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## A Promotion for the Tennessee History Books

By Tech. Sgt. Daniel Gagnon, 134 ARW Public Affairs

MCGHEE TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Tenn. (Dec. 3, 2016) – In the history of Tennessee, there has never been an active First Sergeant promoted to the rank of Chief Master Sergeant...until now.



Senior Master Sgt. Stanley Drozdowski (right), 134th Air Refueling Wing 1st Sgt. is sworn in as a Chief Master Sgt. by Col. Lee Hartley, Vice Commander of the 134th Air Refueling Wing. Drozdowski is the first 1st Sgt. in Tennessee history to be promoted to Chief Master Sgt. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Tech. Sgt. Jonathan Young)

Chief Master Sgt. Stanley Drozdowski, a First Sergeant in the 134th Air Refueling Wing was promoted to the highest enlisted rank in the U. S. Air Force on Dec. 3 here.

“It is significant, because traditionally across the country, the only Chief First Sergeant billet that exists is the functional manager at the National Guard Bureau,” said Chief Master Sgt. Richard Parker Jr., Command Chief Master Sergeant of the 134th ARW. “There is no other slotted Chief to be a First Sergeant anywhere in the country.”

The promotion enables Drozdowski to give a unique two fold perspective to the Tennessee Air National Guard.

“It opens doors for a Chief to walk in the commander’s office and sit down and give that Chief perspective,” said Parker. “Which is not only a First Sergeant perspective but a Chief First Sergeant’s perspective to that commander.”

“I think it is pretty invaluable,” said Parker. “It opens doors across the country to certain leadership meetings that he will now be invited to attend as a Chief, but now as a Chief First Sergeant sitting at that table, it opens a lot of

doors.”

Drozdowski has a good base of knowledge about a lot of different things that is going to help out his role as a Chief and as an advisor to the commander. We send our best and brightest, I’m really proud of him and his family for sticking with it” said Parker.

Drozdowski, a 19-year veteran, has been a First Sergeant for six years in different sections including; Security Forces, Mission Support Group, and Wing Staff at McGhee Tyson.

“Having good mentors, good leaders, people directing me in the right place, being prepared, having my Professional Military Education and college done, attributed to my success,” said Drozdowski.

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# “Volunteers Supporting and Defending America”



Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt Kendra Owenby, 134 ARW Public Affairs

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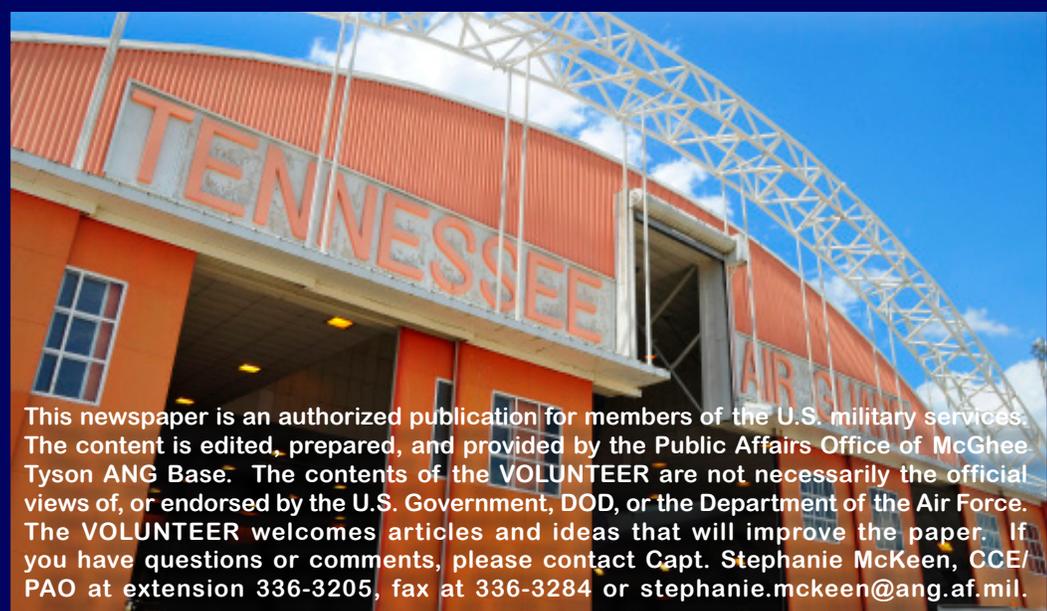
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# COMMAND CHIEF'S CORNER

Command Chief Master Sgt. Richard Parker, 134 ARW



## CONGRATULATIONS to 3rd and 4th Quarter Airmen of the Quarter Winners!!!



3rd Quarter Winners (above): From left to right, Col. Thomas Cauthen, 134 ARW Commander, Airman First Class Tilda Coffey, Tech. Sgt. Mark Myers, Master Sgt. Darrell Hayes, 1st Lt. Chris Beitz, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Parker, 134 ARW Command Chief, 4th Quarter Winners (below): From left to right, Col. Thomas Cauthen, 134 ARW Commander, Senior Airman Heather Davis, Master Sgt. Steve Breeden, 1st Lt. Stacy Sells, Tech. Sgt. Christopher Grubb, Chief Master Sgt. Richard Parker, 134 ARW Command Chief. (Air National Guard photos by Staff Sgt. Melissa Dearstone, 134 ARW Public Affairs)



# Survivor Benefit Plan Explained

Submitted by Tech. Sgt. Chris Ayers, 134 FSS

When a military retiree dies their retirement pay stops. This means that the surviving spouse will be left without a substantial income source. If you are a retiree you need to give serious thought to how you can protect your spouse from the hardships caused by the loss of your retirement pay.



One option available to you is the Survivor Benefit Plan. The SBP is an insurance plan that will pay your surviving spouse a monthly payment (annuity) to help make up for the loss of your retirement income. The plan is designed to protect your survivors against the risks of:

- .Your early death;
- .Your survivor outliving the benefits; and
- .inflation

## ***How SBP Works***

At retirement, full basic SBP for spouse and children will take effect automatically if you make no other valid election.

You may not reduce or decline spouse coverage without your spouse's written consent. This means you will have to have your spouses input in the decision and his or her signature is required. You may choose coverage for a former spouse or, if you have no spouse or children, you may be able to cover an "insurable interest" (such as, a business partner or parent).

If you elect to participate in the SBP you will be required to pay a monthly premium. SBP Premiums and benefits are based on the "base amount" or benefit level that you elect. Your base amount can be any amount from full coverage down to as little as \$300 a month. Full coverage is based on your full retired pay meaning your spouse will receive 55 percent of your retirement pay. If you select lesser coverage then your spouse will receive 55 percent of your elected "base amount."

(Tennessee History, Cont. from page 1)

Since Tennessee has never had a First Sergeant Chief Master Sergeant, it's a rare occasion nationwide, and was thought to be unobtainable.

"With time and patience and doing the right things, I was able to achieve that goal," said Drozdowski. "It is a great feeling to represent Tennessee as the first Chief Master Sergeant First Sergeant."

Drozdowski's plans are to keep mentoring and leading our Airmen.

"We have a great family here, a lot of great things are happening here in the 134th and I hope it continues," he said. "As a Chief I hope to continue that legacy of bringing up our Airmen the right way, and developing them into great Airmen and great leaders."

# 134th Airmen Support Gatlinburg Relief Effort

By Staff Sgt. Ben Mellon, 134 ARW Public Affairs

MCGHEE TYSON AIR NATIONAL GUARD BASE, Tenn. (Dec. 2, 2016) – Two Airmen from the 134th Air Refueling Wing, stepped in to assist with the relief effort following the devastating wild fires that struck Gatlinburg, Tennessee in late Nov.

After the news broke of the fires Staff Sgts. Charlie Dunkelberger and Logan Shamblin, crew chiefs for the 134th ARW came together to collect and transport donations that will assist the first responders and families affected by the fires. The Airmen were continuing to collect items through Dec. 9, 2016.

“This is my home,” said Shamblin. “When you don’t know what you can do you feel helpless, so Charlie and I both came together and decided there has to be something we can do to help, and the outcome has been amazing. We are so grateful for all the people that have stepped in to help provide donations.”

The two Airmen have been collecting donations at Mc-Ghee Tyson Air National Guard Base ranging from water bottles, gloves and dust masks for the first respond-



Staff Sgts. Charlie Dunkelberger and Logan Shamblin (both photos), 134th Air Refueling Wing crew chiefs, load supplies donated at McGhee Tyson ANG Base. The Airmen collected supplies and goods for relief efforts in Gatlinburg and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee after wildfires swept through the area leaving hundreds homeless. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Ben Mellon)

ers, to clothes, food and toys for the families displaced by the fires.

“It all started from an idea that we decided to put on Facebook,” said Dunkelberger. “The support we received was tremendous, and the Facebook page just blew up with a

show of support. Logan and I made ourselves the points of contact but have had others volunteer to collect in other areas and communities. We have had donations from Tuscaloosa, Alabama all the way to New York. We have received items such as monetary donations to purchase items that have been specifically requested by first responders (gloves, dust masks, water bottles), clothing, toiletries, nonperishable food items, and any kind of kids’ toys that will make them smile, especially in this time of need where there isn’t much for them to smile about.”

Shamblin and Dunkelberger are two of many Airmen and Soldiers from the Tennessee National Guard that have stepped up to answer their state’s call. Not for the glory, but just to help out their neighbor in a time of need.

“We don’t want any recognition for this,” said Dunkelberger. “It’s just the right thing to do. You come together when you see your fellow citizens in need, you step up and do what needs to be done.”



SANTA COPS 2016  
**ANOTHER SUCCESS  
STORY!!!**



Photos by Staff Sgt. Melissa Dearstone, 134 ARW Public Affairs

# 134th CF Assists in Wildfire Cleanup Aftermath

By Maj. Lee Hamner, 134 CF

On Dec. 2 members of the 134th Communications Flight was dispatched to Gatlinburg to assist in the support of the wildfire cleanup process. A need was recognized to establish an LMR (Land Mobile Radio) repeater in Gatlinburg to connect to the Command Center in Pittman Center in response to the wildfire aftermath. This was necessary as Gatlinburg residents were about to be permitted to return during daylight hours to their residences for observation and cleanup.



There was concern the remaining functional cellular towers in the area would be overwhelmed and communications with search and emergency crews would be degraded. The 119th CACS deployed with their Joint Incident Site Communications Capability (JISCC) team onsite and called the 134th Comm Flight to see if we had equipment to accommodate the request.

TSgt Mark Connatser and I were quickly escorted by Knoxville Police Department officers with suitable equipment and radios to the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg. MSgt Leo "Butch" Davis was at the time

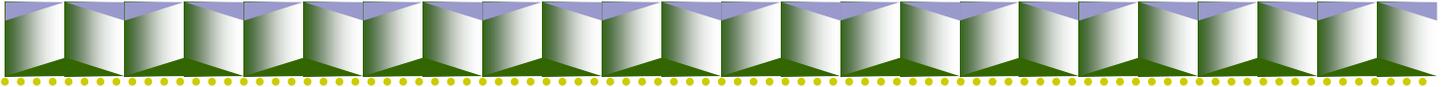


on the Civil Engineering Debris Removal Team and was detailed to support this effort. He met us and some 119th members at the Park Vista Hotel. This location was chosen as the hotel's roof was the highest point overlooking Gatlinburg that still had electricity.

We installed a repeater in the elevator room at the top of the hotel, and then installed two antenna masts with LMR antennae on the hotel's roof. To connect the system with the existing Kenwood components, we were able to relay over a few ridges. The 119th JISCC team connected the base's Motorola repeater system to the Gatlinburg Fire Department's Kenwood system. As a result, effective LMR communication was established between personnel on the ground in the Gatlinburg area and their leadership at the Command Center near Pittman Center.

Members of the 134 Comm. Flight and 119 CACS (upper left) work to erect an rx tower for communications at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg after Nov. wildfires swept through the area leaving many without homes and communication. Comm. Flight members radio from a nearby hillside at the Park Vista Hotel while trying to establish communications there. (Photos provided by Maj. Lee Hamner, 134 CF)

# PRIVACY ACT OF 1974



Wing Privacy Act Manager: TSgt Regina Trivette  
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## Privacy Overview

**What is privacy?** Although there is not an official government definition of privacy, it generally refers to the notion of individuals maintaining control over information about them. For the Air Force, the framework of privacy requirements includes the Privacy Act of 1974, the E-Government Act of 2002 (specifically section 208), Office of Management and Budget (OMB) policy, DoD policy, and Air Force policy.

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lawsuits for inappropriate disclosure that divert critical resources away from our mission.

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Reference: AFI 33-332



# RECRUITER'S CORNER

Submitted by the 134 ARW Recruiting Office

## **Student Flight – Listen Up!**

\*\*\***Pre-BMT class** – You will report to the FSS breakroom in the Headquarters building for roll call on **SATURDAY** of each drill at **1300**. This is a **mandatory** class (as directed by Col. Cauthen) until you ship out to BMT. You must report to roll call in order to get paid. Any absence must be cleared prior to roll-call through the recruiting office supervisor, Master Sgt. Curtis LaRue.

\*\*\***In-processing checklist - Saturday at 1230** of your first drill weekend you are required to report to the Public Affairs/Multimedia Photo Studio (in the headquarters building) to have your **portrait** taken. This photo is **mandatory** in order to complete your in-processing checklist.

\*\*\***Security Clearance Process** - All new enlistees please ensure you have logged onto [www.opm.gov/e-quip](http://www.opm.gov/e-quip), to initiate your clearance. Once you have logged on, you have **60 DAYS** to complete this. This is a **mandatory** item. **Failure to complete on time will result in a counseling session with the Force Support Squadron Commander, Lt. Col. Dean Thiele.** Note: answer 'unknown' the first time and only the first time you answer the question 'place of birth.'

**To Contact the Recruiters:** Call DSN 266 or (865) 336-3242, 3257, 3258, or 3262; or go to: <http://www.134arw.ang.af.mil/careers/index.asp>



Air National Guard photos by Master Sgt. Kendra Owenby and Tech. Sgt. Daniel Gagnon, 134 ARW Public Affairs



# MEDICAL SCHEDULE

## **SATURDAY UTA**

**0815-0900 HOURS**  
**0815-1130 HOURS**  
**0830-0850 HOURS**  
**0930-1000 HOURS**  
**0830-1130 HOURS**  
**0830-1130 HOURS**  
**0830-1100 HOURS**  
**1000-1100 HOURS**  
**1130-1230 HOURS**  
**1230-1400 HOURS**  
**1300-1400 HOURS**

## **OVERDUE FLU SHOTS**

**PHYSICAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS (PHAS)**  
**FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATIONS**  
**NEW ACCESSION ORIENTATION (MDG TRAINING ROOM)**  
**IMMUNIZATIONS**  
**QNFT TESTING**  
**DEPLOYMENT PROCESSING/ANAM TESTING**  
**FITNESS TESTING EVALS (MACLELLAN/BLYTHE)**  
**LUNCH**  
**WAIVER/MEDCON/LOD APPS W /DOCS & PAS**  
**HEARING BOOTH**



## **CLOSED FOR TRAINING SUNDAY WITH EXCEPTION OF FOLLOWING TIMES:**

### **SUNDAY UTA**

**0800-1200 HOURS**  
**0830-0850 HOURS**  
**1230-1300 HOURS**

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**FITNESS FOR DUTY EVALUATIONS**  
**IMMUNIZATIONS**



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**NOTE 1:** INDIVIDUALS REQUIRING LIPID TESTS MUST FAST FOR 14 HOURS PRIOR TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

**NOTE 2:** INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT TO CONSUME ANY ALCOHOL FOR AT LEAST 72 HOURS PRIOR TO PHYSICAL EXAMINATION.

**NOTE 3:** IF YOU WEAR GLASSES YOU MUST BRING THEM WITH YOU FOR PHYSICAL. PLEASE DO NOT WEAR CONTACT LENSES FOR EXAM.

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**NOTE 5:** DNA TESTING IS CONDUCTED FROM 0830 - 1100 HOURS OF SATURDAY UTA. PLEASE HAVE YOUR PERSONNEL REPORT AT SCHEDULED TIME.



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# JEAA



YOUR VOICE FOR ENLISTED ISSUES

The Junior Enlisted Advisory Association welcomes all junior enlisted members to join the group. All E-1s through E-6s are encouraged to attend. JEAA meeting times/locations are announced at Sat. roll calls. Hope to see you all there!



## ROCKY TOP DINING FACILITY

**Sat:**

Chicken and Dumplings  
Paprika Beef  
Rice  
Cottage Fried Potatoes  
Carrots  
Fried Okra  
Gravy  
Soup  
Salad Bar

**Sun:**

Italian Sausage  
Mustard-Dill Fish  
Baked Sweet Potato Halves-  
Brown Rice  
Black Eyed Peas  
Collard Greens  
Soup  
Salad Bar