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# Commander's Corner

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

**H**appy Holidays! I hope everyone had a great and safe Thanksgiving break. Although we are not out of the water yet, don't let COVID stop you from letting your family know how thankful you are each and every day for them. I am very grateful for the opportunity to serve with such an amazing team of Airmen. Each one of you is essential to the 189th Airlift Wing's success. We have done so many amazing things over the course of the year and your work has not gone unrecognized. Our wing was once again recognized as a superior performer and awarded the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award! It is because of you that we maintain superiority within the Air National Guard! This award reflects our credibility, innovation, readiness and diversity within the force. Keep up the good work team!



This year has definitely challenged us in ways we never expected. As our optimism grows with the upcoming distribution of a COVID vaccine, now is not the time to let down your Guard! As cases in Arkansas and the U.S. continue to break records daily, we must continue to follow CDC guidance including wearing face coverings (when 6' physical distancing is not possible). This month we are executing a hybrid drill model with one day virtual and one day in-person to limit the number of personnel each day. I encourage you to avoid eating together where physical distancing can't be maintained. Don't be the family member who brings COVID home for the holidays.

If you or your family need any assistance at all, please speak with your leadership. We have many resources available to assist you in the event of a quarantine or to assist with prevention throughout your workspace. The ADH continues to provide up-to-date information for those who are seeking it. Please go to <https://www.healthy.arkansas.gov/programs-services/topics/novel-coronavirus> to see this information.

As Christmas gets closer, keep those in mind who do not necessarily have family with them during the holiday season. If you have an Airman or coworker who might not be able to afford gifts or food for their family, the wing's FACT is now accepting monetary donations to assist those Airmen and their families. If you would like to donate, contact the Mr. Tim Boyer, the Airman and Family Readiness Coordinator, TSgt Aisha Bullock, or use the information provided on one of the many flyers located throughout the wing. Wishing all of you a stress-free and happy holiday season!

While we're focusing on the holiday season and keeping our friends and loved ones safe, we need to stay well-rounded as Airmen and leaders. Your Command Chief and fellow Chiefs are working hard to instill professional development and diversity inclusion throughout the wing. In the near future, we will hold a professional development seminar targeting our first term Airmen. We will also focus on our diverse team within the wing. If you have a story you would like to share or know an interesting story of diversity within our ranks, please contact the 189th Airlift Wing Public Affairs office at 987-6068. Each of your stories are important and unique. We want to know your story and share it with the world.

Finally, please join me on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 8 a.m. via Facebook Live as we announce and recognize this year's annual award winners. We had so many excellent nominees this year! I am proud to call them Warriors. These Airmen have gone above and beyond to not only portray their core values excellently, but also the wing's priorities. They have stood out among their peers and deserve recognition for their contributions to their fellow Airmen and our wing.

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# **H**OLIDAY LIGHTING SAFETY TIPS



Consider purchasing LED holiday lights; they are cool to the touch and more energy efficient than incandescent bulbs.

Test holiday lights by connecting each strand before hanging them.



Make sure there are no broken bulbs or damaged or frayed cords. Discard any defective strands.

Use holiday lights that include the Underwriter's Laboratories (UL) label.



Avoid resting bulbs on tree needles and branches. Try using a clip to keep the bulbs upright.

Do not overload electrical outlets or extension cords.



Turn off all indoor and outdoor holiday lighting before leaving the house or going to bed.





# Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day: 78 years later

By Master Sgt. Jessica Roles  
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December 7, 1941 was a day that will always live in infamy throughout United States history. The morning of the 7th, more than 3,000 people started their day like it was no different than the day before. While working their way through their daily routine, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service struck the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor. The attack, which killed more than 2,400 American service members and wounded another 1,100, led to the United State's entrance into World War Two.

Today, we remember all those killed on the island of Oahu on that fateful Sunday morning in 1941, and we honor the American patriots of the Greatest Generation who laid down their lives in the battles of World War II. America is forever blessed to have strong men and women with exceptional courage who are willing and able to step forward to defend our homeland and our liberty.



**Above:** Smoke pouring from sinking battleship USS California (center); capsized bulk of the USS Oklahoma visible (at right). **Above Right:** In a flooded dry dock, the destroyer Cassin lies partly submerged and leaning against another destroyer, the Downes. The battleship Pennsylvania, shown in the rear, remained relatively undamaged. **Below Right:** Military personnel pay their respects beside the mass grave of 15 officers and others killed in the bombing attack at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. A U.S. flag is draped over the coffins. (Photos courtesy of Corbis/Getty Images/Time Life Pictures/U.S. Navy/The Life Picture Collection)





*Japanese torpedo bombers flew just 50 feet above the water as they fired at the U.S. Ships in the harbor, while other planes strafed the decks with bullets and dropped bombs. (Courtesy the National Archives)*



**Above Left:** Two servicemen sit on the wreckage of a bomber, surrounded by dirt and sandbags, on Hickam Field after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Honolulu Hawaii. **Above Right:** May 1942: Enlisted men of the Naval Air Station at Kaneohe, Hawaii, place leis on the graves of their comrades killed in the December 7, 1941 Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Graves were dug along the shore of the Pacific Ocean. (Courtesy the National Archives)





# Herk Nation Turkey Shoot: No substitute for ARC experience

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On Nov. 12, the 189th, 314th, 19th Airlift Wings and the 913th Airlift Group participated in the annual Turkey Shoot. The event, a demonstration of skills, experience, and tenacity, is a combined effort between air crew and maintainers assigned to each unit. The friendly competition showcases their abilities and knowledge of the aircraft, how they apply it to precision drops and other actions supporting the combat airlift mission. The event promotes an environment of camaraderie while allowing Airmen to test their combat skills in action. The competition lasted throughout the day and concluded with a ceremony and awarded recognition for the winning team.

At the end of the day, points were tallied and the 913th Airlift Group, Team Little Rock's Air Reserve component took the win and brought home the trophy for all to look upon. The revelry was short-lived however, when a miscount brought astonishing results. As it turned out, the 189 AW won by a hair. Due to the hard work of the wing's maintainers and a little flawed public math on the active duty side, the Airmen pushed the Guard to the win.

It was a close call. With a 3/100th of a difference between scores, the 913 AG begrudgingly handed the trophy to the 189 AW. The exchange was far from bittersweet however, with the knowledge that the



*Airmen assigned to the 189th Airlift Wing pose for a photo after winning the Herk Nation Turkey Shoot, Nov. 12, 2020, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Originally, the 913th Airlift Group was awarded the trophy, but due to a calculating error, the Guard won the competition. From left to right Maj. Gustavo Garcia (pilot), Capt. Alexander Darby (pilot), Senior Airman John Stanley (mainainer), Maj. Dan Maslowski (navigator), Master Sgt. Shawn Engelstad (loadmaster, Master Sgt. Brandon Harris (maintainer) and Staff Sgt. Jake Shaulis (maintainer).*



two ARC's swept their active duty competitors off the board.

"The fact that the National Guard and Reserve placed in the top spots is a testament to our experience and what we bring to the fight," said Air Force Reserve Maj. Matt Heisel, 327th Airlift Group pilot. "Our highly skilled part-time force can quickly spin up and provide that essential manpower and capabilities when the nation calls."

With the aircrew dominating the skies, the maintenance groups kept their feet on the ground, demonstrating their quick reaction capabilities. The teams showed off their skills which are vital to the support of the aircrew mission. From fuels to maintenance on every part of the aircraft, the C-130H maintainers brought their A-game to face their active duty and reserve counterparts.

"I'm not surprised that it was a close finish," said Air Force Reserve Tech. Sgt. Jimmie McDougall, 913th Maintenance Squadron aircraft overhaul leader. "Just from the maintenance events, you can tell the Guard guys have a lot of experience, but we held our own. We'll crush them next time."



Overall, the objective of the Turkey Shoot was achieved. Each unit demonstrated their readiness capabilities and ability to adjust to a rapidly changing environment while enhancing individual Airmen's skills.

"It was a little bit of shock and awe," said Maj. Dan "MOTO" Maslowski, a 189th Operations Group navigator. "Guard and Reserve units shocked Herk Nation active duty counterparts with the awe-inspiring level of expertise our aviators and maintainers provide every day. Congrats to our ARC brethren for bringing in a strong second. We look forward to defending this win!"

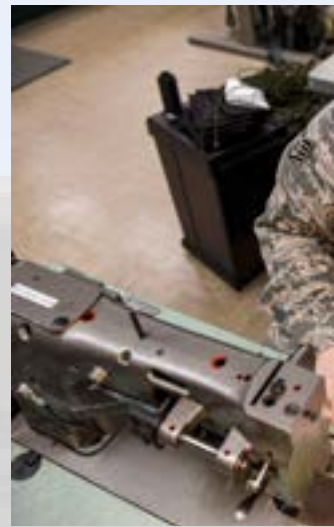






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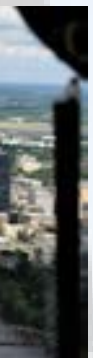
As the end of the year approaches, we'd like to highlight some of the amazing things that our Airmen have accomplished. We have had some highs and lows within the wing, but we persevered through it all! Thank you, 189th Airlift Wing Airmen for all that you have done and what you continue to do every single day. Because of you, we have developed a Wingman culture of readiness and innovation! Our mission succeeds because of you!







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# Do it for Yourself and Your Friends

If you have or think you have COVID-19

Stay home, get rest, and hydrate



And later you can...



[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)





**Don't Let Down Your**

**GUARD**

**COVID-19 cases are  
on the rise in  
Arkansas. Practice  
safe social  
distancing .**

(For up-to-date info from ADH)



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DSGs (Enlisted and Officer) can now take advantage of Fed TA to pursue off-duty educational opportunities!



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The ANG Fed TA program will pay 100% of your tuition not to exceed:

- \$250 per semester credit hour, or
- \$166 per quarter credit hour, and
- \$3,750 maximum per fiscal year

ANG Fed TA will approve up to 124 Semester Hours (186 Quarter Hours) for an undergraduate degree and 42 Semester H (70 Quarter Hours) for a graduate degree.

The institution must be a national or regional accredited institution, recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and have a signed UoD Partnership MOU.

Request Fed TA through the Air Force Virtual Education Center no earlier than 45 days and no later than 7 days PRIOR to course start date.

Contact your Education Services Office NCOIC for more information:

TSgt Arianne Pierpoint @ (501) 987-1443 or

[arianne.pierpoint@us.af.mil](mailto:arianne.pierpoint@us.af.mil)





## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

**\*\*AFVEC has been updated to a new platform and everyone must to use Chrome in order to log in\*\***

- Members **MUST** have the initial counseling/briefing and all info in their AFVEC profile updated prior to adding an education goal, please contact the Education Services Office NCOIC to schedule your counseling.
- Briefings will be available every month on Saturday afternoon of drill, there will be a maximum limit of 10 members allowed and a calendar invite will be sent out to the first 10 that request to attend.
- If members are unable to attend the in-person briefing, the ESO is offering an electronic version of the counseling/briefing, accomplished via email correspondence.

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# 189th Airlift Wing awarded Air Force Outstanding Unit Award

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Showing the Air Force's core value Excellence in All We Do is something the Airmen of the 189th Airlift Wing take very seriously. Recently, the wing was awarded recognition for its commitment to excellence with the Air Force Outstanding Unit award.

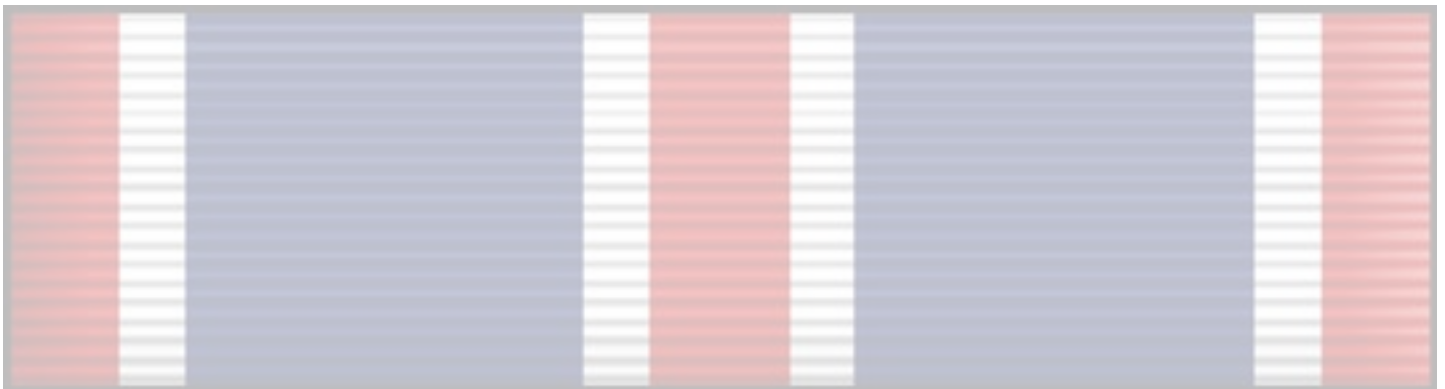
"Over the past two years, the wing has gone above and beyond to demonstrate our capabilities to the rest of the Guard and the Air Force," said Col. Dean Martin, 189th Airlift Wing commander. "I am extremely proud of our Guardsmen for what they've done within our wing to be honored with this achievement."

The Air Force Outstanding Unit Award is presented by the Secretary of the Air force to units that "distinguished themselves by exceptionally meritorious service or outstanding achievement that clearly sets the unit above and apart from other units," according to the Air Force's website.

Over the last two years, the wing played a crucial

role in the development and expertise of more than 300 coalition and crew members. The wing also generated more than 1,500 training sorties and executed more than 4,300 training missions, leading the way in flying training for the Air National Guard. More than 400 expeditionary Security Forces Airmen were also deployed during this time in support of INHERENT RESOLVE, securing assets and facilities in the fight against adversaries. The 189 AW provided direct support to 100 aircraft from 18 countries involving more than 11,000 personnel during the 2018 and 2019 Northern Strike exercises, fostering and sustaining joint and coalition combat readiness.

The 189th Airlift Wing, created in 1924 as the 154th Observation Group, has received the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award 10 times. Its rich history and participation in historic world events, such as the Pueblo Crisis, Korean War and many more, exemplifies the wing's ability to remain combat ready in an ever-changing military environment.







# *Warrior of the Month:*

## *Senior Airman Ashley Long*



*Senior Airman Ashley Long, a 189th Communications Flight Cyber Transport Systems Journeyman, monitors servers Nov. 11, 2020, at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. Long is a full-time Guardsman and assists the 189th and 19th Airlift Wings with audio visual communication needs as well as server management throughout the base. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Jessica Roles)*

**Rank/Name:** Senior Airman Ashley Long

**Unit:** 189th Communications Flight

**Guard Status:** Full-time

**Position:** Cyber Transport System  
Journeyman

**Hometown:** Cabot, AR

**Time on Station:** Four Years

**Time in Service:** Four Years

**Goals:** Finish my Bachelor degree in  
information science

**Hobbies:** Crossfit, Hiking, Camping

**189th Airlift Wing priority portrayed:** Follow  
Through

**How this core value is portrayed:** While SrA Long was attending a friend's graduation in Colorado, she was notified two days before the appending event of her task. She demonstrated her commitment to readiness with the short notice event request in support of the AMC Commander All Call held on LRAFB. The innovated technics implemented by SrA Long provide professional grade A/V solutions for any venue. SrA Long accomplished the event solo. The event was a success because of SrA Long's dedication.