



JET BLAST

186th Air Refueling Wing

Key Field Air National Guard

COMMAND CORNER

On behalf of Col Evans, I want to welcome each of you to September UTA. My time in uniform is coming to an end, so I want to take time to thank everyone for making these past three years as Wing Command Chief some of the most rewarding years of my entire career. With over 30+ years at the 186th, the biggest lesson that I've learned and want to impart to each of you is to take care of one another.

CMSgt Ron Arthur

7th Command Chief Master Sergeant, 186th ARW

SEP UTA SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

0830 Roll Call
 0830-1100- Unit Training, Medical, etc
 1130- Lunch (Individual pickup)
 1700- Roll Call

SUNDAY

0700 - Roll Call
 0700 - 1100 Unit Training, Medical, etc
 1100- Lunch (Individual Pickup)
 1530- Roll Call

UTA LUNCH MENU

Due to COVID-19, we will be serving box lunches this drill. Individuals need to pick up their own lunch at the DFAC loading dock . If you have any questions, please contact MSgt Kevin Fisher @ 484-9824

-FSS

186TH NEWS



U.S. AIR FORCE



HPWG

PROTECTION GUIDELINES FOR FITNESS CENTER

- Gym will remain open 24 hrs except during cleaning
- Entry, sign-in roster, and hand sanitation station at east side door
- Exit thru the south side door
- 10 max authorized members at one time - maintain 6' social distance
- The use of hand sanitizer is mandatory
- The use of a spotter person is not authorized
- Member will wipe down equipment before and after use
- The use of face covering (cloth or mask) is mandatory at all times
- The use of water fountains is only to refill plastic/metal (**NO GLASS**) bottles only
- No drinking from water fountain (**ONLY FOR REFILL OF BOTTLES**)
- Shower, locker, sauna, and steam room closed until further notice
- Member will bring their own towel, mat, and weight belt
- Services will deep sanitize once/day in addition to daily contract cleaning

Integrity - Service - Excellence

2020 Temporary Deferral of Social Security (OASDI) Taxes

In order to provide relief during the COVID-19 pandemic, a Presidential Memorandum was issued on August 8, 2020 and guidance followed by Internal Revenue Service on August 28, 2020, to temporarily defer Social Security (Old Age, Survivors, and Disability Insurance) or "OASDI" tax withholdings.

Effective pay period ending September 12, 2020, DFAS will temporarily defer your 6.2% OASDI tax withholding if your wages, subject to OASDI* are less than \$4,000 in any given pay period.

Key Facts:

- This change is effective through the end of the 2020 calendar year and only applies to your OASDI tax withholding.
- You are not eligible to opt-out of the deferral if your OASDI wages fall within the stated limits. The deferral will happen automatically.
- In accordance with current IRS guidance, collection of the deferred taxes will be taken from your wages between January 1 and April 30, 2021. At that time, OASDI withholding will resume at a rate of 6.2%, and deferred taxes from 2020 will be collected. Additional information on the collection process will be provided in the future.
- If you plan to separate, retire or transfer in 2020 before the OASDI tax can be collected in 2021, you are still responsible for the OASDI tax repayment.
- The deferral will not impact those employees in retirement plans not subject to Social Security withholding (i.e. CSRS).

PROMOTIONS

CHIEF MASTER SERGEANT

Bobby Walton

MASTER SERGEANT

**Dustin Hoffer
Patrese Williams
Natasha Elliot
Andriockio Spears
Abraham Villa
Christopher Winchell
Sellers Norris**

TECHNICAL SERGEANT

**Jeremy Bagwell
Willie Murray III
William Pickard
Mallory Pace
Jared Garner
Jacob Schultz
Jacob Lee**

STAFF SERGEANT

**David McKinney
Rusty Landry
Nathan Tidwell
Shane Brooks
Trevon Keyes
Terin Thomas
Logan Copeland**

SENIOR AIRMAN

**Cody Crawford
Camryn Payne
Michael Mclelland
Ephraim Drake
Christopher Cliburn
Haley Hughes
Karson Wardell
Logan Knight
Alex Baker
Benjamin Smith
Conner Moheb**

AIRMAN 1ST CLASS

Quinton Smith

ENLISTMENTS

Zachary B. Sanders

Lukas A. Vali

Brayon R. Farve

Nicklos B. Ivey

Dakota T. Strait

Shannon C. Cremeen

Timothy C. Etheridge

Jesse D. Wagoner

Mandra Webb

Sydney Nolan

Patrick C. Logan

RETIREMENTS

Byron S. Walker

36+ years of service

Carla D. Mayberry

20 years of service

Keith C. Buckley

33+ years of service

Robert E. Bryant

35+ years of service

Jerry D. Brasher

32+ years of service

86TH AIR REFUELING WING

SAPR TIP OF THE MONTH

SAPR Restricted Reporting

Restricted reporting allows a victim of sexual assault to confidentially disclose the assault to specific individuals and activate supportive services without triggering an official investigation.

Specific individuals who are able to maintain confidentiality for restricted reporting include SARCs, Victim Advocates and health care providers.

Although official restricted reports cannot be filed with chaplains and legal assistance attorneys/special victim's counsel, the communication of the assault remains confidential.

24/7 confidential advocacy services available!

AIRMAN AND FAMILY READINESS

Mr. Cody Perkins

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WING RESOURCES

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ESGR Coordinator

Mrs. Jackie Sharp

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WING JAG

Lt. Col. Dennis DeBar

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RECRUITING AND RETENTION

Follow us on Facebook!

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Meet the 186th ARW Recruiting Team!

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BASE TRAINING AND EDUCATION

MS State Educational Assistance Program (SEAP)

Traditional Guard Member

- Must be enrolled in a MS College
- Must be a resident of MS
- Must not already have a BA or higher education
- Benefits expire 10 years from first day of use
- Can be used with GI BILL

Tuition Coverage

- Tuition Only (Paid to the University)
- \$2,200 per Fiscal Year for Junior College
- \$4,500 per Fiscal Year for Major College

Enrollment

- POC MSgt Slaughter
- SEAP FORM & MS Voter ID

Air National Guard Tuition Assistance

Traditional Guard Member

Authorized up to a Master's Degree

ANY Approved MIL TA college

Can be used with GI BILL

Tuition Coverage

- Tuition ONLY (Paid to the University)
- \$4,500 per Fiscal Year at ANY college
- Limited to \$250 per semester hour

Enrollment

- POC Base Training Office
- Must be able to access AFVEC through Air Force Portal (Need CAC reader for non-mil computers)

Active Military Tuition Assistance

*MUST BE ON ACTIVE DUTY ORDERS

- Authorized up to a Master's Degree
- ANY Approved MIL TA college
- Can be use with GI BILL WITH exceptions

Tuition Coverage

- Tuition ONLY (Paid to the University)
- \$4,500 per Fiscal Year at ANY college
- Limited to \$250 per semester hour

Enrollment

- POC Base Training Office
- Must be able to access AFVEC through Air Force Portal (Need CAC reader for non-mil computers)

GI BILL INFORMATION

-This program is for ANY Traditional Guard member NOT on ACTIVE DUTY Orders with a few exceptions.

-GI Bill is paid based on the amount of semester hours taken and is paid out monthly.

-Paid to Member.

-POC MSgt Slaughter- 601-484-9787

WDPH TIP OF THE MONTH

SEPTEMBER TIP OF THE MONTH

From the Desk of Patricia W. Everette

Wing Director of Psychological Health (WDPH)

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SUICIDE PREVENTION MONTH

Research shows a big part of suicide prevention in the military is making sure those at risk feel like they belong and are valued in their roles. That means making sure the at-risk person knows his or her chain of command cares and is willing to help – that it's OK to not be OK.

It's important for at-risk people to know that getting help with mental health issues is a sign of strength, not weakness. Be there to ask the question "Are you thinking of killing yourself?" We won't know if people are at risk until then.

It's a big first step, and it can save a life, whether you're the person at risk or the person helping the person at risk.

Suicide is not inevitable for anyone; providing support, and directing help to those who need it, we can prevent suicides and save lives.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to your WDPH! Be well and keep safe!

WING FINANCIAL TIPS

TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF LOAN PAYMENTS

You may suspend your obligation to make payments on your TSP loan or loans for the rest of the calendar year 2020. This applies to existing loans and loans taken between now and November 30, 2020. To apply, complete and submit Form TSP-46, CARES Act Loan Suspension Request. Carefully read all of the instructions on the form before submitting.

If you are planning to apply for a loan now or in the near future, apply for the loan first and wait for it to be processed before submitting Form TSP-46. Do this whether or not you have an existing loan. Filing Form TSP-46 at the same time or before applying for a loan may result in loan rejection.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN

It's Harvest Time

“35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Matthew 9:35-38

As I stand in a corn field in South Mississippi, I can't help but appreciate the full agricultural process. I'm sure if you enjoy eating, you respect the farmer as well. There is a lot that goes into the planting, growth, and harvesting process of plants and animals. The Bible is full of agricultural examples that Jesus uses as teachable moments. His object lessons and illustrations are often directly from the area or people he is with at that time.

In Matthew 9, Jesus is looking at a village in Israel with great compassion. He relates these people to sheep, and to them being loved by God as being gathered during harvest. The only bad part is that there aren't many people willing to harvest. Imagine all the food in the world, but very few people to pick it. Sad right? Our service to God is a lot like this harvest story. There are many people who desperately need to hear that God loves them, died on a cross to forgive and save them, and has an awesome plan for their life.

In God's agricultural process, I don't want to just be a consumer, I want to be a laborer in the harvest! How about you? Will you labor for God? Will you share the message of hope to someone who is hurting? It often appears that those who experience God's grace, mercy, and love the most seek to share that same joy. May our actions send us to the fields ripe for harvest.

- Chaplain Major Shane Moore

BLOOD DRIVE



Be a part of
something bigger
than yourself



186th Air Refueling Wing Blood Drive

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
238TH CLASSROOM

In order to effectively uphold social distancing, appointments are strongly encouraged. Schedule your online appointment at vitalant.org (sponsor code: 186)

Complete your Fast Track Health History Questionnaire the same day you donate @ vitalant.org/health.

Face coverings are required for both donors and staff. Your face covering can be homemade but must cover both your nose and mouth.

To find future convalescent plasma donors, Vitalant is testing all blood donations for COVID-19 antibodies. Join us at our scheduled blood drive. Together, we can fight this!

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OCP UNIFORM PICKUP

***For information regarding clothing issue or pickup of OCP items, contact TSgt. Shelby Alphin at 601-484-9243.**

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