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Cover photo by Staff Sgt. Sean Martin: An F-16 Fighting Falcon from the 100th Fighter Squadron arrives at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group in Southwest Asia, Oct. 16, 2017. In an air combat role, the F-16's maneuverability and combat radius exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft.

We're Hiring!

Vacancies are open in the following career fields:



- 2A3X4 Fighter Aircraft Integrated Avionics
- 2W1X1 Armament
- 2A3X3 Tactical Aircraft Maintenance
- 2R0X1 Maintenance Management Analysis
- 2A6X6 Electrical/Environmental
- 2A6X4 Fuels
- 2A6X3 Egress
- 2A7X3 Aircraft Structures
- 2A6X2 Aerospace Ground Equipment
- 2A6X1 Propulsion
- 2A0X1 Avionics Test Station and Components
- 2W0X1 Munitions
- 2T3X1 Vehicle & Vehicular Equipment Maint.
- 3E1X1 Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning
- 3E0X2 Electrical Power Production
- 3D1X2 Cyber Transport
- 3D1X3 RF Transmissions
- 3E2X1 Pavement and Construction
- 3E3X1 Structural
- 3E9X1 Emergency Management

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The Red Tails Deploy



(Story and photos by Staff Sgt. Jared Rand)

Several hundred of our Airmen deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Inherent Resolve Oct. 18, 2017 from Dannelly Field Air National Guard Base, Montgomery, Ala.

The Airmen are part of a deployment package from the wing that includes F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft from the 100th Fighter Squadron, pilots, maintainers, and support personnel.

“This is what we train for every day,” said Col. Randy Efferson, 187th Fighter Wing commander. “We look forward to supporting Operation Inherent Resolve and proudly representing Alabama and our Tuskegee heritage. The importance of air superiority in any conflict cannot be overstated and it is our citizenry at home that makes it possible. We thank our community and civilian leadership for their awesome support.”

The last major deployment including the wing’s aircraft was to Afghanistan in 2014.



IPR Office Ensures Deployment Readiness



Story by Tech Sgt. Monique Randall, photos by Staff Sgt. Jared Rand



Preparing hundreds of part-time Airmen for an overseas deployment can be a daunting task, but the 187th Fighter Wing's Installation Personnel Readiness (IPR) office is up to the challenge.

Master Sgt. Patrick Fitzgerald, 187th Fighter Wing Human Resource Officer Remote Designee, explained how the IPR office used a Personnel Deployment Function (PDF) line to quickly process Airmen and ensure they were prepared to accomplish their mission.

"It is a big team effort," Fitzgerald said. "We have to work with medical to get doctors and nurses out here, we have to work with the JAG and Chaplain, so there are a lot of moving parts to get everything set up."

If any of the processing steps are missed, Airmen could be disqualified from deploying overseas. The IPR office ensures personnel are up to date on medical requirements, financial paperwork, powers of attorney, and more.

"We are responsible for accountability of the members and we make sure the entire process works smoothly from start to finish," Fitzgerald said.

While the wing is deployed, Fitzgerald and the IPR office will be preparing to welcome and in-process the Airmen upon their return home. "We greet them when they step off that airplane," Fitzgerald said. "They'll see every department they saw before their deployment."



Distinguished Visitors

We hosted several distinguished visitors this quarter, including the Director of the Air National Guard and Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air National Guard, the Director and President of Air University, elected officials, and more. These visits gave us the opportunity to build valuable relationships and explain the capabilities of our wing.



Director of the Air National Guard Lt. Gen. L. Scott Rice (Right) and Command Chief Master Sgt. of the Air National Guard Ronald Anderson (Left)



Rep. Martha Roby, Ala. and Rep. Kay Granger, Tx.



Air University Commander and President Lt. Gen. Steven Kwast and Air University Command Chief Master Sgt. Todd Simmons



Tuskegee Mayor Tony Haygood

AIRCRAFT STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE

career spotlight



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When an aircraft suffers damage, it's essential to fix it and get back in the air. Responsible for repairing physical damage, Aircraft Structural Maintenance specialists maintain the high quality structures of Air Force aircraft. Utilizing various methods, these professionals do everything from installing replacement parts to building a replacement from scratch in order to restore the structural integrity of the aircraft and ensure the safety of the Airmen who fly them.

Quarter in Photos



Captions (Clockwise, from top left)

F-16 Fighting Falcons from the 100th Fighter Squadron fly over the Troy University's Veterans Memorial Stadium Sept. 23, 2017 in Troy, Ala. The flyover was for Troy's military appreciation football game. (Photo courtesy Troy University)

187th Civil Engineering Squadron members, including Chief Master Sgt. Ashley Graham (top right) and Capt. Adam Sanders (middle right) install pavers around the F-16 static display at the 187th Fighter Wing headquarters building Sept. 29, 2017. The new pavers show the lineage of the wing, and allow commemorative pavers to be installed.

187th Fighter Wing command post Airmen volunteer with the Montgomery Council on Aging Oct. 13, 2017 in Montgomery, Ala. The Airmen packaged and delivered meals to the elderly.

(Bottom) U.S. Air Force Airmen from the 100th Fighter Squadron walk to their aircraft, F-16 Fighting Falcons, at the 407th Air Expeditionary Group in Southwest Asia, Oct. 18, 2017. In an air combat role, the F-16's maneuverability and combat radius exceed that of all potential threat fighter aircraft. It can locate targets in all weather conditions and detect low flying aircraft in radar ground clutter. In an air-to-surface role, the F-16 can fly more than 500 miles, deliver its weapons with superior accuracy, defend itself against enemy aircraft and return to its starting point. (U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Sean Martin)



Maintenance Squadron Hosts Families for Commander's Call



TSgt Michael Meadows receives the Air Force Achievement Award



SMSgt William Rhodes receives the Air Force Accommodation Award



Newly promoted Tech. Sgt. Kevin Bowman's promotion order is read.



Newly promoted Staff Sgt. James Mitchell, wheel and tire section, "having it made official."

Photos and story are courtesy: Chief Master Sgt. David Shows.

The 187th Maintenance Squadron held a Commander's Call/ cookout for all MXS members and their families on Saturday of the August UTA in the Fuels Maintenance facility.

Lt Col. Jason Sander, 187th MXS commander, took the opportunity to recognize several individuals during an awards and promotion ceremony. He also discussed the upcoming deployment as well as the revitalization of the Key Spouse program at the squadron level. Mrs. Shannon Pullen, the wife of Senior Amn. James Pullen, was a guest speaker. She will be serving as a key spouse at the squadron level, having previously served at the wing level.



Lt. Col. Sander (right) addresses the members and families during the commander's call. Also shown: First Sgt. Derrick Hopkins (center) and Tech. Sgt. Michael Meadows

New Leadership at Combat Communications



The 226th Combat Communications Group and the 232nd Combat Communications Squadron both held Changes of Command.

Pictured top left, Col. Eric Good assumes command of the 226th CCG from Brig. Gen. Paul Jacobs.

Pictured top right, Maj Patrick Tritz assumes command of the 232nd CBCS.

Pictured bottom left, Col. Gary Kirk relinquishes command of the 226th CCG.

Pictured bottom right, Lt. Col. Darrell Stokes relinquishes command of the 232nd CBCS.



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