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Lexi and Halle Hassett, daughters of 1st Lt. Andrew Hassett member of the 30th Airlift Squadron, welcome home their dad on Saturday Nov. 6 from his deployment to Afghanistan. U.S. Air Force photo by Staff Sgt. Ann "Mike" Fitzgerald.



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Director asks Air Guard leaders to look ahead

by Lt. Col. Ellen Krenke

National Guard Bureau

Times are tough for the Air National Guard, but Lt. Gen. Harry Wyatt III sees many "great" opportunities for his 106,700-member force to excel in the future.

"We know there is a mismatch right now of demands on the force and resources," said General Wyatt, the director of the Air Guard. "I think it will get worse before it gets better, but I don't bring you a message of despair today.

"I bring you a message of hope and courage because I see great opportunity, because we are the most efficient force, the most capable force that we have ever been. The country can afford us before it can afford some other things that (it) is looking at."

General Wyatt's question for senior Air Guard leaders from around the country is: "ANG 2025: Are We Ready?"

"Are we willing to make the tough choices that will posture us for the future?" he asked.

Air Force officials announced that Stewart Air National Guard Base in New York is the preferred base for eight C-17 Globemaster III aircraft.

"Through the next several months and years, there will many of these announcements," General Wyatt said. "The questions will be: Are they the type of announcements that we as an organization can embrace and take forward and excel the way we have excelled in our missions in the past?"

General Wyatt said the Air Guard should prepare for future demands now.

"We have got to start shaping that force today, to be ready to provide the force that this country needs in 2025," he said.

General Wyatt said the Air Guard has seen "significant change" over the last decade.

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Welcome home to the men and women of the 153rd Airlift Wing



U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Paul Mann and Staff Sgt. Ann "Mike" Fitzgerald



Man on the street...

"What are some of your favorite holiday memories?"



Senior Master Sgt. Julie Swearingin

"I was deployed to Iraq in 2004 over the holiday season. The dining facility made it memorable by having special meals shipped in from Germany, along with chocolates and sodas. We had reduced work shifts which gave us time to

enjoy the entertainment that the base provided. It made the holidays away from home enjoyable."

Lt. Col. Stan White

"When I was young my family and I would go to Saratoga hot springs during Christmas. We would jump in the iced over river and then get back into the springs to get warm. It's a tradition we still try to carry on."



Staff Sgt. Charlie Risselmann

"My wife, daughter and I go to candlelight midnight Catholic Mass on Christmas Eve. It's always a beautiful service."



Master Sgt. Valerie Millhouse

"When we were kids, my mom would let us decorate cookies. Mom would have several different frostings and toppings to use. Once they were decorated, we'd give them as gifts to family and friends."



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COULD YOU BE A KEY TO MISSION SUCCESS?

The 153rd Airlift Wing Family Readiness Program is looking for family members who want to volunteer. Find out more by contacting the Family Readiness office at (307) 772-6063

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Chairman's Corner: Too Many Doors Still Closed to Women

by Admiral Mike Mullen

Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff

I had the opportunity to address a conference on “Women and War,” hosted by the United States Institute of Peace. My main message was this: no matter how many doors we have opened for women in the military -- and there have been many -- there are still too many others yet closed.

We simply must do a better job tapping into their unique talents and understanding their unique challenges.

Today, women are rising through our ranks and expanding their influence at an ever-increasing rate, serving magnificently all over the world in all sorts of ways. More critically, in these wars of ours, they've served and sacrificed and led every bit as much and every bit as capably as any man out there. Well over 200,000 women have served in Iraq and Afghanistan,

demonstrating tremendous resilience, adaptability and capacity for innovation.

Indeed, they have given us a competitive advantage.

Five years ago, when the enemy was using

Iraqi women to subvert our security checkpoints, female Marines started something called the “Lioness” program to counter this threat and then conduct broader outreach to the women of Iraq.

In Afghanistan today, female Marines are providing hope and promise through female engagement teams in the Taliban strongholds in that country. These brave women have in many places been able to operate where male troops often cannot go. One Afghan elder who opened his home so female Marines could visit with his wife told Washington Post reporter Tom Ricks, “Your men come to fight, but we know the women

are here to help.”

Now, I would tell you that ALL of our deployed troops, men and women alike, are there to fight for and to help the local population. But these women have been able to build special relationships and trust with Afghan women, to see things through their eyes and gain valuable insight that we would not have gained otherwise.

Time and again, military women show us that courage and leadership recognize no gender. In a war where there is no longer a clear delineation between frontlines and sidelines, where the war can come at you from any direction, I think it's important for all of us to remember that this will be the first generation of veterans where large numbers of women returning will have been exposed to some form of combat.

I know what the law says, and I know what it requires. But I'd be hard pressed to say that any woman who serves in Afghanistan today or who's served in Iraq over the last few years did so without facing the same

risks to live and limb that their male counterparts faced. Military women are coming home to Dover too.

And just like the men, those that make it home do so with wounds visible and invisible, with similar consequences for our health-care system, our national employment rate and even homelessness. Along with other issues, financial hardships are driving veteran homelessness to a rate faster than experienced by the Vietnam generation. Experts say that more than 100,000 veterans are homeless on any given night and almost 4,000 are from today's generation and 10 percent of those seeking help for homelessness are women. Many of these women have young children who have already been through so much.

This is something that deeply troubles me, because the resources for these women haven't caught up with those for male veterans. And they have unique challenges that the system just does not understand yet.

There are, indeed, many doors yet to open.



Family Readiness Program Hosts Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

by Staff Sgt. Natalie Stanley

153rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Spouses and children gathered, Saturday Nov. 13, for the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program hosted by the wing's Family Readiness Program. The day was geared toward preparing family members for the return of their deployed loved ones.

The YRRP gave parents a break from being the main providers while giving young children and teens a day of fun and activities. The children's activities were headed up by Paula Johnson, co-author of reintegration books for children "We Serve Too" and "We Serve Too! 2".

Johnson, with the help of Ramona Baker and Beth Johnson, led the children in a craft making session where they created memory boxes for their deployed parent. These boxes were filled with items that the children have saved over the course of the deployment such as; tickets from sporting events attended or sea shells from a beach visit. They'll be able to use these boxes to share memories of what happened in their lives while their parent was deployed. Kids also partook in a snack time that included items native to the areas their parent may be deployed in, including Naan bread and pomegranates. The teenagers enjoyed games at Fall Hall, on F.E. Warren Air Force Base, including laser tag, and finished the day with a career guiding session led by Robin Gorsuch.

Spouses attending the YRRP were provided with information in helping the transition back into non-deployed life including subjects on "Where Do I Fit In With the Homecoming?" and the affect of deployment on children. Various speakers throughout the day included Col. Dennis Grunstad II, commander of the 153rd Airlift Wing, Trish Bannon, director of psychological health for the Wyoming National Guard and Meg Wright, wife of Maj. Gen. Ed Wright, Wyoming's adjutant general.

The YRRP is just one of many events the Yellow Ribbon program hosts throughout the deployment cycle and events are open to members and their families who will deploy for 90 days or more. For questions concerning the program contact Roxie Arnold at Family Readiness at 772-6063.



153rd Medical Group trains despite conditions


by Staff Sgt. Natalie Stanley

153rd Airlift Wing Public Affairs

Working with what you have is the main theme for the Mobile Aeromedical Staging Facility. So, when bad weather and a lack of tents threatened the 153rd Medical Group's yearly MASF training they just adapted and overcame by using available buildings and equipment

The MASF is a CONUS mission that lends medical support in event of a natural disaster or other emergencies requiring medical evacuations. Since taking over the program two years ago from the 187th Aero-medical Evacuation Squadron, 2nd Lt. Kent Ammerman and Master Sgt. Shane Larson of the 153 MDG have been preparing its members in the event real world support is needed. According to Ammerman the MASF package is "like a great big ambulance." When the 153 MDG gets called by an overwhelmed agency, such as a hospital, the MASF mobilizes. They are self-contained with both staff and equipment. This includes a medical team of: four nurses, seven Medical technicians, one logistics officer, one administration person, and two communications personnel. Once on the ground the MASF is able to operate for up to 48 hours before needing resupplies. This enables them to be efficient and effective at treating the injured and getting them to a safe location.

The 153 MDG MASF has yet to be tested in a real world situation, however, Ammerman feels that "even though we're still on a pretty good learning curve we're confident that we are prepared to make it work".



Wyoming Air National Guard

6th Annual
Outstanding Airmen of The Year
Banquet

January 8, 2011

Guest Speaker:
CMSgt Denise Jelinski-Hall
Sr. Enlisted Advisor to Gen. Craig R. McKinley
Chief, National Guard Bureau

F.E. Warren Trail's End Club
Cocktails: 1800 Dinner: 1900

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Baked chicken breast
Rice
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Cauliflower
Mixed vegetables

Hamburger
Hotdogs
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Onion rings
French fries

SUNDAY

Holiday Meal!!

Prime rib
Turkey
Mashed potatoes
Turkey gravy
Corn
Green beans

*Saturday - \$4.30
Holiday Meal - \$7*





FIRST SERGEANT VACANCY, 187 AES: Applications are now being accepted for the First Sergeant position (AFSC 8F000) in the 187 AES. This E-7 position is open to any enlisted member in the grade of E-7 or E-6 who is eligible for immediate promotion (ref. IAW ANGI 36-2502). Applicants must meet all requirements outlined in AFI 36-2113, chapter 10; meet AFVAB requirements prior to interview; score a minimum of 75 on the fitness assessment; and possess an overall image exceeding minimum standards. Mandatory service commitment is three years from the date of graduation from the First Sergeant Academy. Any questions may be directed to Lt. Col. Arlene Esquibel at 307-772-6428. All application packages must include as a minimum: (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) RIP and (4) a current fitness assessment score. Applications due by **NLT COB 5 Dec 2010**.

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

SENIOR NCO VACANCY, 153RD LOGISTICS READINESS SQUADRON:

Applications are now being accepted for a Material Management Supervisor (2S071). This position is located in the 153rd Logistics Readiness Squadron warehouse, and the authorized grade is E-7/E-6 promotable. This position is open to traditional members of the WY ANG who can meet the following requirements: Applicants must have knowledge in warehouse management, readiness spares package, mobility bag management, and clothing store, to include experience of shelf life, shelf life extensions, functional checks, Electrostatic Sensitive Device. Duty related questions may be directed to Senior Master Sgt. Kathy Dixon at 307-772-6315 or Senior Master Sgt. Thomas Siegel at 307-772-6408. Applications are due **NLT COB 5 Dec 2010** and must include but are not limited to: (1) Cover letter requesting consideration, (2) resume to include civilian/military experience, education and training and (3) current RIP.

FIRST SERGEANT VACANCY, 153 MSG: Applications are now being accepted for the First Sergeant position (AFSC 8F000) in the 153rd Mission Support Group. This position is open to any enlisted member in the grade of E-7 or E-6 who is eligible for immediate promotion IAW ANGI 36-2502. Applicants must meet all requirements outlined in AFI 36-2113, chapter 10; meet AFVAB requirements prior to interview; score a minimum of 75 on the fitness assessment; and possess an overall image exceeding minimum standards. Mandatory service commitment is three years from the date of graduation from the First Sergeant Academy. Duty related questions may be directed to Senior Master Sgt. Alan Stoiniski at 307-772-6751. All application packages must include as a minimum: (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) RIP and (4) a current fitness assessment score. Applications due **NLT COB 5 Dec 2010**.

SENIOR NCO VACANCY, 153RD CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON:

Power Production Craftsman/Superintendent – AFSC 3E072, authorized grade E-7. This position is open to traditional members of the WY ANG who can meet the following requirements: Manages the installation, removal, operation, maintenance, and repairs of electrical power generating and control systems, aircraft arresting systems, and associated equipment. Applicants must meet security clearance requirements IAW AFI 31-501 and requirements IAW ANGI 36-2102. Applications must include, but not limited to, the following: (1) Cover letter requesting consideration, (2) resume to include civilian/military experience, education, and training, (3) evidence of training and PME completion. Duty related questions may be directed to Capt. Michael L. Pachel, 307-772-6427 or Chief Master Sgt. Edwards, 307-772-6218. Applications are due **NLT COB 5 Dec 2010**.

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.

OFFICER VACANCY – COMMANDER, 153RD CIVIL ENGINEERING SQUADRON: Applications are now being accepted for the position of the 153rd Civil Engineer Squadron, Commander (C032-E3G). This TRADITIONAL OFFICER POSITION is open to current WY ANG members or to individuals who qualify to become a member of the WY ANG who hold the AFSC C032-E3G. Maximum authorized rank for this position is O-5. The purpose of this position is to direct and supervise all full-time activities of the operations and engineering sections and base civil engineering. This includes training and operational tasks at both home station and deployed locations worldwide. Senior civil engineer for the RED HORSE squadron, is responsible for the administration, management and supervision of civil engineering programs and operations pertaining to design, construction, maintenance and repair of real property facilities and equipment; operation of utility systems; management of Air National Guard real estate; enforcement of federal, state, and local fire codes; and related installation support services. Coordinates construction programs directly with Air National Guard programmer at National Guard Bureau. Uses a working knowledge of foreign as well as domestic engineering principles and practices, prepares highly technical and complex architectural and engineering designs covering a broad range of facilities and utility systems necessary to support weapon system bed down and training site requirements. Performs program development, coordination of facility design, and construction with local city, state, federal and foreign government engineering representatives. Provides engineering guidance for master plans, site development, and facilities. Develops, plans and directs the training for approximately 200 civil engineering military personnel. Performs other duties as assigned. Application packages must include: (1) Cover letter requesting consideration, (2) resume to include civilian and military education and work experience and (3) military RIP. Letters of recommendation are optional. The nominating/selecting official is Col. Paul Lyman. Applications must be received **NLT COB 5 Dec 10**.



Jobs continued...

AEROSPACE MAINTENANCE CRAFTSMAN, 153 AMXS: The 153rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron is accepting applications for a 2A571, E-7. This position is open to all immediately promotable E-6s within the 153 AMXS, WY ANG. All applicants must possess the AFSC 2A571. Applications must include: (1) Cover letter, (2) current resume with military experience/education, (3) current RIP (vMPF is acceptable), (4) a current fitness assessment. Duties and responsibilities: Performs production supervisor, flight chief, expediter, crew chief and maintenance functions. maintains aircraft, support equipment, forms and records. inspects aircraft structures, systems and components. Interprets inspection findings and determines adequacy of corrective actions. Inspects and checks components for clearances, tolerances, proper installation, and operation. Inspects and operates powered and non-powered aerospace ground equipment. Nominating official is Senior Master Sgt. Jon Berg 307-772-6156. Applications due **NLT COB 3 Jan 2011.**

FIRST SERGEANT VACANCY, 153 MXS: Applications are now being accepted for the First Sergeant position (AFSC 8F000) in the 153rd Maintenance Squadron. This position is open to any enlisted member in the grade of E-7 or E-6 who is eligible for immediate promotion IAW ANGI 36-2502. Applicants must meet all requirements outlined in AFI 36-2113, chapter 10; meet AFVAB requirements prior to interview; score a minimum of 75 on the fitness assessment; and possess an overall image exceeding minimum standards. Mandatory service commitment is three years from the date of graduation from the First Sergeant Academy. Duty related questions may be directed to Capt. Carl Johansen at 307-772-6741 or Master Sgt. John Orose at 307-772-6042. All application packages must include as a minimum: (1) cover letter, (2) resume, (3) RIP and (4) a current fitness assessment score. Applications due **NLT COB 9 Jan 2011.**

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HEALTH SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR, 153 MDG AND 187 AES: Applications are being accepted for the position of Health Services Administrator (41A3). These are traditional officer positions and maximum authorized grade is O-4. These positions are open to all officers and enlisted who are able to meet the following minimum requirements: Applicants must possess a graduate degree in health care administration, hospital administration, public administration, business administration or management, information systems management, or equivalent; or an undergraduate academic major in accounting, business administration or management, computer science, information systems, economics, finance, health care administration, marketing, public administration, clinical or health systems engineering, or other related business field. 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, (4) college transcripts and (5) AF Form 24. Selected individuals must take the GRE or GMAT. The minimum scores are 800 for the GRE (verbal and quantitative) and 400 for the GMAT. Nominating/selecting officials are Col. Stanley D. Bruntz, 153 MDG and Maj. Richard Cummings, 187 AES. **Open until filled.** Boards will be held once applications have been received.

SECURITY FORCES CRAFTSMAN, 153 SFS: Applications are now being accepted for the Security Forces Craftsman (3P071), E-7, position in the 153rd Security Squadron. Duties and responsibilities: Manage, coordinate, supervise and help train personnel new to the career field. Sound judgment combined with a high level of interpersonal skills. Protection of resources and personnel assigned to the 153 AW. Prepares performance appraisals and assists personnel with personal and career progression. Program manager for wing Controlled Areas Program. Duty related questions may be directed to Senior Master Sgt. Doug Rhodes at 307-772-6136 or Chief Master Sgt. Mike Abbott at 307-772-6308. All application packages must include as a minimum: (1) Immediate supervisor recommendation, (2) resume, (3) cover letter (4) optional letter(s) of recommendation/additional documentation, (5) proof of PME completion and (6) current PT score. Applications due **NLT COB 4 Jan 2011.**

KNOWLEDGE OPERATIONS MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL SPECIALIST, 187 AS: Applications are now being accepted for the position of Knowledge operations Manager and Personnel Specialist. This is a traditional position has a maximum authorized grade of E-6 and is open to traditional members who hold or can obtain the AFSC 3D0X1 or 3S0X1. Duties include: awards and decorations program, files plan management, personnel processing, client systems administrator, orders processing, and other duties as assigned. For questions concerning this position, contact Senior Master Sgt. Exie Brown at 307-772-6879. **Open until filled.**

AIRCRAFT FABRICATION SUPERINTENDENT, 153 MXMF: Applications are now being accepted for the 153rd Aircraft Fabrication Superintendent (2A790). This position is open to all qualified enlisted operationally assigned to the WY ANG. This is a traditional enlisted position with a maximum grade E-8. 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) PT score and (5) current RIP. The selecting official is Senior Master Sgt. Chris Cowley. Applications are due **NLT COB 9 Jan. 2011.**





U.S. Air Force photos by Master Sgt. Paul Mann

Third graders from Henderson Elementary School, Cheyenne, Wyo., spent a morning with members of the WyANG to learn about more about the mission of their flying neighbors.

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Airmen who have been in the Air Guard for 20 years or less, he said, have been focused on the air expeditionary force construct.

"They know nothing else," General Wyatt said. "They are used to it."

General Wyatt said that when he joined the Air Guard, the force was not built for such deployments.

"We have evolved into an air expeditionary force -- an extremely capable air expeditionary force. But what will be the demands of tomorrow?"

General Wyatt said he also is proud of the Air Guard's domestic response capability,

but there are challenges ahead for that mission too.

"We have 30 percent less airlift now than we did when we responded to Hurricane Katrina," General Wyatt said, adding that in fiscal year 2010 more than 100 emergencies across the country generated over 2,250 airlift sorties.

"We are on call 365 days a year, 24 hours a day. If that's not value for America, I don't know what is," he said.

The Air Guard is slated to undergo many mission changes next year, Wyatt said, as a result of the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

"We have undergone a lot of change and it has been undertaken in a short time

period," he said. "The rate of change is not slowing at all. We need to reflect on the implications of what we have done in the past as we look to the future of the Air National Guard."

The Air Guard has been through trying times before, General Wyatt said, noting that when Maj. Gen. Winston P. "Wimpy" Wilson was the director of the Air National Guard, he lost 50 percent of his aircraft due to resource constrictions. General Wilson converted into more modern aircraft and diversified the force into non-flying missions, General Wyatt said.

On the other hand, when Lt. Gen. John B. Conaway was director of the Air Na-

tional Guard during the Reagan years, he was faced with a flood of resources.

"He took advantage of the landscape and he moved us forward," General Wyatt said of Conaway's achievements.

General Wyatt said he needs his senior leaders to help him decide how to go forward. He plans to conduct an internal review this year to get an "honest assessment" of the Air Guard.

"We will not lose momentum," he said. "We owe our airmen that effort."

General Wyatt said the key to the Air Guard's future is to: "Figure out what we do best, what we do most efficiently, most cost-effectively and grab it!"

*Wyoming Air National Guard
Fire Department Fire Prevention
Tip of the Month*

Smoke Detectors

- Place a smoke alarm on every level of your home and inside all bedrooms.



- Check smoke alarms monthly by pushing the test button. If you cannot reach the button easily, use a broom handle.

- Change the batteries in your alarms at least once a year - perhaps when you change your clocks for daylight savings time or if the device is chirping.

- Teach children what the smoke alarm sounds like and what to do - leave the building immediately by crawling low under the smoke - when they hear it sound. If cooking smoke sets off the alarm, do not disable it. Turn on the range fan, open a window or wave a towel near the alarm.

- Do not remove the batteries to put in other appliances such as personal stereos or games. Smoke alarms wear out over time. Replace yours if it is 10 years old or more. Keep smoke alarms clean. Dust and debris can interfere with their operation. Vacuum over and around your smoke alarm regularly.

- Consider installing a 10-year lithium battery-powered smoke alarm, which is sealed so it cannot be tampered with or opened.

- Hard-wired smoke alarms with battery backups need to be tested monthly and batteries replaced yearly.

When Chekhov saw the long winter he saw a winter bleak and dark and bereft of hope.

Yet we know that winter is just another step in the cycle of life.

But standing here among the people of the Wyoming Air National Guard and basking in the warmth of their hearths and hearts, we couldn't imagine a better fate than a long and lustrous winter.

Adapted from 'Groundhog Day'



We Salute



Promotions

Airman 1st Class Travis
Normington-Mellin
Senior Airman Kelly Cooper
Senior Airman Molly Farrand
Senior Airman Daphne Ma
Senior Airman Collin Randall

Senior Airman Ryan Seaberg
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Staff Sgt. Rock Pontillo

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Master Sgt. Steven Selby
Master Sgt. Jennifer Tiamson
Senior Master Sgt. Daniel Leary
Chief Master Sgt. David Harris
Senior Master Sgt. Brian Moomey
Senior Master Sgt. Paul Parsons

Newcomers

Dariel Dewitt, 153 MXS
Todd Evans, 153 CACS
John Galvin, 153 AW HQ
Jennifer Gripp, 187 AES
Jacob Tyson, 153 AMS

Amber Duncan, 243 ATC
Stephon Parker, 153 FSS
Robert Donovan, 243 ATC
Brian Carver, 153 AMS
Stefan Dunn, 243 ATC

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