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Members of the 184th Civil Engineer Squadron put rebar into place for the footings that will hold a new pavilion during a training deployment in Oberammergau, Germany. The project was one of many accomplishments that helped maintain the upkeep of structures at the NATO school.

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## Bird's Eye View

### **Chief's Perspective**

One of the Chiefs' Group key focuses this year is professional development of our Airmen. Our goal is to ensure that all 184th Intelligence Wing Airmen have the tools available to map the road for success

Why is professional development so important? The Air National Guard of the 21st century has become a very high-speed, dynamic environment and developing effective leaders able to make



Chief Master Sgt. William Stacey President, Chiefs' Group

clear, concise, tactical and strategic level decisions is paramount to the success of current and future operations. The 184th IW has a proven track record of excellence in job performance. In striving to be well-rounded Airmen in today's force, your professional development is just as important as job performance. Criteria for promotion among the ranks are becoming more demanding. With the "do more with less" direction we seem to be on, leadership opportunities may be harder to attain.

Professional development starts your first day in student flight--when does it end? The answer to that question is it never ends. You are always going to be developing as a leader for the rest of your career and beyond. We all ask ourselves, when do I have time for professional development with all of my other requirements? Yes, we are aware of the sometimes overwhelming pile of requirements we all have to fill. It seems impossible to fill of all of the squares. However, it can be done. We are all here because we are an elite professional group willing to go the extra mile to get the job done.

In today's military, you should be extremely proactive, taking charge of your career early. The sooner you start, the easier it is. Get with your supervisor or a mentor and formulate a game plan for your future. Set goals and timelines and dedicate yourself to achieve them. Once a training level or promotion is attained, stay engaged and move toward the next step immediately. Don't hesitate. Time goes by at light speed. Many outstanding Airmen have missed opportunities in the past because of procrastination and the attitude that "there won't be any opportunities for me."

Supervisors need to ensure they are affording their Airmen what I call the three Cs of feedback: clear, concise and candid. Airmen need to know where they stand and what direction they need to move for a successful career. Good feedback (three Cs) not only helps the Airmen, it also ensures the success of the wing.

There are many opportunities within the wing for professional development. In the near future we will have a satellite professional military education course for NCO academy which will take place at McConnell. We have the First Five, Mid-Tier Council and Honor Guard. There are

### **Operation Mountain Invasion II**

By Master Sqt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

The 134th Air Control Squadron strengthened their future during a training expedition in Fort Carson, Colorado.

After months of planning and preparation, the 134th Air Control Squadron gathered July 25 in Hangar 41 at McConnell AFB for presunrise briefings. Afterward, they fired up their vehicles to convoy to Fort Carson, Colo., for two weeks of training in the field. The purpose of the trip was to help the new Airmen gain experience, as well as bring the squadron closer together as a team.

The two-day convoy, which was broken up by a one night stay in Colby, Kan., gave the trip a rough start. Vehicle breakdowns riddled the fleet and provided plenty of work for the vehicle operations personnel during off-duty hours. For many of the Airman, this was their first time driving in a convoy.

At last, the squadron arrived after a challenging drive on a two-lane highway full of hills and traffic. They unpacked and settled into open bay barracks located on the post.

Roll call greeted the Airmen early the next morning. Moving heavy equipment and setting up the operations site was on the agenda for the day.

"These Airmen have never done anything like this," said Master Sgt. Jonathan Dingman, radar maintenance technician. "This is a good opportunity for them to learn



The 134th Air Control Squadron mobilized personnel and equipment to conduct field training at Fort Carson, Colo. July 25 through Aug 3. The purpose of the trip was to build a stronger team and expose new Airmen to the squadron's responsibilities while deployed.

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

how this actually comes together."

What was once an empty field soon became a bustling construction zone. The site was filled with sounds of incoming trucks, sledge hammers banging metal stakes into the ground and instructions being given as the experienced and inexperienced Airmen worked together to build deployable structures.

"We have over 600 tasks that we have to accomplish in order to upgrade to a 5-level. We'll accomplish a lot of these tasks right now during the set up," said Dingman.

The construction continued until

a late afternoon lightning storm brought progress to a halt, a frequent occurrence during the deployment.

The squadron would continue to pair experienced Airmen with inexperienced Airman over the next week. Bringing them together helped solve a challenge that is on the horizon.

Squadron commanders noticed a generation gap developing. Although they've deployed in support of overseas operations, many of the Airmen haven't been through this kind of field training since 2006,

which was the last time the squadron came to Fort Carson. With approximately 40 Airmen fresh out of technical school, along with upcoming retirements and separations, the training couldn't have come at a better time.

"One of the big advantages is we've got young Airmen that are a legacy of our unit," said Lt. Col. Chris Brown, director of operations.

Throughout the trip, the squadron continuously introduced different training scenarios, giving new leaders a chance to teach and build their own leadership skills.

Brown says the younger Airmen "are going to fill the leadership holes and experience holes

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Airman 1st Class Binny Muncrief, Airman 1st Class Chelsey Thompson and Airman 1st Class Tiffany Golden assemble a deployable structure as the 134th Air Control Squadron constructs an operational tent city at Fort Carson, Colo., during a field training mission.

Photo by Master Sgt. John Vsetecka, 184th Public Affiars

## Tactical convoy training proves to be tough and rewarding

By 2nd Lt. Matt Lucht, 184th Public Affairs

As the nature of the Airman's combat role evolves, members of the 134th Air Control Squadron learn to defend themselves from enemy threats while driving in a convoy.

As the personnel of the 134th Air Control Squadron prepared to leave for their annual training at Fort Carson, Colo., they understood that they would be setting up a site and ensuring that their training was sharp and their equipment was functional. But they were surprised at a new training exercise during this year's annual training, a tactical convoy training.

"If we get deployed we may have to secure the convoy," said Tech. Sgt. Ben Massad, 184th Security Forces attached to the 134th ACS. "The biggest thing that (Lt. Col. Chris Mills, commander of the 134th ACS) was concerned about was wanting them to have training within our unit so we can defend ourselves enroute."



Personnel experienced hostile convoy conditions as they drove through villages containing enemy ground troops, improvised explosive devices, roadblocks and ambushes. Photo by Master Sgt. John Vsetecka

Massad and several other members of his security team used the ranges available at Fort Carson to add some possible scenarios that convoys might have to face. A rotation of five humvees with approximately 20 personnel each maneuvered through road blocks, a village and ambushes.

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What was once an empty field soon became a bustling construction zone. The site was filled with sounds of incoming trucks and sledge hammers. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affiars

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that we're going to have in a few years."

A normal site setup takes about four to six hours. With proper training in mind, the personnel understood the advantages of taking it much slower "I just came out of tech school, so the opportunity to see this, as new as I am, is outstanding," said Airman 1st Class Amanda Bain, surveillance tech.

Once the site was up and running, the Airmen were able to train together as they sharpened their skills in a deployed environment. They conducted surveillance, radar operation, communication transmission, power generation, medical response and many other duties.

"I think the on-the-job experience is going the make the classroom stuff a hundred times easier," Bain said.



Airman 1st Class Amanda Bain scans the terrain while the convoy halts to investigate a possible improvised explosive device. Photo by Master Sgt. John Vstecka

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"They had a lot thrown at them and they don't have a lot of experience. So for them to get out here and train has been an excellent experience. They were engaged by IEDs, ambushes, suicide bombers, anything that we would see in-country," said Massad.

Approximately 30 percent of the 134th ACS are new Airman directly out of technical school. This training gave the new additions a chance to see how tactical convoy training can be applied to their missions overseas.

"One of our missions in the ACS is getting from point A to point B with large amounts of equipment. You have a lot of guys that are new to this unit," said Massad. "The biggest thing was working through the issues of trying to get this training to these people that haven't had any experience in this whatsoever."

For many members, having this convoy training gave them the opportunity to see their successes as well as things they need to work on.

"We are a tactical squadron and we might have to take our equipment somewhere and it's a good idea to get the training with fake bullets instead of real ones," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Andress, radio/frequency technician for the 134th ACS.

Capt. Brett Cleveland, chief of training for the 134th



Senior Airman Tim Mercer, Staff Sgt. Matt Gefaller, Staff Sgt. Everardo Lopez and Staff Sgt. Nathan Morgan, RF Transmission Shop, assemble the Quad-Band Large Aperture Antenna Dish on an AN/TSC-179 Ground Multiband Terminal, which provides all the long haul (satellite) communications.

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

A small group from the 184th Security Forces Squadron also travelled to Fort Carson to support the 134th in tactical convoy scenarios.

After a week of successful training, the Airmen took advantage of a highly deserved morale day. Some travelled up Pike's Peak while others did whitewater

rafting and some just relaxed at the barracks.

Finally, it came time to pack up and make that two-day drive back to Wichita, Kan. The trip home proved to be much smoother. Many Airmen brought with them new friends, new experiences and a new perspective of their role in the 134th ACS.

"We're setting our folks up for bringing on and carrying on the 134th tradition," said Brown.



Tech. Sgt. James Lewis trains the Ground Radar Shop on how to align the AN/TPS-75 radar to magnetic north. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affiars

ACS, participated as a convoy commander during one of the scenarios.

"Communication is one of the keys. You also have to make sure that your spacing is good between the vehicles and driving at a constant speed. It is important to maintain that speed and communication throughout the scenario," said Cleveland. "I have a whole new respect for

Airmen from the 134th Air Control Squadron joined personnel from the 184th Security Forces Squadron to act as opposing forces during a village raid conducted by the U.S. Army's 1-104 Military Police. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Security Forces and what tactical convoys actually do."

A surprise addition to the convoy training, the 134th ACS members had the opportunity to participate in a village scenario with an Army Reserve unit, the 1st

Battalion, 104th Military Police.

"We were set up in the village as an opposing force and we were going to have this Army unit go ahead and try to secure the buildings and get to a mayor that was being held hostage at the very end," said Massad.

Lt. Col.Eric Mc-Graw, battalion commander of the 1-104 MPs, felt that both

sides benefitted from this training. "By the use and virtue of combining both of the units we were able to achieve something that we couldn't have achieved on our own," said McGraw.

## Civil Engineers build experience in Germany

By Staff Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

The 184th Civil Engineer Squadron travelled overseas on a construction mission and returned with a stronger team.

Forty-six Airmen of the 184th Civil Engineer Squadron, 184th Intelligence Wing, deployed to Oberammergau, Germany, in support of the NATO Training School in July for a two-week deployment for training. The squadron included a number of experienced Airmen, as well as several new additions. Despite the inexperience of the new Airmen, motivation and enthusiasm were high. Senior enlisted members offered valuable guidance as they gave instructions for completing the tasks in front of them.

"It was impressive how the younger Airmen accepted the challenge of the projects, came together as a team and put in the long hours of hard work to get the jobs done," said Maj. Brock Sissel, site commander, 184th CES.



Staff Sgt. Zach Whitener, 184th Communications Flight, and Tech. Sgt. Karey Haukom, 184th Civil Engineer Squadron, resurface a walkway at the NATO school on base. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs



Airmen of the 184th Civil Engineer Squadron put rebar in place for the footings that will hold a new pavilion during a mission in Oberammergau, Germany. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affairs

The projects not only gave the new Airmen an opportunity to train in their civil engineer career field, it also provided an opportunity for new Guardsmen to get acquainted with other members of the squadron.

"I am pretty new to the squadron," said Airmen 1st Class Aaron Lewis, heavy equipment operator, 184th CES. "It was good to work on projects that I wouldn't normally have the chance to in my career field and be able to meet the other member of the squadron from different shops."

From day one, the civil engineers hit the ground running. One team was assigned to demolish 600 feet of perimeter security fence, while another team reworked more than 1,400 brick pavers. In addition, approximately 4,000 square feet of composite geogrid parking lot pavers were removed and replaced. Electricians also upgraded the lighting and ceilings in the recreation center's library and game room.

"We are here to complete as many projects as possible and to train our Airmen in career specific jobs as well as cross train in jobs that they normally wouldn't do," said Master Sgt. Mark Rush, first sergeant, 184th CES.



Master Sgt. Homer King, right, reviews a drawing with his team concerning rebar specifications on a concrete slab they poured.

Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs, 184th Public Affiars

The primary project assigned to the 184th Civil Engineer team was installing the foundations and floor slab for two large wood structures. Two additional rotations of Air Force civil engineers from South Dakota and Wyoming completed the structures.

The foundation construction included trenching and pouring the foundation for a new pavilion. Heavy equipment operators used an excavator



to dig out a trench that would hold the concrete footings for the pavilion. Teams of engineers tied and placed more than 14 tons of rebar to strengthen the concrete. Once the rebar was placed, the team poured a total of 110 cubic yards of concrete to complete the footings and floor slab.

#### squadron facts

#### Official Name:

184th Civil Engineer Squadron

#### **Abbreviated Name:**

184 CES

#### Nickname:

Prime Beef

#### **Home Station:**

McConnell AFB, Kansas

#### **Details:**

Belongs to the 184th Mission Support Group, which falls under the 184th Intelligence Wing.

The squadron employs nine full-time, and 53 traditional Guardsmen.

Most jobs in the squadron include:

- Power Pro
- Utilities (WFMS)
- Electrical
- Pest Management
- Operations
- Engineering
- Structures
- Emergency Management\*
- Heavy Equipment\*
- HVAC\*

#### **Local Recruiter:**

Commercial: 316-759-7424

\* - career fields that currently offer bonuses upon completion of tech school.

Other projects called for the demolition of a coal bunker, which measured 12 feet deep and had a reinforced 14 inch thick concrete ceiling. A team also replaced 15 feet of an old stone retaining wall and repaired several hundred feet of mortar joints. In total, the cost of the projects the Civil Engineer teams completed totaled \$265,000.

The 184th Civil Engineers worked extremely hard completing many projects and came away with a boost in morale as the squadron formed a tighter bond.

Airman 1st Class Travis Rogers, 184th Civil Engineer Squadron, repairs a ceiling at Oberammergau, Germany. Photo by Tech. Sgt. Justin Jacobs

## Unit takes new approach in disaster preparations

By Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

Air Guardsmen from the 184th Intelligence Group teamed up with the Kansas State Unmanned Aircraft Systems Laboratory to launch a new way to view disaster sites.

Disaster response was seen from a different perspective through the eyes of personnel from the 184th Intelligence Group. The Airmen teamed up with the Kansas State University Unmanned Aircraft Systems Laboratory on Sept. 18, bringing equipment together that allowed them to view a disaster area from the sky for the first time at Crisis City, located on Smoky Hill Weapons Range near Salina, Kan.

"We've never worked with the Rover in the air before now," said Master Sgt. Tony White, 184th Intelligence Support Squadron.

Rover 4 is a piece of equipment that receives images from the camera of a UAS, converts the images to a transmittable signal and sends them to specified computers. During the training, Rover 4 sent images to an on-site deployable workstation and also to a server in Alabama for archiving.

At the disaster site, the intelligence personnel were able to view the near real-time footage and



Airmen from the 184th Intelligence Group work with personnel from the Kansas State University Unmanned Aerial System Laboratory to conduct the first information gathering flight training for the Defense Support Civil Authority mission at Smoky Hill Weapon's Range, Kansas, on Sep. 18. Master Sgt. Tony White teaches Airmen about how the system works.

Photo by Airman Lauren Penney, 184th Public Affairs

broadcast it to an Internet site they built. They also have the capability to overlay the images on Google Earth.

"We can take this feed and send it to anyone with an Internet connection," said White. The plane used for the exercise was a Penguin B, a UAS owned and operated by the K-State UAS Lab. Its capabilities include autopilot, an infrared sensor, a camera and auto landing, which most UASs aren't equipped to do.

"It's fully automated from start to finish," said Kirk Demuth, chief UAS pilot, K-State UAS Lab.

Automatic landing data, which includes coordinates, altitude and speed, is provided through preflight procedures. Pilots of the UAS Lab are also able to input waypoints to cover specific areas, as well as fly the aircraft through remote control from the ground.

#### Following proper procedures

In order to train with the equipment using a UAS, the intelligence personnel must submit a Proper Use Memorandum to officials in Topeka, Kan. at least two weeks in advance. The unit will then receive a document from the National Guard Bureau authorizing the data collection. This process is in accordance with Executive Order 12333 which covers intelligence oversight and restricts intelligence gathering on U.S. citizens.



Kirk Demuth, chief UAS pilot, Kansas State University UAS Laboratory, documents the progress of the flight while testing the integration of their equipment with equipment belonging to the Kansas Air National Guard. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs



Pilots and operators from the Kansas State University UAS Laboratory conduct preflight procedures to gather information that will aid in the automatic landing capabilities of the Penguin B.

Photo by Airman Lauren Penney, 184th Public Affairs

Responding to disasters using unmanned aircraft systems is a concept that's been in progress since 2009. The adjutant general at that time, Maj. Gen. Tod Bunting, helped secure funding for the equipment for the new system with the future goal of assigning the mission to the 184th Intelligence Group, whose federal mission is to collect and analyze UAV footage from around the world.

"This benefits Kansas by taking our unit's federal mission capabilities and applying them to state missions without a lot of training," said White.

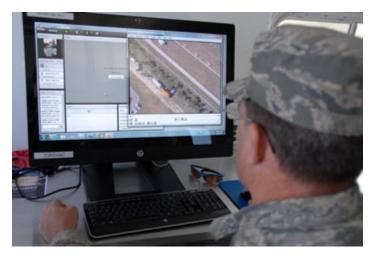
At the same time, the K-State University UAS Lab was formed under the Salina Economic Grant and Demuth says they've been working with the Air Guard from the start.

"We're lucky because we have

the K-State guys just down the road," White said.

The footage that is collected will give first responders a bird's eye view of a disaster site as they assess damage, look for survivors and locate safety hazards.

"What takes days for men and search dogs may take minutes with a UAS," said Demuth.



During the training, intelligence personnel were able to view near real-time video of Crisis City and chat with personnel at McConnell AFB to discuss what they saw.

Photo by Airman Lauren Penney, 184th Public Affairs

The airplane used for aerial surveillance was the Penguin B unmanned aircraft system which is owned and operated by the Kansas State University UAS Laboratory.

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

## Master Sgt. Darla Griffin

#### Fighting Jayhawk since 2002

#### **Organization:**

**184th Force Support Squadron** 

#### Job Title:

**Retention Office Manager** 

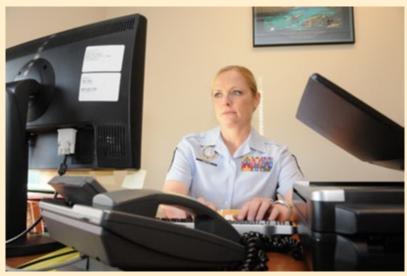


Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy, 184th Public Affairs

#### **Above & Beyond:**

- Senior noncommissioned officer of the quarter, July September, 2012
- Volunteered as an Angel Tree driver for the Salvation Army
- Rallied Running Jayhawks for the Easter Sun Run
- Organized Girl Scouts "Go Greensburg" 100th anniversary
- Reduced overdue retention interviews from 370 to 48
- Volunteered for local "Unity" run for the Black Arts Festival
- Served as a Girl Scout Troop Master leading 10 kindergarteners
- Participated in the Air Force half marathon

### My story:

After getting married, I transferred from the Oklahoma ANG Base Will Rogers in Oklahoma City to live with my husband in July 2002. I was in supply from 2002-2007, in recruiting as a production recruiter from 2007-2010, then retention office manager 2010-present.

I remain in service with like-minded men and women who are aware that our military is at war, fighting and dying for 11 years without let up. While our homeland is at peace, our communities live in relative comfort, and our nation is carefree and casual, we recognize the sacrifices made by our veterans, the challenges imposed upon our new recruits, and the sacrifices made by those remaining are blessings from above. This decade-long gift of time afforded to our leaders has been granted to them from above through these strong hearted men and women. We're all fighting a battle of some kind, so I pray we remain in service to each other.

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leadership development classes and many online courses that will all aid in your progression.

Due to recent budget cuts, opportunities to attend in residence PME are fewer. Once you are eligible to enroll in the correspondence course, get enrolled, stay engaged and get it done. The opportunity for a class date could take a couple of years to attain; which may cause missed opportunities for your future. You can still attend in-residence PME as dates become available.

Knowing the requirements for promotion is fundamental when Airmen have goals of promotion. In the near future a CCAF degree will be required of any Airman aspiring to achieve the rank of senior master sergeant.

AFI 36-2618 "The Enlisted Force Structure" is an outstanding checklist to success. Know and understand your responsibilities inside and out. Once you have attended and mastered the responsibilities at your current rank, start working toward the next level.

The wing will be having several enlisted all-calls with the command chief and other chiefs. The main focus will be professional development. I highly encourage you to attend

I leave you with these thoughts: get involved, have a plan, stay engaged and see it through. Good luck with your success.

Chief Stacey

### Football fitness vs. Air Force fitness

By Senior Airman Scott Moore, 184th Force Support Squadron

A former profession football player tackles life changing goals after a failed physical fitness test.





Photos provided by Senior Airman Scott Moore

(February, 2012) Believe it or not.. It's true. I am prior service and was in top shape when leaving the Air Force in 2004. Upon coming back and joining the Air Guard side of things in 2011, I found that the fitness standards had changed. I was playing football at the time and believed I was in good shape.

However, football shape is not the same as Air Force shape. In September I weighed in at 310 pounds and believed that I could carry that around the track and make time. I was wrong.

Needless to say I failed my test, but my competitive nature wouldn't allow myself to live this down. My goals changed in life, so that made it easier for me to start losing weight.

No longer playing professional sports, I realized I didn't needed to be 300 pounds anymore. I cut out the heavy lifting when I was working out. I decided that more cardio is what I needed to do.

Although it was hard at times especially with the extra weight, I still made it through... Fast forward to February and I'm down to 270 pounds. I'm not where I want to be but I'm meeting the AF standards.

On Feb. 4 I passed my test with a score in the 80s. I guess the only bad thing I can say about this change is that my uniforms are a little too big.

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#### **photo finish** ► Fighting Jayhawks in action



Retired Chief Master Sgt. John Hayworth passed the torch of the Kansas Air Guard to his grandson, Kyle

Stewart, in September. Hayworth is an original member of the 184th and a Kansas National Guard Hall of Fame inductee. Stewart joined the 284th Air Support Operations Squadron at Smoky Hill Weapons Range near Salina, Kan. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Roc Jayhawk and 1st Lt. Jennifer Vogt, 177th Information Aggressor Squadron, stand in front of the start line at the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Vogt was the coordinator for this year's team representing the 184th Intelligence Wing. Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy

Right: Master Sgt. Janet Probst, first sergeant, 184th Security Forces Squadron, holds Airman 1st Class Kathryn Dauphinais as she gets shocked during the August UTA. During the training, members of security forces must experience the feeling of being shocked before being qualified to use a stungun. Photo by Airman Lauren Penney



The Cancer Benefit Golf Committee donates \$15,000 to the American Cancer Society Aug. 13. Pictured left to

right: Master Sgt. Emily Albers; Col. J.J. Hernandez; Master Sgt. Joel Unger; Kellyn Modlin, American Cancer Society; Chief Master Sgt. Terry Clain; Gram Pankratz, House of Schwann; Master Sgt. Basil Pepperd; Jamie Taulbee, Meritrust Credit Union; Senior Master Sgt. Eli Shields and Tech. Sgt. Brian Castillo.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy



Col. Kreg Anderson, commander, 184th Intelligence Group, participated in this year's Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. Photo by Master Sqt. Matt McCoy





Airmen of the 134th Air Control Squadron dumped a bucket of ice on their squadron commander, Lt. Col. Chris Mills, as they wrapped up a successful mission at Fort Carson, Colo., in August.

Photo by Master Sgt. Matt McCoy