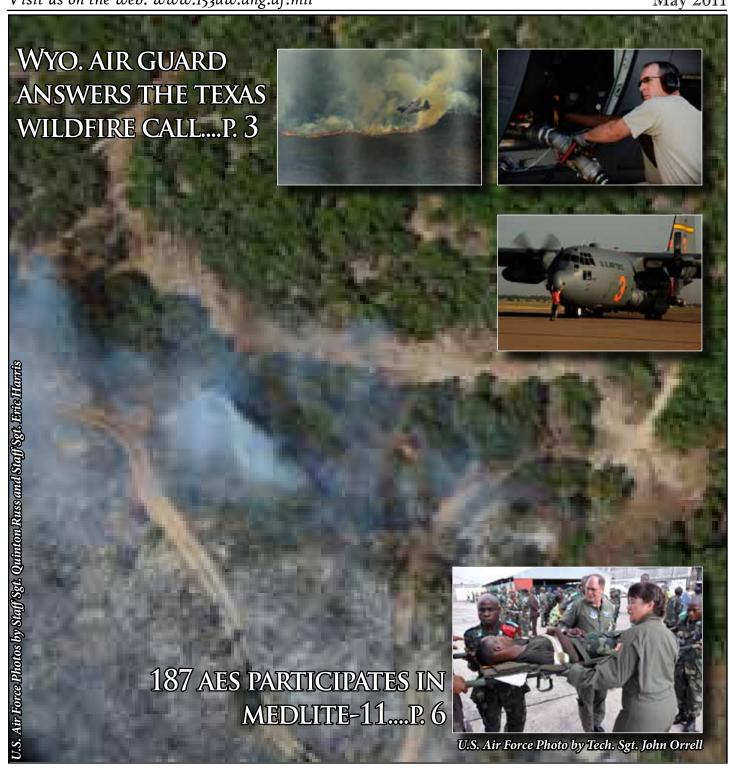


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ON THE COVER

A wildfire burns land near Austin, Texas, April 17, 2011. U.S. Northern Command



deployed six C-130 aircraft, to include the Wyo. Air National Guard, fitted with the U.S.D.A. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting Systems (MAFFS) to support the fight against ongoing wildfires.

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Wyo. Air Guard answers the Texas wildfire call

Wyoming Military Department public affairs

he Wyoming Air National Guard sent 13 personnel and one aircraft to Texas in support of the Texas wildfires, on April 18. The Wyoming Air Guard is one of four military units nationwide equipped with the second generation of the U.S. Forest Service's Modular Airborne Fire Fighting System or MAFFS 2, capable of dispersing 3,000 gallons of fire retardant per load.

According to Col. Steve Rader, vice commander for the 153rd Airlift Wing, it was the first time Wyoming has used the new MAFFS 2. "It is a different delivery system. Instead of five separate tanks, it's got one large tank. And instead of two tubes coming out the back of the airplane, we've got one tube that comes out the paratroop door on the rear side, but it's got the same amount of retardant," Rader said. "We had two crews trained a couple of weeks ago in Colorado Springs, and they are ready for the mission."

Rader said that the aircraft and 13 member crew and maintenance personnel landed at Dyess Air Force Base, near Abilene, Texas, where they fall under the command and control of the 302nd Air Expeditionary Group from Boise, Idaho.

As of April 15, a total of 722,891 acres and 151 homes and structures have burned in Texas fires. There are approximately 1,250 firefighting personnel being managed by the Texas Forest Service from 34 states assigned to the Texas fires.

The last time the Wyoming Air National Guard was called to fight fires was in 2008, for fires in California.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Harris

Master Sgt. Jeff Tschacher, 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Wyoming Air National Guard, directs a C-130H Hercules equipped with the Modular Airborne Firefighting System(MAFFS) to start engine two in preparation to fight wildfires burning in Texas, Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, April 19, 2011. MAFFS is capable of dispensing 3,000 gallons of water or fire retardant in less than five seconds. The wildfires have spread across various parts of Texas and have burned more than 1,000 square miles of land.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Staff Sgt. Eric Harris

U.S. Air Force Tech. Sgt. Larry Quinn, 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, Wyoming Air National Guard, prepares to remove a fire retardant hose from a C-130H Hercules equipped with the Modular Airborne Firefighting System at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas, April 19, 2011. MAFFS is capable of dispensing 3,000 gallons of water or fire retardant in under 5 seconds. Wildfires have spread across various parts of Texas and have burned more than 1,000 square miles of land.

Career Days Symposium to be held

he Career Days Symposium will start at 7 a.m. on May 15, at Laramie County Community College (LCCC). Col. Dennis D. Grunstad II, wing commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Thomas Loftin, wing command chief, will kick off the symposium with a few words and then 1st Lt. Rusty Ridley will give a short presentation on the impact of Social Media.

This symposium is targeting members in the ranks of Airman 1st Class through Technical Sergeant with the goal to prepare these Airmen to be the future leaders of tomorrow. The symposium will be structured similar to break out sessions at a conference, with each topic presented numerous times throughout the morning. This will provide our Airmen the opportunity to choose the class that best fits their schedule.

The class schedule is listed below with a summary of the topic to be presented. Use this information when selecting a class that will best benefit you and your career.

0730; 0830; 0930; 1030

Career Benefits & Education Master Sgt. Schwartz and Senior Master Sgt. Raney

0730; 0830; 0930; 1030

Nutrition & Fitness - Tina Hayes-Siltzer, R.D.

0730; 0930; 2-hour class
Culture of Trust
Staff Sgt. Edwards and Master Sgt. Foster

0730; 0830; 0930; 1030

Career/Professional Development Master Sgt. Foster and Master Sgt. Jones

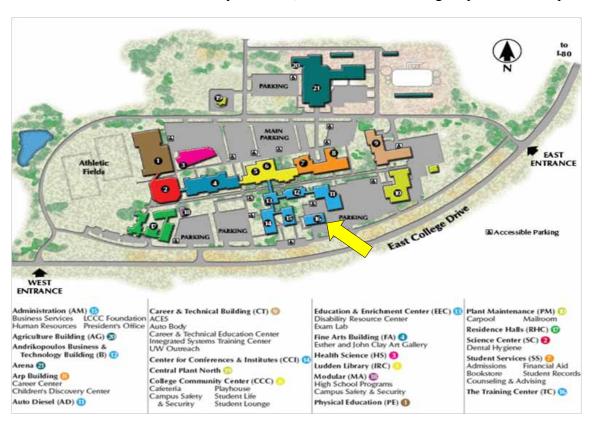
How do you get to where you want to go in your military career? Is it simply having enough time in grade, time in rank, and time in service? What makes a good NCO a great NCO? Have you ever considered becoming an officer? Our Career/Professional Development break out session will guide you on the path toward success and share some insights necessary to having the military career you desire.

The EFDC has developed an online sign-up for these classes. Please access the e-invite listed on the wing Facebook page at www.facebook.com/153AW. The intent of the electronic sign-up is to manage the attendance for each class.

The cooperation and support by each commander is critical to the success of our symposiums. We understand the demands that current training requirements and a high operations tempo has placed upon your

> members. However, we believe the importance of the material to be presented during this half-day event will be beneficial We feel the information and discussion opportunities prove invaluable to each of the attending members as they progress through their military reers.

> https://einvitations. afit.edu/CareerDay-Symposium.anim. cfm



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Chaplain:

Chaplain Matthew Nansel cell 720-339-8966

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:

1-800-273-TALK (8255)

A free, 24-hour hotline available to anyone in suicidal crisis or emotional distress.

Your call will be routed to the nearest crisis center to you.

Military HOMEFRONT:

The official Department of Defense web site for reliable Quality of Life information designed to help troops and their families, leaders and service providers.

www.militaryhomefront.dod.mil/

Wingman Project:

Provides training, awareness, and outreach to teach war fighters and their families how to identify symptoms of impending suicide and then how to intervene to save a life.

www.wingmanproject.org

Real Warriors Campaign:

An initiative launched by the Defense Centers of Excellence for Psychological Health and TBI to promote the processes of building resilience, facilitating recovery, and supporting reintegration of returning service members, veterans and their families. www.realwarriors.net

Military OneSource Counseling:

Your trusted source for referral to a private local counselor.

1-800-342-9647

www.militaryonesource.com

National Resource Directory

www.nationalresourcedirectory.gov

DoD Safe Helpline

1-877-995-5247

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Wyoming Air National Guard celebrating 65 years

The Wyoming Air National Guard is marking its 65th Anniversary with reunion activities June 3-4, at the Air National Guard base, 217 Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne. For more information on the reunion, or to RSVP to attend, contact Maj. Rachel Bennett at 307-

772-6320 or Capt. Pedro Rampolla at 307-772-6094.

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The Wyoming Air
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decorated 402nd Fighter Squadron was deactivated Nov. 10, 1945, and reactivated as the 187th Fighter

Squadron. The unit was allotted to the National Guard on Aug. 10, 1946, under Maj. Robert E. Sedman.



Share your photos and accounts of the Wyoming Air National Guard. Contact WyNG historian, Sgt. Dan Molineaux at 307-635-2679 or via email at daniel. molineaux@us.army.mil.

Tentative schedule:

Friday, June 3
8 a.m. - Golf Tournament
5 - 8 p.m. - No-host reception at Social Club



Saturday, June 4
Historical displays at
Nose Dock
6:30 p.m. - Milk Can
Dinner & Silent
Auction

Total force brings aeromedical evacuation training to the Democratic Republic of the Congo

by Tech. Sgt. Todd Wivell

17th Air Force

KINSHASA, Democratic Republic of the Congo -- A two week medical exercise, in partnership with the Armed Forces of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and U.S. Air Forces Africa, focusing on aeromedical evacuation, kicked off here at the Centre Superior Militaire Academy Monday.

MEDLITE 11 is an exercise that will improve the readiness of both countries' medical personnel and will consist of classroom instruction, an aeromedical evacuation training scenario and is scheduled to conclude

with a mass casualty exercise, May 4th.

"Our months of planning are now culminating in this mission and exercise as we build on lessons learned from MEDFLAG 2010," said Air Force Lt. Col. June Oldman, mission director for MEDLITE 11 and a member of the 137th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, Oklahoma Air National Guard.

"We look forward to the opportunity to learn from each other," Oldman said. "The more we work together with our partners in Africa, the better we



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Orrell

U.S. Air Force Staff Sgt. Amber Weaver, an aeromedical evacuation technician with the Wyoming Air National Guard's 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, applies ketchup to an exercise participant during the final mass-casualty exercise of MEDLITE 11, May 4, 2011. The exercise consisted of a rare earthquake and several of scenarios causing the Democratic Republic of the Congo to activate their quick response force. The casualties were then evacuated on a Georgia Air National Guard C-130 Hercules.



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Orrell

Air Force Maj. Michelle Mulberry, an aeromedical evacuation flight nurse and instructor with the Wyoming Air National Guard's 187th Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron, conducts training to members of the Democratic Republic of the Congo's armed forces (FARDC) quick response force (UMIR), about C-130 Hercules familiarization during MEDLITE 11, May 2, 2011.

understand each other."

The purpose of this joint exercise is to focus on five key points, said Oldman. Reinforcing the training of the Armed Forces of the DRC Medical Immediate Response Unit, enhancing the capabilities of the U.S. and Armed Forces of the DRC to respond to medical emergencies, sharing our training and experiences with the Medical Rapid Intervention Unit, building a partnership and relationship with the Congolese military and cultivating a professional Armed Forces of the DRC as part of the U.S. government's efforts to support peace and stability in the

DRC.

"What an in depth broad relationship we have here with the DRC," said Ambassador James Entwistle, U.S. Ambassador to the Democratic Republic of the Congo. "Not only did we have the DRC and the U.S. forces here today at the opening ceremonies but we were able to get representatives from Rwanda to attend as well.

"We are hoping to increase the capabilities between the Congolese military and the U.S. military and to eventually learn more than we teach," Entwistle said.

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About 60 U.S. Air Force active duty, National Guard and Reserve military personnel and 150 Congolese military personnel will participate in MEDLITE 11 from April 25 through May 5.

"I came here to teach aeromedical evacuation to the Congolese," said Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Julie Swearingin, an aeromedical evacuation technician with the 187th AES, Wyoming Air National Guard.

"My hopes are the things I teach them will one day help save lives and provide them a more increased chance of survivability for their military members," Swearingin said.

"A great opportunity presented itself to me with this exercise," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Amber Weaver, an aeromedical evacuation technician, also assigned to the 187th AES.

"I'm hoping to help the Congolese military medical personnel with helping their own wounded, while at the same time learning a great deal from them," Weaver said.

The start of MEDLITE 11 signifies the latest in a series of exercises that were initiated in 1987 as a now U.S. Africa Command-sponsored, bilateral medical exercise to facilitate an exchange of medical information and techniques with militaries in Africa.

"This mission is truly a total force effort," Oldman said.

"It is a key element in a series of military to military activities that demonstrate the strong partnership and cooperation between the U.S. and Congolese militaries."



U.S. Air Force Photo by Tech. Sgt. John Orrell

U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Julie Swearingin, an aeromedical evacuation technician with the Wyoming Air National Guard's 187th Aeromedical Evacuaton Squadron, assists members of the Democratic Republic of the Congo armed forces quick response force as they unload patients from a Georgia Air National Guard C-130 Hercules, May 4, 2011.

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C-130 PILOT, 187 AS: Applications are being accepted for prior service C-130 qualified aircraft commanders and copilots with an authorized grade of O-4. This position is located in the 187th Airlift Squadron. Interviews will be held 1 June and possibly 2 June. Application packages must include: (1) cover letter requesting consideration, (2) Flying History Report, (3) Data Verification Brief from vMPF, (4) last five OPRs, (5) AF Form 942, record of evaluation, (6) five most recent Form 8s (7) resume including civilian and military education and experience, (8) letters of recommendation (optional but encouraged), and (9) current fit test. POC: Maj. Alan Brown at 307-772-6014 or DSN 388-6014. For application procedures contact Master Sgt. Denise Hondel, 153 FSS at 307-772 6457 or DSN 388-6457. Applications must be received NLT COB 6 May.

UPCOMING UTAS

4-5 June 9-10 July 6-7 August

AUTHORIZED HOTELS

Holiday Inn - \$53 204 W. Fox Farm Rd. 307-638-4466

Fairfield Inn - \$58 1415 Stillwater Ave. 307-637-4070

La Quinta Inn - \$52 2410 W. Lincolnway 307-632-7117

Crow Creek Inn - \$30.50-\$33 FE Warren AFB 307-773-1844 ENLISTED VACANCY, 187 AS: Applications are now being accepted for a Master Sgt. position in the 187th Airlift Squadron. This E-7 position is open to any enlisted member who possess a 1A271 AFSC. All application packages must include as a minimum: (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) RIP, and (4) current fit test. Questions concerning the vacancy need to be forwarded to Cheif Master Sgt. Mike Sorensen at 307-772-6278. Applications due NLT COB 15 May.

OPERATIONS INTELLIGENCE ANA-LYST, 153 OG/INTELLIGENCE: Applications are now being accepted for the position of Operations Intelligence Analyst. This is a traditional, enlisted position and has a maximum authorized grade of E-6. This traditional position is open to any member who holds or can obtain the AFSC 1N0X1. Duties include: preparing and conducting briefings, providing aircrew and SF training, and preparing intelligence reports. Knowledge and ability to use various intelligence automated systems to collect and analyze large amounts of information in order to produce intelligence products in support of commanders, aircrew and deployers. Duty related questions may be directed to Capt .Tonja Mumm, ext. 6210 or Master Sgt. Audra Johnson, ext. 6351. All application packages much include as a minimum: (1) cover letter, (2) resume, and (3) RIP. Applications due NLT COB 15 May.

AIRCRAFT MAINTENANCE OFFI-CER, 153 MXS: Applications are now being accepted for the 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Officer (AFSC 21A3). This is a traditional officer position with a maximum grade of O-4. This position is open to all officers and enlisted who are eligible for a commission. Application packages must include, but are not limited to the following: (1) cover letter requesting consideration, (2) current resume to include civilian and military education and experience, (3) letters of recommendation (optional), (4) fitness test (PT) score, (5) RIP for those seeking a commission, (6) AF Form 24, (7) AFOQT scores, (8) certified transcripts. Duty related questions may be directed to Capt. Carl Johansen at 307-772-6741. The selecting official is Maj. Bret Trippel. Applications due NLT COB 15 May.

All applications must be submitted to Master Sgt. Denise Hondel, 153 AW/FSS 217 Dell Range Blvd. Chevenne, WY 82009-3320 307-772-6457 by the closing date listed on the advertisement.

KNOWLEDGE OPERATIONS MANAGER, WY JFHQ: Applications are now being accepted for the position of Knowledge Operations Manager For Joint Force Headquarters Wyoming. Performs data management, information management functions, manages knowledge services. Manages, supervises, and performs planning and implementation activities. Applications must include, but are not limited to the following: (1) cover letter requesting consideration, (2) resume to include civilian/military experience, education, and training, (3) current RIP, and (4) current fit test results. Applications due NLT COB 12 June.

Job announcements must be sent directly to FSS, not to the Public Affairs office. The format must include, Position Title, Grade, Officer/Enlisted (both), other special qualifications. The requested announcement may be sent to Master Sgt. Hondel, Tech. Sgt. Lopez, or Maj. Bennett for submission. The submission must be received in advance of the deadline required by Public Affairs each month to allow time for review and accuracy before publishing. Questions on posting job announcements may be directed to Maj. Rachel Bennett, 307-772-6320.

The Wyoming Military Department is an equal opportunity employer. Selection for all positions will be made without regard to race, religion, color, national origin, sex, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor. This applies to ALL vacancies within the Wyoming Military Department.

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Jobs continued...

QUALITY ASSURANCE MANAGER, 153 CF: Applications are now being accepted for Quality Assurance Manager in the 153rd Communications Flight. This position is open to an E-4 to E-6 who possesses a 5 skill level. The primary purpose of this position is to serve as a consultant to management in support of installation IT and communications policy and plans to include the unit's ability to provide command, control, communication, computer, and intelligence (C4I) programs essential to the operations, training, and readiness missions. Analyzes organizational processes and procedures through assessment of management, operational, technical and administrative practices pertinent to the organization. Identifies process, system, and training deficiencies by applying defect prevention principles and root cause problem resolution techniques and recommends corrective action for each. Serves as an advisor to the commander and senior staff members regarding compliance, readiness posturing, and mission limiting issues. Interprets a variety of technical requirements making independent judgments to determine organizational compliance with applicable instructions, procedures and practices. Advises supervisors and managers on the evaluation of programs, policies, regulatory requirements, and procedures.

Also performs duties as the Unit Training Manager, and in this capacity assists the work center supervisor in developing and implementing work center training programs. Plans and schedules ancillary training activities for drill status guard members. Creates and develops lesson plans. Ensures availability of facilities and training aids. Monitors the training status of personnel and prepares monthly status of training reports for the commander and the Base Education and Training Manager (BETM). Responsible for documentation of accomplished training in a timely manner. Will require the use of automated training documentation systems.

Applications must include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) cover letter requesting consideration, (2) resume to include civilian/military experience, education, and training, (3) current RIP, and (4) current fit test results.

Applications due NLT COB 5 June.

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