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U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Mindy Tran, nurse, 184th Medical Group, prepares intravenous medical supplies for patient care at the Expeditionary Medical Support System during Vigilant Guard, Salina, Kansas, Aug. 5. Vigilant Guard is a joint exercise in which the National Guard partners with civilian agencies to work and train together in natural disaster scenarios.

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Bird's Eye View

Command Chief's Comments



Chief Master Sgt. Russ Brotsky
Wing Command Chief

Resilient Airmen

Time flies doesn't it? So much has happened this year it's been hard to track it all. It seems like we just finished last year's Intel mobility in-processing and now it's time to demobilize. We successfully completed Special Operations Command's Jaded Thunder exercise at Salina and now have a second one on the horizon. Northern Command's Vigilant Guard exercise was successfully executed and is over. Civil Engineers executed their Silver Flag training in Florida. Our Intel missions have stayed on track and our Headquarters and

Support Groups have kept up with the changing mission loads. We continue

to send our Airmen downrange. We've had to make major adjustments to wing operations and manning with the loss of our 127th Command and Control Squadron and Munitions Squadron. Our 177th Information Aggressor Squadron is undergoing significant changes. Why bring all this up? The question is simple: How's your resiliency these days?

You could say that you are already resilient, that we couldn't have achieved these accomplishments without it. And you would be partially correct. But a big part of having good resiliency is understanding what it is. Resiliency is being physically fit, mentally sharp, being social with your team mates and being spiritually fit. The way we train demonstrates the importance of it.

Being resilient Airmen is an important piece of our professional development. Part of developing professionally is to be prepared for the challenges that stress brings into our lives. The stresses of changes in our deployments, jobs, missions, manpower and operations tempo can overwhelm us if we aren't prepared. It is important enough that the Command Chief of the Air National Guard, Command Chief Master Sgt. James Hotaling, put it down as part of his Health of the Force focus areas.

On Nov. 1, you'll see a fresh, new face stepping in as your eighth 184th Intelligence Wing command chief. Chief Master Sgt. Bill Stacey will be assuming command chief duties on that day. We've spent quite a bit of time moving around the wing and getting him re-acquainted with you since July. He's been a Fighting Jayhawk for some time, but will bring a fresh, new perspective to our enlisted corps. Please extend him the same courtesies and cooperation that you generously gave me. He's going to be a great command chief for you!

I'll be retiring after our Change of Authority the same day. Roxie and I can't thank you enough for allowing us to serve such an outstanding wing and state. We are proud to be called Fighting Jayhawks and Kansas Air National Guardsmen! We are proud to be called United States Air Force Airmen. Always remember who we serve and why we do it.

God Bless. We'll see you around!

Chief B

UTA information

October UTA: Oct. 4-5

November UTA: Nov. 1-2

December UTA: Dec. 6-7

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Look for the monthly Drill Down for UTA information at www.184iw.ang.af.mil.

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Vigilant Guard tests state response

By Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz and 1st Lt. Matt Lucht, 184th Public Affairs

Civilian and military agencies team up to prepare for worst-case scenarios while responding to natural and man-made disasters.

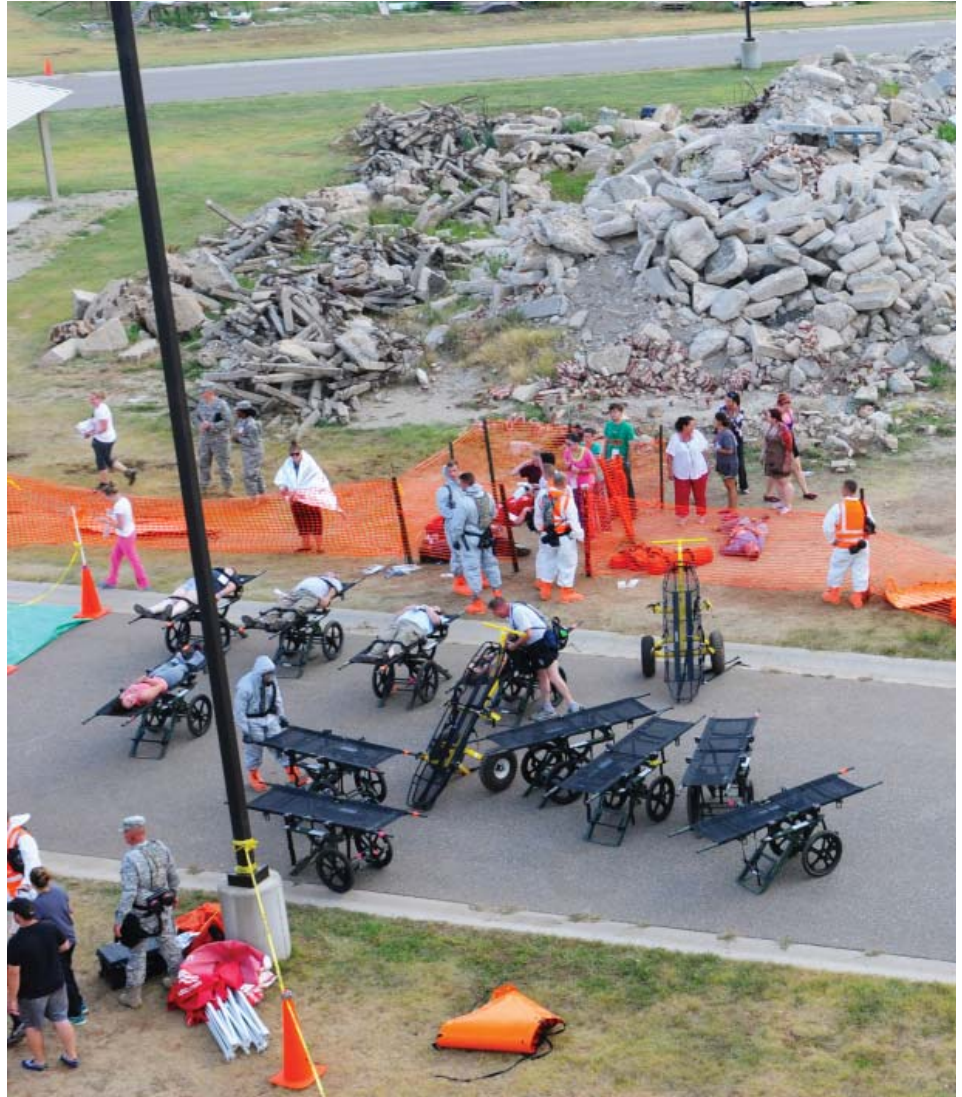
Many “what if” questions exist when a natural or man-made disaster occurs, especially in emergency response efforts.

The only way to be prepared for this moment is to practice and to stress the capabilities of first responders during a realistic emergency management scenario.

Kansas was put to the test Aug. 4-7 during Vigilant Guard 2014, a large-scale, multistate disaster response exercise hosted by the Kansas National Guard and sponsored by the U.S. Northern Command and the National Guard Bureau. The exercise is designed to evaluate the capabilities of emergency response agencies at all levels of government, both military and civilian.

“Anytime that we can have our first responders and our local entities as well as our state and federal partners all coming together, there are some really good training benefits that are coming from this,” said Maj. Gen. Lee Tafanelli, adjutant general, Kansas National Guard.

The main portion of the exercise took place at Crisis City and Smoky Hill Weapons Range near Salina, and included units from the Kansas National Guard integrating with their counterparts from the Iowa, Missouri, Nebraska and



More than 2,000 personnel from local, state, National Guard units and federal entities respond to emergency scenarios during the Vigilant Guard 2014 exercise, Crisis City, Salina, Kansas, in August.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Oklahoma National Guards.

The scenario simulated multiple disasters simultaneously affecting the state, including tornadoes and flooding, raising the subsequent issues of trapped victims, medical care, disruption of utilities, train derailments, community security issues and hazardous material contaminations. There were also

elements of simulated bioterrorism and industrial fires.

Armenia and Kansas demonstrate State Partnership

Five representatives from the Republic of Armenia were on hand during Vigilant Guard to observe how the KSNG provides military support to civilian authorities and



U.S. Air Force 2nd Lt. Meghan Sissel, clinical nurse assigned to the 184th Medical Group, Kansas Air National Guard, gives an overview of basic inventory medication for real-world medical events during Vigilant Guard at Crisis City, Salina, Kansas, Aug. 6. The medical team consisted of two 184th MG officers and three enlisted members from the 1077th Ground Ambulance Company, Kansas Army National Guard.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

military emergency planning. The visit was part of the State Partnership Program, a National Guard Bureau program designed to enhance U.S. relations with other countries.

While in Salina, the Armenian delegation visited the Salina Regional Hospital and the Crisis City training venue. Additionally, they toured the Expeditionary Medical Support System, a mobile hospital of the KSANG's 190th Air Refueling Wing that can deploy in emergency response efforts.

"We have EMEDS in Armenia and we can see how you set up your area and use your experience to as-

sist Armenians," said 1st Lt. Artur Meliksetyan, Armenian physician and military installation general practitioner. "Basic things are similar, but there are some differences. The main goal is to treat patients

and help people."

The collaboration of medical personnel from several Air Force wings and the Republic of Armenia allowed the sharing of information and the identification of best practices.

"The experience has gone really well," said 2nd Lt. Mindy Tran, EMEDS emergency room nurse, 184th Medical Group. "There are some trials and tribulations with every exercise, but we have been able to work some things out and learn from the [Armenian delegation]."

The Kansas National Guard has been partnered with Armenia since 2003.



Expeditionary Medical Support System personnel from the Kansas Air National Guard demonstrate emergency room procedures to an Armenian delegation.

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Security elements join forces

The 184th Security Forces Squadron conducted joint tactical control point training on the Smoky Hill Weapons Range, integrating with their Air Force brethren of the 190th SFS, and their Army counterparts of the 35th Military Police Company.

“We are operating this exercise as a joint task force,” said Staff Sgt. Walter Clayton, unit training manager with the 184th. “To have the Army integrated into this exercise is paramount for making this successful.”

“It has been something new to most of us,” said Sgt. Justin Hawks, team leader with the 35th MP Company.

Working side-by-side with an Airman is not something that most



Airman 1st Class Aaron Grayson, left, and Aaron Aschenbrenner, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Security Forces Squadron members, assists a mock scofflaw to her feet. The 35th Military Police Company, Kansas Army National Guard, and the 184th and 190th Security Forces Squadrons, Kansas Air National Guard, joined forces to train together during the exercise.

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Missouri National Guardsmen, U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Bryant Hall, right, 139th Airlift Wing, firefighter, and U.S. Army Spc. Dawnn Spiller, 735th Quarter Master Company, secure a disaster victim to a litter in preparation for emergency transportation. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Soldiers are accustomed to, he said, “but if something like this happened, I believe the experience is good not only for leaders and noncommissioned officers, but the junior enlisted, too.”

Local, state and military assets training together on a large-scale disaster exercise provides each participant a better understanding of what the process would be when real-world response is needed.

“If something like this [disaster] would actually happen, I could always look back on this training and hopefully there would be some sort of memory that would come into play,” said Spc. Eric Ward, military policeman with the 35th. “It is also very beneficial to work alongside the Air Force.”

Final tally

In all, the exercise drew more

than 2,000 military and civilian participants, including local first response agencies in the surrounding region.

“We all know that in a disaster, it is nothing but chaos in the beginning,” said Hannah Stambaugh, Saline County emergency manager. “I think what this exercise does is make it a better organized situation. We, at least, know about some of the resources that are available to us and the process of how to get those resources.”

The 184th Intelligence Wing had approximately 135 military personnel participate in various roles in Vigilant Guard 2014. Personnel included Security Forces Squadron, Medical Group, Logistics Readiness Squadron, Civil Engineer Squadron, Force Support Squadron, Intelligence Group, Public Affairs, 134th Air Control Squadron and 284th Air Support Operation Squadron.

Fighting Jayhawk earns spot on Air Force rugby team

By Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

Part-time Guardsman strives for excellence in a chance to play rugby for the Air Force.

Staff Sgt. Anthony George, a traditional Guardsman assigned to the 184th Intelligence Support Squadron, has gone from being a communications support specialist to a “man of the match” on the rugby field.

George started playing rugby when he was in the Navy in 2004. When he joined the 184th Intelligence Wing in 2008, he also began playing for a Wichita rugby team. He stayed with that team for three years until he learned about the Armed Forces Rugby League.

The Armed Forces Rugby League consists of five, seven-man teams. The teams include Air Force 7s, Army 7s, Navy 7s, Marine 7s and Coast Guard 7s. A rugby 7s match is shorter with teams made up of seven players, compared to a traditional rugby team with 15 players.



Staff Sgt. Anthony George, communications support specialist, 184th Intelligence Support Squadron, tackles the ball carrier while playing for the Air Force rugby team. Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Anthony George

George learned about the Armed Forces Rugby League through an advertisement at the gym.

“I saw a poster in the base gym about the Air Force rugby team and decided to email the contact,” said George.

George was invited to try out and headed to Aspen, Colorado, where his exceptional play earned him the status of Man of the Match for

one of the games. He went on to be named Man of the Match for the tournament.

After the successful tryout, George was invited to play on the All Armed Forces team against an all-star team from New Zealand where he won Man of the Match again.

George has played in various tournaments with the Air Force 7s

team. He earned Man of the Match in one of the largest Rugby 7s tournaments in the world held in Las Vegas.

Due to his exceptional performance, George has drawn some attention about the possibility of training with the Rugby 7s Olympic team. That team will be competing in the 2016 Olympics in Brazil.



Staff Sgt. Anthony George, carries the ball through traffic while playing in a rugby match for the Air Force rugby team. Photo courtesy of Staff Sgt. Anthony George

Civil Engineer Squadron contingency ready

By Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Silver Flag exercise provides Civil Engineer Airmen the opportunities to prepare for the workload and stress which may be experienced in a deployed environment.

Ready anytime, anywhere. This proved to be the response the 184th Civil Engineer Squadron exemplified during Silver Flag's seven-day training exercise at Detachment 1, 823rd Red Horse Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida, Aug. 9-15.

Fifty-one members from the 184th CES participated in the exercise. The units included Operations Management, Engineering; command and control; Emergency Management; Heating; Ventilation; Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Electrical Power Production; Electrical Systems; Water and Fuel System Maintenance; Pavements and Construction Equipment; and



Civil Engineers train in a joint mission to build and maintain a bare-base operation at a forward-deployed location. They use heavy equipment to construct, repair and operate base facilities.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Structures shop.

Silver Flag is mandatory training for CES Airmen, which is required every 36 to 48 months depending on their job title, and helps measure a unit's deployable readiness.

A total of 190 Reserve, National Guard and active-duty Airmen, representing 38 worldwide bases, trained in a joint mission to build and maintain a bare-base operation at a forward-deployed location.

Supporting units included Manpower, Personnel Sup-

port for Contingency Operations, Services and Comptroller. Other CE units were Fire Protection and Pest Management.

"The more we train, the better we get. If I get deployed next year, I have an idea of what I'm supposed to do," said Airman Khanh Phung, 184th CES electrical systems, first-time Silver Flag participant.

Silver Flag participants operated in a bare-base training environment with housing in Alaskan small shelter system tents and meals cooked by Services or ate Meals Ready-to-Eat.

Airmen used a variety of combat and survival skills, such as repairing bomb-damaged runways and responding to bio-hazard contaminations. Additional Air Force



Airmen assigned to the Structures shop develop a plan for a welding project during Silver Flag exercise at Tyndall Air Force Base, Florida..

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs



Civil engineers experience the stresses of working in a simulated deployed combat environment. As they work on equipment, they also focus on hostile threats and safety measures. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

specialty code specific training was given to units to supply the combatant commander with expeditionary emergency responses.

Many of the noncommissioned officers had gone through Silver Flag and were able to guide first-time Airmen through the training and exercise.

“A lot of the equipment here is not available at home station or is seen very often except for special temporary duty assignments like this one,” said Tech. Sgt. Adrian Arzate, 184th CES structural engineer. “It is really good hands-on training for the young Airmen. It is vital information to know for deployments and NCOs can guide the Airmen and keep a

positive attitude.”

After five days of training, participants tested their knowledge during a one-day mock deployment scenario to a forward operating base where they opened an airfield surrounded insurgent dangers.

Airman 1st Class Bryce Schroeder, 184th CES structural engineer, said, “We were unloading the fiberglass mat and saw two can-

isters come flying out of nowhere with purple smoke, then the explosions started. Adding the pressure of focusing on more than just our job helps us get ready for those surprises through a deployment.”

The 17-hour exercise tested participant’s resiliency through different scenarios such as an in-flight emergency landing, fire suppressions, insurgent attacks and equipment malfunctions.

Master Sgt. Mark Rush, first sergeant, 184th CES, summarized the exercise, as sweat beads down his face, “Spirits were kept high and everybody was doing their jobs while still having fun. It was a challenge but, it was also rewarding.”



“We were unloading the fiberglass mat and saw two canisters come flying from out of nowhere with purple smoke, then the explosions started,” said Airman 1st Class Bryce Schroeder.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz, 184th Public Affairs

Take the gray out of gray area retirement for DSGs

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Smith and Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Arm yourself with answers to questions that Drill Status Guardsmen have about continuing their career until retirement.

Every member of the Guard family had a valid reason for joining, whether for education benefits, on-the-job training or the opportunity to carry on a family legacy by serving their country. As Airmen are faced with the decision to continue in their career or separate from service, they may lose the ambition or direction that initially attracted them to the Guard.

The Air National Guard does a great job in communicating the benefits of joining during the recruitment process, but even the most experienced Airmen find it difficult to locate information about the benefits afforded to retired Drill Status Guardsmen.

“One of our primary responsibilities is to ensure that our Airmen have all the information they need to make the best decision possible,” said Chief Master Sgt. Russ Brotsky, command chief of the 184th Intelligence Wing.

Many Airmen experience frustration throughout their career, often times leading that person to consider separation.

“Some who separated wish they would have worked through the frustrations of military life to have had the chance to retire,” said Brotsky. “Others who have retired say that, as they look back, those years served went by so fast they



The ARPC Personnel Fact Sheets covers personnel issues affecting all Air Reserve Component Airmen and can be found online at www.arpc.afpc.af.mil. Graphic courtesy ARPC

wished they would have devoted more energy during that time to making a bigger difference.”

The first step for any member is to understand the minimum requirements to be eligible for retirement. All members must complete 20 years of qualifying service with a minimum of 50 points per year,

often referred to as a “good year.” The time frame to earn points begins and ends on the Airman’s anniversary date, also called the retention/retirement date.¹

Retirement points are earned through types of duty that an Airman performs. For example, a unit training assembly, or UTA, earns

1. Ref. ARPCI 36-3203 Para. 6.4.7.3

ANG/Reservist Retirement Benefits Table				
Air Force Reserve Retiree Awaiting Reserve Retired Pay, Normally at Age 60				
Air Force Retiree (Blue ID Card)				
1.	Retired pay	AFI 36-3203*	Yes	None
2.	Clothing Sales Store	AFI 36-2914	Yes	Yes
3.	Commissary	DODI 1330.17-R	Yes	Yes
4.	Tricare Retiree Dental Program*		#	#
5.	Education services	AFI 36-2306	None	None
6.	Exchange services	AFJI 34-210	Yes	Yes
7.	Family Services Program	AFI 36-3009	Yes	None
8.	Legal assistance	AFI 51-504	Yes	Yes
9.	Military Affiliated Radio	AFI 33-106	Yes	Yes
	Medical services	AFI 41-115		

Many charts found in the ARPC Personnel Fact Sheets show the benefits to retired drill status Guardsmen. Graphic courtesy ARPC

one point per four hour period, giving Airmen the opportunity to receive four points per UTA weekend. Most other duty, such as annual training and active service, provides one point per eight-hour period. The more days an Airman performs, the more retirement points he or she receives that year.

Retirement points affect the amount of pay that retirees receive, more points equal more pay. Point summaries can be found for all members on their virtual Military Personnel Flight application.

“We want to make sure they understand the financial and education benefits, and differences a separation brings for them and their family versus a retirement,” said Brotsky.

Educating Airmen about the benefits of a long-term career is a key factor in the wing’s retention efforts. Supervisors, unit career advisors and leaders throughout the wing are great resources for information. Another great, one-stop-

shop for information is the Air Reserve Personnel Center Personnel Fact Sheets, which can be found online at www.arpc.afrc.af.mil.

According to the ARPC Personnel Fact Sheets, “Upon receipt of retired pay, normally at age 60, persons receive the same benefits allocated for retired members of the active Air Force.”

Once a Drill Status Guardsman retires they become retired reserve, also known as a “gray area retiree.” The time frame between a member’s retirement date and 60th birthday is considered the gray area.

There are quite of few benefits that are available during the gray area. Most services provided on base, including commissary and Base Exchange access, are available to gray area retirees. However, benefits such as medical services may not be available until age 60.

“No TRICARE medical benefits are available before age 60 for Air Force retirees. TRICARE

Retired Reserve may be purchased for those members under age 60,” according to the ARPC Personnel Fact Sheets.

With medical and prescription costs on the rise, Airmen may consider medical benefits after age 60 as a key factor in their decision to earn a retirement.

Travel benefits are also available to gray area retirees. Base lodging facilities are accessible to all Air Force retirees and their family members. However, Space Available Travel on military aircraft has limitations.

“Reserve retirees before age 60 are restricted to flights in the continental United States, and to, from and within Alaska, Hawaii, Guam, Puerto Rico, Samoa and the Virgin Islands. At age 60, the Airman and family members are eligible to travel to overseas locations,” according to the ARPC Personnel Fact Sheets.

Getting familiar with the ARPC Personnel Fact Sheets will equip Drill Status Guardsmen, supervisors and commanders with the answers they need when the question arises, “How does it benefit me in the long-term to stay in as a Drill Status Guardsman until I can retire?”

“As I visit with the men and women I’ve served with in our wing from years past, it’s often stated that they just didn’t understand how quick that time goes,” said Brotsky. “Twenty years is an eternity to an Airman in their 20s or 30s, but it really isn’t that long compared to life’s standards. And it’s hard to wrap your head around that idea.”

New inspection program more than a snapshot in time

By Maj. Deb Balentine, director of inspections, 184th Intelligence Wing

The United States Air Force recently implemented a new inspection program that changes the way Airmen prepare for inspection readiness.

In June 2013, the Air Force implemented the newly revised Air Force Inspection System. At the wing level that meant the expansion of the Inspector General office and the beginning of the Commanders Inspection Program, or CCIP.

Outside of office and manning changes, the overall inspection process has changed, as well. Previously, a typical Unit Compliance Inspection was focused solely on a unit's compliance or noncompliance. That has now been replaced by the Unit Effectiveness Inspection, or UEI, which will consist of a week-long on-site CAPSTONE inspection event highlighting two core areas:

Compliance based on required programs per official regulations; and the effectiveness of leadership and management skills within the unit.

For Air National Guard wings, CAPSTONE events happen once every four to five years with a possible mid-cycle visit by the major



Tech. Sgt. Sander Brunnelson, Wing Inspection Team member, 184th Comptroller Flight, looks on as a wing member reads a scenario card used during the recent horizontal inspection of the wing's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

command IG to observe and evaluate a planned wing exercise. The Fighting Jayhawks are scheduled for their first UEI on July 16-22, 2015, so now is the time to embrace this new system.

Upcoming CAPSTONE

The 184th Intelligence Wing is scheduled for a CAPSTONE event from July 16-22, 2015. The wing's leadership has moved the combined July/August unit training assembly to July 17-20 in order to provide maximum participation in the event.

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photo album starts with the CCIP.

The CCIP uses two key components to determine the wing's overall health: self-assessment and inspections. The self-assessment program reports unit compliance through continuously updated self-assessment checklists, soon to be called "communicators," while internal inspections, conducted by the wing IG, assess organizational and program performance.

The Management Internal Control Toolset, or MICT, is the primary tool used to document program self-assessment status. The wing IG office created the wing's MICT Business Rules to provide recommendations on how to manage checklists in MICT. It also provides information on how to run reports in MICT, so checklist

status never needs to be a surprise to managers or commanders.

“The business rules were developed with the checklist inspection process in mind,” said Senior Master Sgt. Stacie Smith, superintendent, 184th IG office. “Continuous external evaluation of MICT by the major command IG means that checklists can’t sit waiting for an annual review. Their upkeep needs to be built into a unit’s battle rhythm.”

The other key to the CCIP are the internal inspections run by the wing IG office using the newly formed Wing Inspection Team.

“We are now being inspected on how we inspect, not just giving informal evaluations to ensure corrections are made before the ‘real’ inspection,” said Lt. Col. Dessenberger, 184 IW inspector general.

The WIT is made up of wing subject matter experts who receive official training and are sworn into the IG office. Unlike an evaluation role, these inspectors are responsible for the actual inspection findings that form the final CCIP inspection reports.

“The major command inspector general can access our inspection reports throughout the UEI cycle,” said Dessenberger, “so our internal inspections really do count.”

The WIT has already conducted



As part of the wing’s first vertical inspection, Master Sgt. Chris Knaak, 184th Safety office, (right foreground) conducts an inspection of the 184th Security Forces Squadron’s Combat Arms program, which is organized by Master Sgt. Jared Nickel (middle). Two other WIT members, Senior Master Sgt. Barry Fox, 184th Intelligence Squadron, and Tech. Sgt. Joe Milledge, 184th Logistics Readiness Squadron, (standing) received over-the-shoulder training from Knaak. WIT Inspectors can be distinguished by the blue vests or badges they wear when inspecting.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

each of the two kinds of internal inspections that are part of the CCIP. One kind, the “vertical” inspection, is a “deep dive” type inspection on specific programs within specific units conducted both virtually and on-site. Vertical inspections are scheduled by group and will occur approximately every three months. The IG office works directly with each group commander prior to their vertical inspection to determine exactly which squadron(s) and program(s) will be inspected. These inspections most resemble the UEI CAPSTONE event and even include WIT-facilitated interview sessions that resemble the

Airmen-to-Inspector General sessions conducted during the UEI.

The other kind of inspection is the “horizontal” inspection, which can be small- or large- scale, but is not specific to a unit. As the name implies, horizontal inspections have a wing-wide focus. Large-scale horizontal inspections may include a mission assurance readiness inspection, previously called an exercise, or the inspection of a unit’s externally driven real-world exercise. On the other hand, small-scale inspections will focus on specific wing programs such as records

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Tech. Sgt. Sander Brunnelson

Fighting Jayhawk since 2013

Organization:

184th Comptroller Flight

Military Job Title:

Financial Management Specialist



Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Above & Beyond:

- Noncommissioned officer of the quarter for third quarter, 2014
- Attended a five-day Quality Manager's training course which increased job knowledge
- Served as a Wing Inspection Team member
- Volunteered with Skills USA program conducting mock job interviews with high school students
- Created two YouTube training videos covering the Defense Travel System
- Designed rudimentary AF Form 594 which reduced BAH rejections up to 55 percent
- Developed and instituted a process improvement program that identified discrepancies and inefficiencies, created training to eliminate future mistakes

My story:

I joined the United States Air Force in May 2003. My first duty station was at Offutt Air Force Base, Nebraska, where I worked as a customer service technician and a special actions technician. When the Air Force created the Financial Services Center at Ellsworth Air Force Base, South Dakota, I volunteered for the opportunity to be part of something new. While stationed there I worked in the Retirements and Separations section where, I helped establish policy and procedures. When I was promoted to staff sergeant in February 2008, I was moved to the Military Pay section and was put in charge of four senior airmen, six contractors and one civilian employee. With this position, I helped bring continuity to military pay operations across the Air Force. Also during my time at Ellsworth I was deployed to Mosul, Iraq and then forward deployed to the International Zone. I was on a team that helped close seven United States Army forward operating bases. After returning from Iraq, my base of preference was approved, and in early 2012 I was sent to McConnell Air Force Base where I became the quality assurance manager and unit deployment manager for the 22nd Comptroller Squadron. It was there I found out about the Kansas Air National Guard. When I found out that there was an opening in the finance office, I jumped on the opportunity and submitted my résumé. Currently I am the quality assurance manager, unit deployment manager and a member of the Wing Inspection Team. Of course I couldn't do all of this without the support of my wife, Heather; children Lyllian, Alyssa, two cats and my dog Carl.



Tech. Sgt. Chris Guild, 184th Force Support Squadron (right), provides responses to a team of 184th inspectors during the horizontal inspection in September. The assigned inspectors used specially-designed questions and scenarios to evaluate wing members' familiarity with the Sexual Assault Prevention Response program. In all, inspection teams visited 12 buildings and spoke with a sampling of over 40 wing members during this small-scale horizontal inspection. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

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management or annually inspected “by-law” programs such as equal opportunity. The wing commander determines the focus for each of the wing’s horizontal inspections, as well as having final approval of the annual wing inspection schedule.

Ultimately, all inspections are meant to ensure commanders across the wing have the ability to assess risk, identify areas of improvement, determine root cause and focus limited resources according to the wing commander’s priorities.

“The CCIP will provide commanders the information they need to validate and verify their unit’s ability to execute their mission,” said Dessenberger. “In simple terms, mission ready equals inspection ready.”

For more information on the new inspection system or the Commanders Inspection Program, contact the 184th IG office at 316-759-7077 or visit the 184th IG SharePoint under the “Wing Staff” tab on the wing’s homepage.



WIT Lead, Master Sgt. Brandon Lambert, 184 Logistics Readiness Squadron, double-checks inspection products for the horizontal inspection of the wing’s Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Program. WIT Leads play a critical role as managers and Inspector General liaisons during inspections. WIT Leads are selected per inspection and are recognizable by their white vest or badge. “Being a WIT Lead really gave me even more insight into the new inspection program,” said Master Sgt. Lambert. “It feels great to know my efforts on this horizontal inspection may ultimately help ensure a critical wing program is working like it should.” Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

JAYHAWK FLYER

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Right photo: Master Sgt. Dave Probst, 184th Munitions Squadron, throws softballs at the dunk tank containing his wife, Senior Master Sgt. Janet Probst, 184th Force Support Squadron. The dunk tank was part of a Combined Federal Campaign fundraiser that was held on Sept. 11. The primary organizer for the event was Master Sgt. Troy Evans, 184th Munitions Squadron. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Maj. Gen. Lee Tafinelli, adjutant general of the Kansas National Guard, presents his coin to Staff Sgt. Walter Clayton, 184th Security Forces Squadron, for outstanding performance during a riot control exercise at Vigilant Guard 2014 hosted by the Kansas National Guard in August.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz



Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Kill, 299th Network Operations Security Squadron, places wristbands on people attending Zoobilee at the Sedgwick County Zoo in September. Volunteers from the 184th Intelligence Wing served in various roles for the annual fundraiser.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs



Chief Master Sgt. Jim Hotaling, Air National Guard command chief, spoke with Airman 1st Class Steven Medina, 184th Civil Engineer Squadron, at an enlisted all-call which was conducted during a visit to the 184th Intelligence Wing, McConnell Air Force Base, Sept. 7. As Hotaling toured the 184th IW, he took advantage of opportunities to get to know the Airmen assigned to the unit. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Maria Ruiz