



SrA Wiggins

5th MOB Warrior

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Senior Airman George Wiggins, 52nd Combat Communications Squadron, is this month's 5th MOB Warrior.

Airman Wiggins, a ground radar systems journeyman, joined the Air Force three and a half years ago and has been in the MOB for two and a half years.

"I like being in the Air Force because it has given me a chance to achieve my goals, and it has provided me a stable income," he said. "I like being in the MOB because I like the family atmosphere within the MOB and my shop. I also like the fact of being able to travel to other places in the world."

According to his supervisor, Airman Wiggins is "highly dependable and sharp."

"When something needs to get done, Airman Wiggins is my go-to person," said Staff Sgt. Mark Keene. "I can count on him to take charge, ensuring completion of the task at hand. He has stepped up to the plate numerous times

tackling the job no matter how difficult the task.

Upon acquiring the additional duty as training monitor he identified numerous mistakes in the training plan correcting every mistake. He ensures all new personnel are completing tasks toward their 5-skill level on a daily basis. His everyday leadership skills are one's a staff sergeant should possess. He is a vital part in the operations of the radar shop and a valuable asset to the Air Force.

"If there was one word I could use to describe Airman Wiggins it would be 'outstanding.' From his dress and appearance to his customs and courtesies he is superior. He never waivers from his values as an airman or as a father. All these qualities and much more has molded the outstanding troop he has become," said SSgt Keene.

When Airman Wiggins isn't at work, he's usually playing with his son or taking college classes, working on a computer information systems degree from Saint Leo University and a Community College of the Air Force degree.

Commander bids farewell

by Col David Cotton
5th Combat Communications Group
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This editorial is difficult to write. It is my last as commander of one of the greatest units in the Air Force—the 5th MOB.

When I came here in 2002, this unit was already battle proven. However, I was still amazed at all of the accomplishments that you've done since then. Hundreds of you deployed to the Middle East during Operation Iraqi Freedom, deploying millions of pounds of equipment. The task was huge and demanding, yet every single person in this unit was up to it. You stepped up to the plate and hit a home run.

You've also done so much to transform this unit. Most people remember the not too distant past when we were still a "heavy" unit, toting around big, green boxes. The 5th is now a light, lean and lethal fighting force using cutting-edge technology. It was because of your hard work the transformation was successful.

When I was offered the chance to command this group, I jumped at the chance

because I knew it would be a challenging assignment that would be one to remember. A big reason for making this memorable is the fantastic people I've had the opportunity to command. You welcomed me as your commander and gave me your best, day in and day out, for two years. For that, I am eternally thankful.

Because of your hard work and unyielding dedication to the mission, it is with a heavy heart that I move on. Even though I'm a veteran of more than a dozen moves in my 22 years, this move is different because I'm leaving some of the finest men and women I've ever met—you.

You've given me many stories to pass along as I continue my Air Force career. From overcoming challenges to performing many "firsts" during OIF, I will always have a story to tell when someone asks about the 5th or combat communications in general. Believe me, I will take every opportunity to brag about you. I owe it to you for all the great work you've done.

Mary Ann, Joshua, Katherine and I thank you for all you've done. For one last time, "5th MOB... Let's Go!"



Col. Cotton says farewell at the 5th's Change of Command ceremony Wednesday morning.

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