turn, employers give us the support we need to continue our mission without reservation or bias. Please pass along our gratitude to all employers that support our Airmen and our mission.

This past month, FAR UV CEO, PJ Piper and Dr. David Brenner of Columbia University partnered with the 189 AW on an exciting project with DoD impact. This revolutionary technology uses safe ultraviolet light exposure to maintain clean and safer working environments for our Airmen. As the first in DoD to employ this virus-killing technology, we are testing the utilization of ultraviolet light on C-130H aircraft. These devices will also be installed throughout high-traffic areas on our campus to eliminate air and surface contamination. Our innovation team and medical group have worked tirelessly to see this vision come to fruition. If you would like to know more about our effort, check out the article on our website at www.189aw.af.mil.

This month, our children are going back to school. The local school districts are working hard to ensure your child's return to school is streamlined and as safe as possible. Let's make sure to encourage a positive outlook for children returning to school, whether they are going back in-person or attending via an online program. We have a lot of work to do before we can feel comfortable with the world around us. The inability to travel to our favorite vacation spots or visit with extended family and friends can easily drive a negative outlook. As representatives of the most reliable and trusted institution, our fellow citizens continue to look to us to set the example. Stay positive and encourage optimism in your families and friends. Our Airmen and Family Readiness office offers resources and programs such as our Back-to-School Brigade on August 1, at 10 a.m. at the Walters Community Support Center. Due to COVID-19, we are offering curbside service for the event.

If you continue to struggle due to COVID-related issues, please don't suffer in silence—reach out! Also, take the opportunity to continue the difficult conversations regarding racial relations we began in June. Shout out to Chief(s) Rohauer, Bennett and Reed along with SSgt Bianca Nelson and the PA team for the great Facebook videos demonstrating how to begin the conversation. Take time to understand your fellow Airmen and the challenges they face. Through this understanding, we will be a stronger, more effective force.

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Back-to-School BRIGADE



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Air National Guard wing receives UV light disinfectant system; first in DOD

Master Sgt. Jessica Roles
189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Over the last several months, the world changed dramatically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. American families were crushed with the responsibility of the new “normal” wearing face masks, practicing at least six feet of social distancing and keeping social activities to a minimal level. While it is becoming easier to manage these new expectations, other preventative measures are being tested and discovered, adding to the health and safety of people across the globe.

Recently, the 189th Airlift Wing in coordination with the wing’s innovation team, started the process to implement the Krypton Light Disinfection system. Working with FAR UV Technologies, a Missouri-based medical technology company, the wing plans to install 50 UV lights throughout the campus and eventually innovate ways to utilize the light sources inside aircraft. The company was awarded a one million dollar contract to initiate the project with the wing. The goal of this partnership is to eventually encourage other units to purchase the same light system through accelerated means. As of now, the 189 AW is the first unit in the Department of Defense to utilize this system.



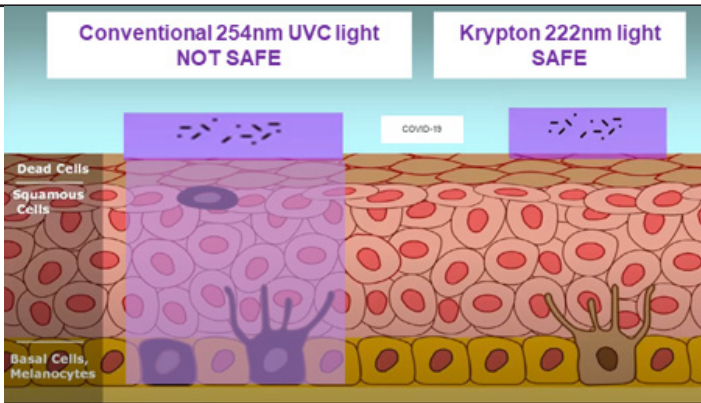
Jordan, a field engineer for FAR UV Technologies, installs an ultraviolet light in the 189th Operations Group ceiling July 16, 2020, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The UV lighting is environmentally-friendly and mercury-free. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jessica Roles)



PJ Piper, FAR UV Technologies prepares for an ultraviolet installment in one of many facilities across the 189th Airlift Wing, July 16, 2020, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The wing is the first in the Department of Defense to utilize this technology in the work environment. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jessica Roles)

“About a month ago, we were running up on a deadline for wings to submit innovation ideas for a special round of government funding called special business innovation research,” said Maj. Justin Fitzpatrick the 189th AW innovation officer. “We weren’t planning on going in for that but the innovation team cold-called the company and they got back to us. We seized the opportunity and used what they already did along with our own work, to put this opportunity together. We were only able to put this project together so quickly because of our close contacts with the Air National Guard innovation directors and our agile wing innovation structure.”

The lights being installed may sound like a



Graphic illustration demonstrating safe and nonsafe ultraviolet radiation and how it affects the skin and eyes. (Courtesy graphic)

process already implemented in some facilities, but a difference in the amount of light used is what allows FAR UV Technologies' product to stand out. According to Far UV Technologies, this groundbreaking technology safely and effectively kills airborne or surface pathogens in occupied locations. This means that while on duty, Airmen throughout the wing will have constant, additional protective measure in place to keep them safe and healthy.

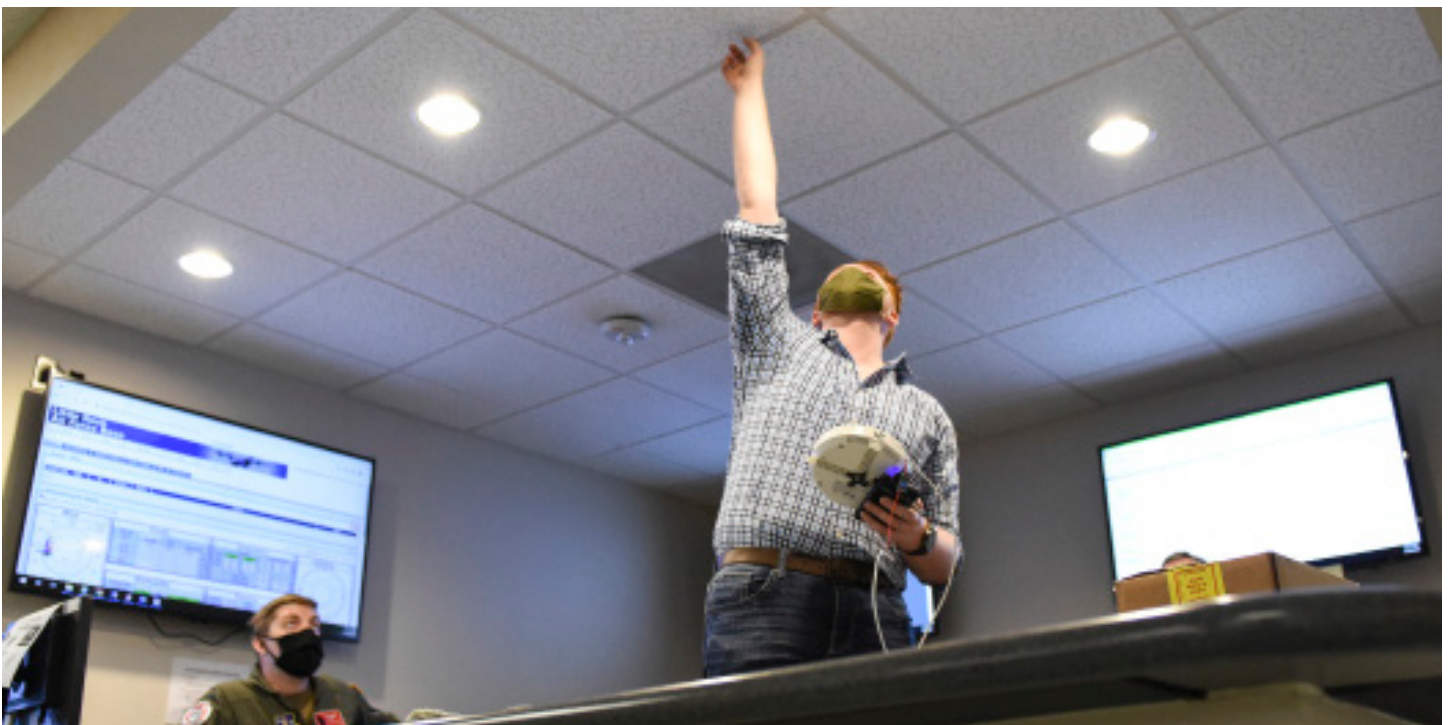
"This will add an extra layer of protection in addition to our current risk mitigation strategies," said Lt. Col. Thomas DeGraff III, 189th AW senior flight surgeon and member of the Team DUCIMUS Think Tank group. "I see this as increasing exposure time to

in-person interactions and decreasing the odds of viral exposure as well as decreasing the risk of infection. We don't have the medical peer reviewed data to back that up 100 percent, but we do know that it kills pathogens and doesn't cause cancer or cataracts in humans."

The krypton light is a measure of ultraviolet light designed to eliminate surface and air pathogens while remaining safe for humans. The light, at 222 nanometers, does not penetrate human and animal skin or eyes, making it safe for everyday use. According to Dr. David Brenner, the company's safety subject-matter-expert from Columbia University Medical Center, the lower exposure range is the key difference between the Krypton system and traditional UV sanitization systems, which can operate at up to 254 nanometers, damaging sensitive cells in the epidermis, used in occupied environments.

The product potential is nearly endless. Application can be applied to offices, medical facilities, transportation and much more, making it ideal for the wing with regards to versatility and utilization.

"Our advances represent a quantum leap forward in applied science because of our partnerships and represent a giant step for all of DoD," said Fitzpatrick.



Jordan, a field engineer for FAR UV Technologies, installs an ultraviolet light in the 189th Operations Group ceiling July 16, 2020, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. The UV lighting is 222 nanometers and is not harmful to the skin and eyes. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jessica Roles)



COVID Risk Mitigation

By Col. Dean Martin
189th Airlift Wing Commander

As you have noticed, we have had an uptick in positive COVID19 cases over the past few weeks. Due to this fact, I requested that our IG team complete a no Notice Inspection followed by an airmen led Continuous Process Improvement (CPI) event with the knowledge gained. The inspection results show that while most wing members feel that leadership has appropriately communicated COVID-19 precautions to the wing at all levels, our daily application has waned due to "COVID Fatigue". The inspection also showed that while each section is generally accomplishing the prescribed mitigation strategies, there is little consistency to application of policies. Some of the findings include:

- * "Inconsistent mask use when airmen are within 6 feet of each other"
- * "Daily cleaning regimens were not being followed or even abandoned in some cases"
- * Wing members could only "partially identify when or how to wear a mask/face covering, how to clean within their work stations, or when to report travel or leave"
- * "Sign in rosters showed no constancy in use from building to building if even being used?"

After review of this inspection along with recommendations from our airmen led CPI, it is imperative to re-emphasize the following procedures:

- * If you feel sick, do not come to work. Call your supervisor for guidance.
- * This would include: Fever (defined as the elevation of body temperature before the use of medications to treat), Chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue or muscle/body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Upper or lower respiratory congestion, Runny nose, Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea.
- * When answering any screening questionnaire(s), consider the travel, exposure, and symptoms of everyone in your household-NOT JUST YOURSELF!
- * A face mask or other suitable face covering should be worn if you cannot maintain (6) feet of distance (indoors or outside) between yourself and others.
- * Mask should be worn over the nose and mouth. It should be secured under the chin and fit snugly against the sides of your face.
- * Masks should be worn when two or more personnel ride in the same vehicle (car, truck, bus, UTV, etc).

* A work area/building cleaning schedule that is appropriate for the occupancy and traffic volume will be posted and checked for compliance. Each work area/building should be cleaned at a minimum of twice per work day.

* Every common surface should be disinfected with cleaning agents that are effective against viruses following manufacturer's instructions; allow contact and air drying (don't spray and immediately wipe off) as the effectiveness will be minimal. Most agents require a specified contact time on surfaces to be effective. Times will be listed on product label(s).

* All members should have a temperature check daily, upon arrival at start of shift; this can be accomplished by staff assigned or through a self-check by the member.

* A sign-in roster will be utilized at all building/work station entries. ALL members entering the work area/building will sign in.

* Rosters may be locally developed for efficiency and can be managed by assigned screening personnel or by the members as determined by commanders. For staffed screening points, screener's initials next to names serve to verify entry and temp within acceptable limit. For unmanned screening points, a roster containing date, name, time in/out, and location visited and temp ≤ 100.4 acknowledgement should be present.

* 189th AW Command Team is working to create a No Touch electronic roster with temp scanning for entry points. Once completed, all groups will utilize this product.

* Entry/screening points should be identified for each building.

* Screening points/tables should contain the following standard items: sign in roster (or electronic equivalent), pens, hand sanitizer containing minimum 60% alcohol, extra cloth masks.

Questions have also arisen regarding leave approval/policy (**see page seven for latest guidance**).

Each of us have stood in the gap against COVID for several months, however, the fight will continue into the foreseeable future. It is incumbent upon the members of the wing to stay vigilant in our actions against this pandemic. I trust each and every one of you will follow the risk mitigation strategies we have developed and will help to keep our mission moving forward.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE

LITTLE ROCK AIR FORCE BASE, ARKANSAS

25 June 2020

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL TEAM LITTLE ROCK PERSONNEL

FROM: Team Little Rock Wing Commanders

SUBJECT: Little Rock Air Force Base Local Leave and Pass Guidance

References: (a) Secretary of Defense Memorandum, "Transition to Conditions-based Phased Approach to Coronavirus Disease 2019 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions," 22 May 2020
 (b) Secretary of the Air Force Message, Additional Guidance of the Transition to Conditions-Based Phased approach to COVID-19 Personnel Movement and Travel Restrictions, 2 June 2020
 (c) Team Little Rock Wing Commanders Memorandum, "Updated Local Leave Guidance," 9 June 2020

1. This memorandum implements the Secretary of Defense (Reference a) and Secretary of the Air Force (Reference b) guidance for military members assigned to Little Rock AFB. Family members and civilian employees are highly encouraged to follow the below guidance. This memorandum rescinds the 9 June 2020 memorandum (Reference c) and all previous memoranda of the same subject. As of 19 June 2020, the state of Arkansas has met the conditions-based requirements to resume travel for military leave or pass pursuant to the guidelines set below.

2. Little Rock AFB military members may be authorized leave outside of the local area to states, districts, territories, or host nations, that meet the conditions based requirements set forth in Reference (a) (i.e. the destination is "green"), and following the most current Military Leave Decision Flowchart, found at the following link https://mypers.af.mil/app/answers/detail/a_id/47788. **All leave requests will continue to be approved at the Squadron Commander level or above, using the attached "COVID-19 Pre-Departure Risk Exposure Activity Worksheet."** When evaluating leave requests, Commanders must weigh the risks when the Airman's leave plans include travel in or through emerging hotspots. The COVID-19 Health Assessment Dashboard found at <https://cprobe.army.mil/rsc/covid/> is one of many useful resources readily available to help Commanders assess and weigh risk, and decide whether or not the risk posed to force from an individual's travel warrants placing the Airman on restriction of movement (ROM) upon return from leave. ***It is imperative that all Team Little Rock military members recognize that ROM comes at a cost to the United States Air Force, and our combined mission of generating Combat Airlift. Squadron commanders are expected to weigh risk to mission against risk to force and make prudent risk-based decisions at their level.***

3. All leave requests that fall outside of the above restrictions shall continue to be processed through the individual's chain of command to the respective Wing Commander for recommendation for exception to policy to the first General Officer in their respective chain of command.

4. This policy cannot cover every scenario related to leave or pass travel. COVID-19 remains a serious threat to our force and our local communities. We ask all Airmen and their families to exercise sound judgment to minimize situations that increase the risk of COVID-19 transmission. It is the responsibility of Commanders and supervisors at all levels to ensure compliance with this instruction. Further, military members taking leave must comply with CDC guidelines for non-pharmaceutical interventions (e.g., physical distancing, hand washing, wear of cloth face coverings when unable to maintain appropriate social distancing in public), and comply with state and local COVID-19 guidance for all locations while on leave.

5. Our point of contact for this policy is 19 AW/CCE, DSN 731-1910, or by email at 19AWCCE@us.af.mil.

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Senate confirms Loh as next director of the Air National Guard

By Air National Guard Public Affairs
Air National Guard Readiness Center

The U.S. Senate confirmed U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Michael A. Loh to serve as the 13th director of the Air National Guard July 20. By assuming the post, Loh will be promoted to lieutenant general.

“General Loh is an outstanding leader who clearly understands the evolving and complex strategic environment we face at home and abroad,” U.S. Air Force Gen. Joseph Lengyel, chief, National Guard Bureau, said. “His experience and proven record, especially in helping shape the National Guard’s space mission, make him uniquely qualified to lead the Air National Guard’s modernization efforts to meet tomorrow’s national security challenges and better protect our nation.”

As the DANG, Loh is responsible for formulating, developing, and coordinating all plans, policies, and programs for more than 107,700 Air National Guard Airmen and civilians in 90 wings and 175 geographically separated units located in 213 locations throughout the 50 States, 3 territories (Puerto Rico, Guam, the Virgin Islands), and the District of Columbia.

“Colorado has a proud military tradition, and I am grateful for all Major General Loh has done for Coloradans and our military,” said Colorado Gov. Jared Polis. “His leadership at the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has been unparalleled. Colorado wishes him the best of luck and knows his expertise will be an incredible asset to our country and the Air National Guard.”

A 1984 U.S. Air Force Academy graduate, Loh served seven years on active duty before joining the Colorado Guard. While on active duty he served as a European F-16 strike pilot in the 313th Lucky Puppies Tactical Fighter Squadron and as a Formal Training Unit instructor pilot at Luke Air Force Base, Arizona. Loh’s father, U.S. Air Force Gen. John M. Loh, graduated from the USAFA in 1960, served more than 35 years in the Air Force, including during the Vietnam War, and retired as commander of Air



U.S. Senate confirms U.S. Air Force Maj. Gen. Loh as the next director to lead the Air National Guard. Loh has served nearly 30 years in the Colorado Air National Guard and has experience in various key leadership roles, such as flight, squadron and group commander as well as the Colorado National Guard assistant adjutant general and adjutant general. Loh is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flight hours, including 2,900 hours and 128 combat flight hours in the F-16A/B/C/D Fighting Falcon.

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Combat Command in 1995. Loh’s son, U.S. Air Force Capt. Michael “MJ” Loh, also a USAFA graduate, currently serves as an F-16 pilot with the 555th Fighter Squadron, Aviano Air Base, Italy.

Loh joined the Colorado Air National Guard in 1991 and has served as flight, squadron, and group commander, assistant adjutant general, and adjutant general. During his nearly 30 years of service in the COANG, Loh deployed multiple times to the Pacific and Central Command regions and commanded combat operations during Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Provide Comfort II. Loh is a command pilot with more than 3,200 flight hours, including



2,900 hours and 128 combat flight hours in the F-16A/B/C/D.

Loh's other assignments include special assistant to the chief of staff of the U.S. Air Force, National Guard assistant to the 14th Air Force/Air Forces Strategic, mobilization assistant to the commander, North American Aerospace Defense Command/U.S. Northern Command, and National Guard assistant to the commander of Air Combat Command.

"I am tremendously humbled and honored to serve as the next director of the Air National Guard," Loh said. "I look forward to building upon the outstanding legacy left by Lt. Gen. Scott Rice, and working with Air Force leaders, the adjutants general, and our incredible wing commanders to shape the future of our force."

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Name, rank, service and badges will be more identifiable on OCP

By Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs
SAFPA

Air and Space Professionals will soon be more recognizable in their Operational Camouflage Pattern uniforms.

OCP rank insignia, badges, name, and service tapes will now feature a lighter, three-color background pattern, versus the current seven-color pattern, to increase readability and ease rank recognition.

"We received significant feedback that prompted this update," said Lisa Truesdale, Air Force military force management policy deputy director. "The current rank insignia, badges, name, and service tapes on the OCP uniform are sometimes challenging to see against a seven-color background. Simplifying these features on a lighter, three-color pattern—while not compromising the overall functionality of the uniform—will improve our situational awareness in day-to-day interactions."

The Air Force name and service tapes will retain their current spice brown letter stitching, while Space Force versions will still feature space blue stitching.

Stitching for the Air Force rank insignia and badges will remain spice brown.




The Army and Air Force Exchange Service has already begun to transition inventories to the new three-color pattern name and service tapes. The Defense Logistics Agency is placing orders for the three-color pattern as seven-color backgrounds are phased out; some of the three-color insignia name tags should be in the inventory by Nov. 2020.

The U.S. Air Force Academy implemented the uniform change for the June 2020 class and Basic Military Training is on target for Oct. 2020.

The current seven-color background rank insignia, badges, name and service tapes are and will remain, authorized for wear.



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189th Airlift Wing Chaplains Office presents: Air Force Four Pillars, Worry and Anxiety

By Lt. Col. Ronald Pierce
189th Airlift Wing Chaplain

Martin Luther said, “heavy thoughts bring on physical maladies; when the soul is oppressed, so is the body.” There are a lot of things people might worry about these days. Economic issues, political issues, health concerns and the list goes on. It is important for all of us to realize that worry and anxiety can impact our physical health. Take a look below and use these guidelines as a way to help cope with worry and anxiety you might be dealing with. Utilize them to talk with others as leaders and mentors. Using the framework of the four pillars, we can have victory over worry! It is important mentally to categorize our worries into things we can impact and things we can’t. Focus only on the things you can influence and don’t worry about the rest! It is also vital to have people in our lives who we can talk with about our worries. Talk things out and don’t try to handle everything alone. It is very important to keep ourselves physically fit to better withstand the weight of our emotions. Finally, tune in to your spiritual side for strength and peace. As always, if you have questions or want to talk, your chaplaincy team is here for you. Call or come by any time.

MENTAL PILLAR - Sort out your anxieties into those you can influence and those you can’t. Focus only on what you can influence.

SOCIAL PILLAR - Talk it out. Don’t go it alone. Share your frustrations with a friend or family member. Find out how others are coping. Ask for help.

PHYSICAL PILLAR - “Worry never robs tomorrow of its sorrow, it only saps today of its strength.” Keep yourself fit so you can better withstand the emotional highs and lows.

SPIRITUAL PILLAR - Instead of wringing your hands, remember to clasp your hands in prayer. Psalm 56:3 “When I am afraid, O Lord Almighty, I put my trust in you.”



MENTAL

Mental Health
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PHYSICAL

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