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The Lankford Leader is a newsletter specifically designed to keep Command Chiefs informed about events, activities, and ideas at your Paul H. Lankford EPME Center.

Recent Graduate Award Winners

As with any educational endeavor, there are those who stand out among their peers. While all of our graduates should stand proud, having met the rigorous demands of Enlisted PME, some have distinguished themselves through individual accomplishments and are deserving of special recognition. The Award Recipients for Sat NCOA 11-5 and NCOA/ALS classes 11-6 are:

John L. Levitow Award

TSgt Justin Kelley, 177th FW Command Post
TSgt Catrina Nicholas, 509th Maintenance Ops SQ
SrA Candice McClure, 158th Maintenance Squadron

Distinguished Graduate Award

Sat NCOA

TSgt Jill Jakes, 107th Logistics Readiness Squadron
TSgt Cynthia Watkins, 104th Operations Group
TSgt Justin Chapel, 152nd Maintenance Ops SQ
TSgt Yolanda Spikes, 113th Security Forces Squadron
TSgt Derek Williams, 314th Aircraft Maintenance SQ
TSgt Brad Bollenbacher, 179th Air Lift Wing
TSgt Andrew Milarch, 150th Aircraft Maintenance SQ
TSgt John Hernandez, 137th Maintenance Squadron
TSgt Nathan Howe, 179th Communications Flight

NCOA

TSgt Jonathan Brooks, 20th Reconnaissance SQ
TSgt Daniel Collins, 375th Security Forces Squadron
TSgt Edward O'Grady, United States Air Force
TSgt Craig, Frydrych, 375th Logistics Readiness SQ
TSgt Aubri Ravenel, 88th Surgical Operations SQ
TSgt Scot Solheim, 20th Fighter Wing,
TSgt Stephanie Spiegel, Aeronautical Systems Center
PO1 Brian Thompson, United States Coast Guard

TSgt William Brinker, AF Network Intelligence CE
TSgt Alisha Furlong, 122nd Operations Support Flight
TSgt Karla Belliveau, 104th Civil Engineering Squadron
TSgt William Hensley, 509th Maintenance Squadron
TSgt Misty Kinsey, Global Activities Squadron
TSgt Brian Ailstock, 20th Medical Support Squadron
TSgt Allann Fonseca, 633rd Security Forces Squadron
TSgt Jacqueline Hutto, US Special Operations Command
TSgt Robert King, 201st Airlift Squadron
TSgt Jeremiah Delisle, 101st Maintenance Squadron
TSgt Michael Nicholl, 14th Air Support Operations SQ

ALS

SrA Benjamin Fuller, 158th Aircraft Maintenance SQ
SrA Joshua Eldredge, 109th Aircraft Maintenance SQ
SrA Cassie Warren, 105th Airlift Squadron
SrA Travis Wilson, 104th Maintenance Squadron

Academic Achievement Award

TSgt Justin Chapel, 152nd Maintenance Ops SQ
TSgt Scot Solheim, 20th Fighter Wing
SrA Joshua Eldredge, 109th Aircraft Maintenance SQ

Commandant Award

TSgt Nathan Howe, 179th Communications Flight
TSgt Jacqueline Hutto, US Special Operations Command
SrA Travis Wilson, 104th Maintenance Squadron

Official class photos and photos of the graduation award recipients are located at the below website.

<http://www.angtec.ang.af.mil/photos/mediagallery.asp?galleryID=7767>





UPCOMING LANKFORD CENTER EVENTS



The guest speakers for the upcoming graduations for ALS/NCOA are as follows:

ALS 11-7	CMSgt Michael Dalton	State Command Chief, Michigan Air National Guard
NCOA 11-7	CMSgt Kevin Candler	Command Chief, 375th Air Mobility Wing
ALS 11-8	CMSgt Timothy Daiker	Command Chief, Air National Guard Readiness Center
NCOA 11-8	CMSgt James A. Cody	Command Chief, Air Education and Training Command



Commandant's Corner

They Walk Among Us

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force #5 Robert "Bob" Gaylor landed at McGhee Tyson Airport on 2 August 2011. The Paul H. Lankford EPME Center hosted the 81 year-old former USAF top enlisted leader for a little more than 24 hours as he dined with faculty, toured our host wing (the 134th ARW, TN ANG) and provided a motivational and heartfelt keynote at NCOA 11-6's Awards Banquet at the Knoxville Convention Center. On graduation morning, Colonel Ed Morrissey (Ret), first commander of the I. G. Brown Training and Education Center and ANG Order of the Sword recipient visited Chief Gaylor in Patriot Hall. The two men had first met in 1973 when Chief Gaylor came to McGhee Tyson for graduation ceremonies honoring some of his Airmen and their reunion was joyful. These iconic leaders spent a few moments "remembering" aloud and in doing so, provided a glimpse into the not-so-distant past when major commands owned their NCO academies, the

Air National Guard was often viewed as a separate service, and senior master sergeants routinely attended the academies as students. They talked of buildings now replaced, comrades who have departed, and a program vastly different, but with identical aims: to create confident, professional leaders.

Our I. G. Brown Training and Education Center classroom building bears the name of Col Ed Morrissey. The Robert D. Gaylor NCOA sits at Lackland AFB, TX honoring Chief Gaylor. As I watched, and listened last Wednesday morning, the lasting legacy of these two great men came to life in front of me. How fortunate are we to have them walking among us as we execute the vital mission of educating today's expeditionary, warrior leaders? Veterans, who witnessed an active air war on the Korean Peninsula, who served through social, military and political turbulence of Vietnam while actively working to professionalize our NCO Corps, are here, today, to answer our questions, share their perspectives and encourage us as we seek to continue what they started. Often, we remember fondly, and with a great deal of justified respect, those who have passed

on. We use their quotes, display their photos, and recall the many accomplishments. Names like Levitow, Airey, Lemay, Lankford, Brown and Spruance evoke images of heroism, leadership and vision. Although these leaders have left us much, their legacies are static—they stand as a testament to their lives. Our living legacies however continue to bring us insights although their time in uniform passed. We must take every opportunity to learn from great leaders like Col Morrissey and CMSAF #5 Gaylor. Through active feedback from our living legends, we can shape tomorrow. They walk among us!



CMSAF (5) Robert Gaylor on Left, Col (Ret) Ed Morrissey, on Right

"Exceed to Succeed"

DONALD E. FELCH
COMMANDANT

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FUTURE CLASS START & GRADUATION DATES

NCOA		
Class	Start	Graduation
11-7	15 Aug 11	21 Sep 11
11-8	27 Sep 11	3 Nov 11
12-2	10 Jan 12	16 Feb 12
12-3	6 Mar 12	12 Apr 12
12-5	1 May 2012	7 Jun 12
12-6	23 Jul 12	29 Aug 12
12-7	17 Sep 12	24 Oct 12

ALS		
11-7	15 Aug 11	15 Sep 11
11-8	27 Sep 11	28 Oct 11
12-1	10 Nov 11	13 Dec 11
12-2	16 Jan 12	16 Feb 12
12-3	12 Mar 12	12 Apr 12
12-4	7 May 12	7 Jun 12

Satellite NCOA Phase I		
12-1	29 Aug 11	17 Nov 11
12-4	12 Mar 12	8 Jun 12
13-1	20 Aug 12	16 Nov 12

Satellite NCOA Phase II		
12-1	28 Nov 11	13 Dec 11
12-4	11 Jun 12	27 Jun 12
13-1	26 Nov 12	12 Dec 12



From Left to right, TSgt Jeela Mathews, MSgt Jeffrey Glawe, MSgt Melissa DiQuinzio, TSgt Paul Evans, TSgt Kurt Hayes, SMSgt Terence Krips, CMSAF (5) Robert Gaylor, SMSgt Tyrone Bingham, TSgt Lamar Anderson, TSgt William Smith, TSgt Jose Agosto-Gonzalez, TSgt Janice Ladd, and TSgt Caleb Rose

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