

THE BOOM SIGNAL



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Boom Operators Worldwide,

Greetings from the Gateway Booms at Scott AFB. Gateway Booms are assigned to Headquarters Air Mobility Command, USTRANSCOM (Combatant Command), 18th AF, TACC, the 126th ARW and the 906th ARS. Most of these units are integrated with retired Boom Operators creating policy, guidance, and accomplishing mission execution for Tankers and Boom Operators worldwide.

This year Boom Operators and the Tanker community have achieved several milestones. The Air Force activated the new KC-46 Training Squadron at Altus AFB, OK. The new Training Squadron is state of the art; this new unit will transition the way Boom Operators aviate and operate within the combat environment. The KC-10 Cargo Load Trainer is being constructed and will be delivered in 2017. This will revolutionize and streamline Boom Operator cargo load training, and cargo mission execution. We received a large amount of cross-trainees to the career field, this will enhance and strengthen our Tanker community. This upcoming year there will be a lot of changes, more KC-46 bases will be announced, and KC-135 bases will consolidate.

I would like to conclude by thanking all active duty and reserve component Boom Operators and their families, for your dedication and sacrifice. The deploy-to-dwell ratio for Boom Operators has not decreased, nearly every mission and conflict requires Tankers. America's freedom and safety are fortified by our small and elite career field. Fuel is flawlessly delivered almost every minute, of every day, by you: the Air Force Boom Operator.

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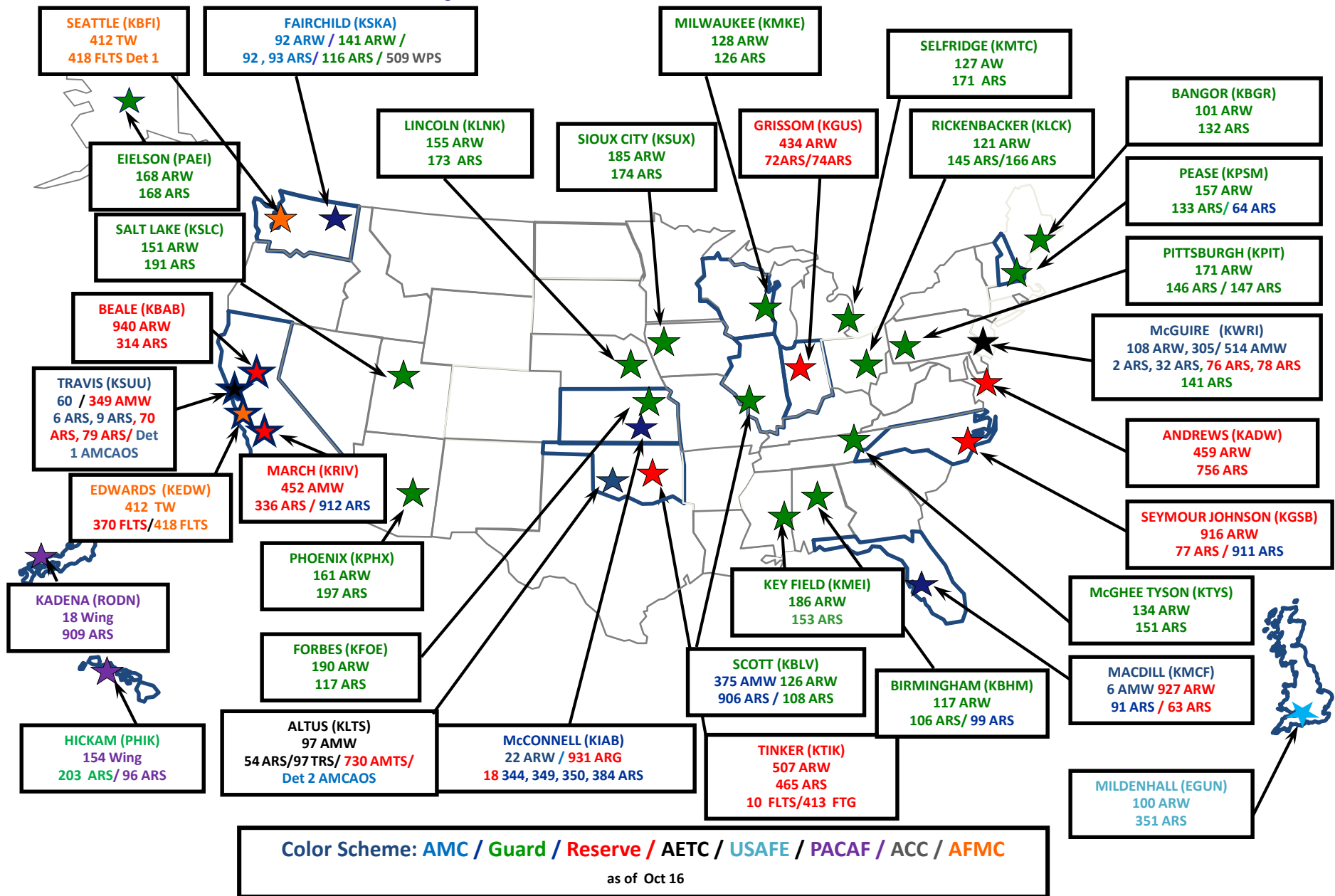
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The Boom Signal Editor

ALTUS AFB, OK

54th ARS

“Jesters”



54th ARS Boom Leadership

CMSgt Chris Rueckert: Chris was welcomed back to Altus for his 18th time with open arms. Of course, upon arrival he claimed power to “EXCEL”iber! Through this action we all knew he was the Chief that was prophesized in the AFI’s of old and rejoiced. 48.333 (repeating of course) spreadsheets later the squadron is running strong. All hail Chief and his booms of the beer pong table!

(S)MSgt Jonathan Taylor: Jon has been **whittling** away his time at Altus finding jobs that don’t require him to fly (much).... He **carved** out a name for himself in the IG where he **ripped/cut** the inspections he performed, although sometimes he had to **crosscut** to get an inspection done on time. Now he has **inlaid** himself in the Sq as the Ops Supt where he has assisted the Chief in turning a rough piece of work into a **proud** masterpiece through **hand planning, routing** and a good once over with fine sandpaper.

(M)Sgt Brendon Balko: Brandon Balko was over at the 97 TRS working in Student Admin. There he lost some hair keeping the new boom students in line and helping them along in training. We just recently stole Brent Blanko back over here to the 54 ARS to be our full time Additional Duty First Shirt. When he's not flying he's now mostly found chasing people down for family care plans and occasionally spams everyone's email inboxes with announcements and 7MB attachments. The Booms here also really want him to get tased for some reason. Something about their morale, who knows?

STM Flight

MSgt Shonna “Shelisi” Calisi (Flight Chief): Expecting their new baby soon. Running STM form the enlisted side. Finally returned to the squadron from the OSS but still can’t fly the line for us.

TSgt Sam Converse (Assistant Flt Chief): Yet another runner. She is our resident hurricane hunter. Unfortunately, she was unable to go to Jamaica because of hurricane Matthew but she did still get her vows renewed.

TSgt Jason Hammond (Assistant Flt Chief): Another Bama Boy. Got here and thrown into the Flt Sup role. Enjoys riding his bike dodging those dreaded Mississippi Kites.

TSgt Logan Berry: Did you know he runs? Don't worry he will tell you. Spends more time in Honor Guard than being a Boom at least until his tour is over.

(T)Sgt Chris Echols: Finally came back to the squadron to be a usable Boom until he broke his wrist. He has so many kids he is now searching YouTube for DIY a vasectomy.

SSgt Serjev Ficeli: Just arrived to the squadron. We can't wait to see how he does.

SSgt Leslie "Oxvegen" Davis: She failed her first Boldface when she got to the squadron. Making history as the only FTU boom to ever do so.

SSgt Michael Buchanan: Nobody knows much about him. We aren't even sure if he has shown up for work yet, well other than the inadvertent brute force disconnect!

SSgt Brandon Roberts: Just had his second kid. All he ever talks about is Alabama football. He even managed to break a jet during the championship game so he could go home to watch it.

SSgt Travis Burnett: New to the squadron. The only things we know about him are that he uses too much Dapper Dan, and that he is the only boom so far to ever have to go TDY to attend the 2 weeks Air Force instructor course.

SSgt Cory Targos: Just welcomed his first baby. He has been consistently on some kind of leave since arriving, and has yet to show up to the squadron in the eight months he has been here.

SSgt Jon Mellon: "Did you just assume my Sq?" Got to Altus and decided to be a "Bronie" and fly on the KC-46. Best of luck Rainbow Dash.

CFIC Flight:

TSgt Nathan Bahr: TSgt Bahr, or as he is known around Altus as "the second best bar fighter in the town" has recently been "promoted" to NCOIC of CFIC. When he is not flying on Friday nights he spends his time with his "roommate" playing video game and eating at Applebee's. He recently gave birth to a brand new GT350 as everyone knows, especially Altus PD. Nate is due to PCS in May, probably.

TSgt Michael Danilowski: TSgt Danilowski is a hard working member of CFIC flight. As a recently selected member of the KC-46 FTU he has had a lot of time on his hands waiting for an actual airplane to show up. He hasn't been idle however, TSgt Danilowski has been named IB, NCO, SNCO, CGO, and SARM troop of the year. Congratulations!

TSgt Brandon McAnally: We would like to congratulate TSgt McAnally on the birth of his twins. One boy, one girl, healthy family all around. At least, we're pretty sure that's what happened. He may have PCSd, separated, or retired. We aren't 100% sure since he hasn't been seen at work for 6-8 months.

SSgt Fred Beacham: SSgt Beacham is the new guy in the CFIC office earning him the prestigious title of CFIC Secretary. The rest of the office is constantly impressed with his ability to answer 3 phone lines at once and respond to all of our emails for us. This is appreciated since it allows the rest of the office to focus on the truly important tasks, like updating Facebook and setting our fantasy football lineups.

FTM

(M)Sgt Matt Hunsinger: Our NCOIC of FTM; counting Squadron beans on his abacus while having flashbacks to WW-Nam and handing out Werther's Originals for a job well done. When not found in the office, he can be seen

terrorizing young Airmen around base of feeding his squirrels. As a new Master select with a spring PCS, Matty is looking forward to new opportunities and Bob Evans senior citizen breakfasts.

TSgt Derik Melson: This morale entrepreneur is responsible for extravagant events such as "Shock the Shirt" and "Taze Taylor." As the newest member of FTM, he has seamlessly transferred his rodent catching skills from DOV. This, however, will surely cause strife in FTM trying to coexist with Waski.

TSgt Duke Newcombe: Our resident handyman, "Duke" can usually be found fixing any and everything around the Squadron. He frequently makes it back to Florida for family visits and has finally brought a little piece of it back with his festive painting of FTM, making it officially the second happiest place in the world, just after Disneyland.

(T)Sgt Mark Waski: The real Squadron animal... literally. When spotted, this elusive creature can be seen rummaging through the squadron trash cans. He just has to be careful of those Mad Dogs. Speaking of, it's amazing he was able to cohabitate in the GOV with his dog while on leave, considering the predatory nature of K-9s.

Stan Eval

MSgt Justin Dixon: Being DNIF with Nemo, he is the one of the resident Cargo Check Champions. He has 180 cargo checks this year, and only 5 flights. His trip to Animals this year was eventful to say the least, using his F250 to pull out a F150 tied to a GMC Sierra. Animals Bro!

TSgt Jesse Wright: As the only flyable boom in Stan/Eval he flies constantly and can't manage to do his office work. Don't worry Jesse, Nemo will take care of all of your inspections. Jesse "The Running Man" Wright runs marathons all the time. He doesn't always lose, but when he loses, he loses to children.

SSgt Jacob "Nemo" Nenneman: The enlisted SELO, has been in Stan/Eval for 2 years and given 1 flight check and 200 cargo checks. He does own the only 2WD to make it through the monsoon at Animals without getting stuck. He's been DNIF forever and has the weakest flesh colored beard in the Midwest.

Scheduling

MSgt Jessica Elmore: Was stuck by thousands of pricks at Animals, poor cactus had nothing left to give. Will be on her way to Scott in January.

TSgt Austin Arnold: As the new ABOA President, "Super Blue" is only focused on next year's symposium. He doesn't always act pretentious, but when he does, it's to restaurant staff.

(T)Sgt Shawn Gallagher: SSgt Gallagher is another new addition to the Altus family. As a new guy he is always ready to lend a hand and help out...like when Yontz's jeep got stuck in the mud. Gallagher sprang into action and whipped out his trusty Smith'n'Wesson. Turns out Gally always has his knife (I know...we were confused too). Apparently cutting mud is a thing...who knew. After this we decided to put him into the scheduling office where his Smith'n'Wesson might be of more use getting pilots onto sorties.

SSgt Joe Miklja: Joe's comb over isn't fooling anyone old man, the sleeveless shirts help though.

SSgt Bryan Lee: Finally completed his private pilot's license, now he's up to flying most weekends with a different girl. Don't worry, most of them look of legal age.

Safety:

TSgt Theodore Dinwiddie: Theo is currently running the Sq Safety office ensuring we don't have any daisy chains in any of the outlets or unauthorized space heaters below desks. He is also the only person in the world who is deathly afraid of snakes but has no idea of what a rattlesnake sounds like. (hint...it rattles.)

Tactics:

(T)Sgt Derik Lyles: He's been hiding out in Tactics for the last year, constantly has a sore back from carrying the officer load in there (like having your flight commander gone at WIC for 6 months is an excuse). Recently took leave to Japan and we thought he'd never return. Tries to leave Altus anytime he can and spends most of his time in Wichita.

Readiness:

SSgt Weidman: Still killing it! Only person in the Readiness Office and still manages to get everything done and fly with students! Trying to field promote him to an officer because he leads the office no matter who's there.

97 OSS Current Ops:

TSgt Jose Prado: Ever the quiet professional, Jose spent his time in STM looking over gradebooks and with what some would call "kid gloves" inform the authors of their mistakes and ask them to fix them. Now he works in the OSS running Current Ops where he does his best to give the booms of the 54th some variety and a receiver that does not require 5 units of trim.

97 OSS Tactics:

TSgt Justin Yow: Trying his hardest to be shot by fellow booms as he proposed loading secrets during training sorties. As you can imagine this was not well received and Justin hasn't been seen in the sq since. Then again, he may have transferred over to the KC-46 as he's done more work for them in the last year than the KC-135.

97 AMW CAG:

CMSgt Sean Rix: Chief Rix will be retiring in Jan 2017 after many assignments, deployments, TDYs, EPRs, awards and Animals in the Woods. Chief, thank you for your service to the United States Air Force and to the Boom Operator career field!

ALTUS AFB, OK

97 TRS

“Eagles”



SMSgt Matt Calisi: Still loving Altus and find it amazing what students (not only pipe-liners) think they can get away with. We catch them all the time, 95% of the time. I'm lucky to have a terrific crew over here.

MSgt Pat “The Conversationist” Martin: Pat came over to conduct quality assurance for KC-46 Aircrew Training System and has been rocking it since! He is amazingly well rounded and can carry a sophisticated conversation on any topic. You'll never catch him saying, “Nope, don't know anything about that”.

MSgt Rob Miller: Rob's awesome! He's got a demanding and one of the most rewarding jobs as the KC-135 Student Superintendent. He's been crushing it by taking great care of the students. I think he has ESP, because whenever I ask him to do anything, he already has it taken care of.

MSgt Earl “The Duke” Mayhew: Recent addition to TRT. He grabbed the bull by the horns, and replaced two Majors. His favorite song is the 1955 smash hit “Speedo” by The Cadillacs.

TSgt Chris Yontz: Chris came over to TRT and quickly fixed a bunch of neglected programs. He is still finding bodies behind ceiling tiles. He is working toward a Doctorate in Space Systems engineering, and you should be nice to him if you want a job in the space field someday.

TSgt Tom “The Gentleman” Vesser: Our Booster Club President and the nicest guy in the TRS. Has the perfect demeanor to speak on behalf of the government if something's not up to snuff. He is the senior member of “Team Tom” (KC-135 ATS QA), and those two are a dynamite combo! Tom is also a computer wiz, and wish he'd share his secrets on how he made his computer lighting fast.

TSgt Tom “Manuary” January: Hands down Altus' top instructor! He has been a valuable asset to the “Team Tom” (KC-135 ATS QA). Additionally, the guy really knows his meat (so to speak), and his Grillmaster Cook Book should be going on sale this fall.

SSgt Kyle Engasser: Kyle is our TODO and EFB expert. He's been working really hard to keep track of all the iPads the students tried to break. The real bane of his existence is student who complain because they want one of the few iPad minis. He always manages to keep it cool thought.

BANGOR ANGB, ME

101 ARW / 132 ARS

“THE MAINEiacs”



GREETINGS FROM THE MAINEiacs! Lots of changes going on in our Boom Shop, from individuals stowing the boom for the last time, booms awaiting school dates, booms fresh out of training (still wet behind the ears), to the never ending rainbow dropping into a bucket that can never be filled. Despite all that is going on we still fly, fight and win, up keeping the world famous reputation that is the MAINEiacs.

FULL TIMERS

CMSgt Robert “Slick” Phair – (Technician) - Chief is keeping ALL his booms in-line, current & qualified.

SMSgt Gerry Martin – (Technician) - Stan/Eval. On his off time you’ll find Gerry donating much of his time to the MAINEiacs Charities and trying to keep up with his family activities.

SMSgt Dan “Dano” Benner – (Technician) – Tanker Task Force. The quiet storm. Little will be heard from Dano but, in the often forgotten office of the Tanker Task Force Dan is working like a mad man all hours of the day and night.

SMSgt Asa “Miso” Honey – (AGR) – Scheduling. A much deserved recent promotion to Senior. His favorite beverage as he calls it, “delicious Budweiser, he loves the Beachwood Aged Flavor”.

MSgt Jim “D’Vin” Dickson – (AGR) – Boom Office. One of our most recent graduates of CFIC. D’Vin keeps thorough oversight on the MAFOPS Fuel tracker program, and loves a good bottle of wine.

MSgt John “Big John” Haney – (AGR) – Tanker Task Force. Big John recently moved from training flight to TTF where he once came from, he picked it back up as though he never left. John works hard and plays harder.

MSgt Ray “half-a-day” Rauscher – (Technician) - TODO. Where’s Ray, if anyone has seen him let us know....Ray is still code 2 from a bad car accident but, still finds the energy to keep our EFB’s up to date and iPad’s and computers running smoothly.

MSgt Andy “Robi” Robichaud – (Technician) – Training. Robi has made the recent move to training after serving many years in the scheduling office. Some might say he’s old school, just a little more sensitive.

MSgt Mark “Chuck” Doughty – (AGR) – Current Operations. Is his name Mark or Charles, no one will ever really know, but you definitely can’t miss the guy! Mark is our most recent AGR hire and will do anything to help you out.

MSgt John “J.J.” Fidler – (Technician) – Current Operations. Looking for J.J.? Just listen up for a minute and you’ll hear his laugh throughout the building, or he may be hiding in the Tactics office. J.J. is the newest Technician hire.

PART-TIMERS

MSgt Ronald “Viet-Ron” Martell – Probably the only remaining boom operator from the Vietnam era. After a little break from the jet, Viet-Ron is FMC and back in the pod with his many years of experience.

TSgt Shawn Foren – Shawn? Who’s Shawn Foren? Shawn is a transfer from McGuire who just showed up out of the blue and a very welcomed addition to the MAINEiac Booms. He works very diligently running the BOSS with a guest appearance, on occasion, to the boom office.

TSgt Jessica “Giggle-Burp” Barry – One of our true part-timers with a full time job on the outside, still making time to stay current in the plane and keep up her knowledge and skills and one of our most recent CFIC graduates.

TSgt Marilia “M-Rod” Rodriguez – If she’s not reading comic books she’s probably in the -1 maintaining her proficiency as one of our newest instructors. M-Rod can always be found, just listen!

TSgt Melinda “Mel” Metten – Mel does it all, full time firefighter, owns her own business, and for some reason still finds time to get in the boom pod from time to time! Must be because the MAINEiac are so awesome!

TSgt Matt Morneault – One of our full time part timers just trying to make a living being a bum! Truly takes pride in his job of passing gas. Just spend some time with him and you’ll know what I mean.

SSgt Chris “Bish” Bishop – A traditional guardsman who loves to travel, whether is to his second home in the Died, or scuba diving in Guam. When he’s not traveling with the Guard he’s traveling with his wife.

SSgt Luke Edwards – Luke is a new traditional hire who is in the process of leaving for his initial boom training. Luke comes to us from the flight line as a crew chief.

SSgt Eric “Hole” Grass – Oddly enough with a last name like Grass, his family owns a greenhouse, which he helps out with in the summer. Eric is another one of our full time part timers who can most of the time be found at the Alert Facility.

SSgt Hailey Harder – Hailey is another one of our full time part time force. She is willing to help out any way she can and spend her free time helping out the homeless.

SSgt Michael “Mike” Newey – Mad Mike is currently helping out the scheduling office on a temp tour. You need a new shirt, Mike will give you the one off his back. In his off time Mike can be found Jeepin or at the moto-x track with his boys.

SrA Caleb Wallace – Fresh out of Altus and ready to Fly. Caleb comes to us from Security Forces and seems to be adjusting quite well to the aircrew way of life.

SrA Dylan Fitzpatrick – Our newest traditional hire prepping to head out to school.

RETIREEES

CMSgt Joe Philippon (Good Time Charlie)

CMSgt Glenn Prewitt (Spider)

CMSgt Stan Hunter (C-Don)

CMSgt Chuc Halsted (Hostler)

CMSgt Sonny Reynolds (Hey-Boom)

CMSgt Ed St.Heart (Street)

CMSgt Bruce Geroux (Bruce)

CMSgt Scott Hesseltine: (Hydro)

SMSgt Jay Ellingsen (Tattoo)

SMSgt Jim Wood (Skybird)

SMSgt Cheryl Martin (Skid)

SMSgt Carla Cyr

MSgt Ed Seymour (Sped)

MSgt Joe Gifford (Joe-Fred)

MSgt Arthur Stevens (Art)

MSgt Mike Purcell (Mike)

MSgt Chris Boucher (Bushy)

MSgt Laurie Karnes

TSgt Kympton Lovely (Plympton)

TSgt Bob Rice (Clem)

FINAL BOOM STOWED

CMSgt Aubrey Morgan

CMSgt Jim Winchester (Winch)

MSgt Tom Jones (Jonesy)

MSgt Peter Lerette (Pete)

MSgt Roger Macleod

MSgt Tom Pound

Beale AFB, California

314 ARS

“PegBurs”



Greetings from NorCal!! For those who don't know the USAF and USAFRes have decided to un-BRAC KC-135s at Beale. This endeavor has been in the works for a few years now and this summer we finally turned into the 940 ARW and 314 ARS. We were to get our full complement of aircraft by October of 2014, so hopefully by the end of this year. We wouldn't be doing our job if we didn't invite people out to visit and some of you to stay. We are recruiting every day. And finally, for those of you that have helped along the way in getting us stood up and becoming a wing; thank you!!!

CMSgt Sean Cain (ART): Coming from the school house, we were a bit skeptical of Chief. However, his quirky personality, colorful sense of humor, ability to call all the pilots out on their inability to fly airplanes, and constant battles with the officers to stop having the booms do all of their work, has made all the booms (and chow hall workers, gym patrons and GNC employees) grow to love our "Lord Commander". Becoming the Chief Boom has been a very natural transition for him, congrats again, Chief!

SMSgt James "shhhh" Martin (ART): Jim's second go at Beale. This time Jim is coming off a non-flying stint in the LRS. He made this decision to come back to work for a living knowing full well that it's a heck'v a lot easier than a real job. Now that Jim is a Boom again, he has been building the OGV section pretty much single handedly.

SMSgt Larry Naso (TR): Also Larry's second tour as a Boom at Beale. Except Larry took a tour as RQ-4 Sensor Operator... (Hold for laughter). Sincerely though, Larry has been a part of the resurrecting of the 314 ARS in its entirety, for that we are all thankful. And he also earned his newest stripe this past year, congratulations!!! He will now return to the Stockton PD to put into action his newly learned "Stop & Frisk" technique he learned from his cousin that he's been practicing on us.

MSgt Lindy "Llama" Campbell (ART): And again, it's Lindy's second time around at Beale as a Boom. She did demonstrate a lapse in judgement and went to Travis as a "gucci boom". But, as part of rebuilding the 314 we will also rebuild people. Lindy is our NCOIC of Training and she has tirelessly been learning GTIMS and building Annual Training Plans and blah, blah, blah. She has been working harder than anyone else, just ask her.

TSgt Rich "Snuffy" Costafelis (TR): Snuffy is still bitter that he is the 1st loser, graduating from BBOC 2nd in his class behind K-9... we think that is partially due to his inability to kick his KC-10 penguins off the iceberg. By day, Snuffy is an operator at Tesoro (picture Homer Simpson). Also, his incompetence at managing our squadron's Fantasy Football league has led to turmoil amongst the squadron members.

TSgt Ryan "K-9" Korhuniak (ART): K-9 started off as an active duty -135 boom and then decided to go to the KC-10 reserves as a glorified load master/flight attendant. Once he had enough of that, he transitioned back to the dark

side. When K-9 is not busy hiking mountains, hunting bears and catching poison oak all over his body he can be found in the scheduling office, throwing stuff at Lindy and occasionally scheduling Boom Operators to fly locals.

TSgt Joshua “Eeyore” Kruenegel (ART): Once an active duty boom, turned point-head, and now the 314th Current Ops Boom. Josh is in charge of buying our locals and trips...1 year later and we have yet to have a TDY and we occasionally fly some locals. Josh as proven to be a true ART, through and through. He does spend most days catching Pokémon “for his kids” and researching the Oakland Raiders’ stats and we wonder why we don’t have any trips. The rain cloud continues to follow Josh wherever he goes.

TSgt Kevin Matthews (ART): Kevin has joined us from the Active Duty. He has transitioned extremely well, probably because he started the transition the last two years he was on Active Duty. Kevin is the other IB and has done an outstanding job of cleaning up after everybody with a Voll. He has finally found a fantasy football league that he can win!!!

TSgt Aaron Armstrong “Old Man River” (TR): A retired Corrections Officer, that was notorious for subduing prisoners with tales of flying the Might Strato-Tanker in the 70’s has returned for a second go at flying said tanker. A-Aron has recently re-graduated Boom School with commendables for such things as A/R, and story-telling.

SSgt Shawn McConaghy (TR): Shawn has joined the 314 ARS after some undisclosed time doing unspeakable things as a TSO (no known definition) in the MC-12. He has mastered the art of giving the appearance of work with absolutely no productivity. Other than going to the trampoline park and having his eye nearly leave its home completely, not much else is going on, just closing in on getting married in San Francisco.

SSgt Khae Saelee (TR): Khae is a C-130 Load that used the MC-12 as a SO (not to be confused with TSO) to move back to NorCal. He has spent most of his time getting ready to go to Boom School by tricking Toyota dealerships in buying their own broken down vehicles for more than Khae spent before he drives them up Mt Shasta.

A1C Chris DePalma (TR): Chris’ dad was a member of the 314 ARS long ago and earlier this year Chris put down the bag of Cheetos and X-Box controller and followed in his father’s footsteps and joined the Air Force to become a Boom Operator.

BOEING FIELD SEATTLE, WA

418 Flight Test Squadron Det 1



SMSgt Ernest “The Don” Burns - Superintendent. Is slowly growing roots in the region, and fits in well, driving his Subaru Outback, and drinking micro brews. The Don is always in the know, and has connections at all levels. He could only be equaled by Radar, from M.A.S.H. Hopefully he will be able to lead our rag-tag bunch to Milestone-C, in the not-so-distant future.

(S)MSgt Ryan “RMFP” Perry – Don’t know why we were surprised he made Senior this go around, because RMFP always performs. When told that you probably won’t make it without a strat, Ryan just smiled. If you want to see him do something....tell him he can’t!

MSgt Rich “Gone Fishing” Craft – Has changed his college major 7 times in the past year, but is sure he will be done with school soon. Bought a bass boat this year, and is competing in the state bass fishing circuit. We are wondering if we will be able to pry him away from the area.

MSgt Lindsay “It’s Good to Be Lucky” Moon – Stole the historic first contact from the KC-46. We are still trying to figure out who invited him to the party, but he’s too laid back to get mad at. He, and his wife, welcomed their third child, and first daughter into the world, and he hasn’t slept since.

TSgt Mike “Mr. Air Force” Miranda – Somehow pulled off DG at the Academy, and came back quoting the ‘Little Brown Book.’ We are trying to replace some of the blue Kool-Aid in his blood with the standard boom ratio of blood/alcohol. Mike and Amanda are expecting their first child this fall, and they couldn’t be more excited. TSgt Miranda is so excited, he has refused to shave his March mustache. It’s so epic, we don’t expect he will be allowed near his child’s school in the future.

TSgt Colin “*Smart Man*” Wernecke – This traitor made the wise decision to accept a full-time Reserve position at Edwards. He is dead to us, so we refuse to tell him how much he will be missed. He, and his wife, welcomed a lovely daughter to the family, and he has already purchased her a gun, fishing pole, and camo gear.

EDWARDS AFB, CA

370 FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



Greetings from Graceland. It's been a year of transition here at the 370th as we stood up our standalone mission after the disbandment of Test Ops in 2015. It's taken much of that time, but we're finally all settled into our new digs after the asbestos was removed and the ice maker finally installed. We spend most our time these days managing and executing all air refueling test support for the Test Center, including all tanker business effort operations here at Edwards. Chances are you've spent a week or two on a BE, and perhaps even shared a beer with us. In addition to test support, our Test Booms continue to support air refueling test efforts on multiple programs and expanded our KC-46 cadre to three Boom Operators and two Test Pilots this year. We've enjoyed getting out of the Mojave Dessert and up to Seattle to experience this thing they have up there called rain. When you get the chance, come out and see us.

SMSgt Scott “Scotty” Scurlock: Still not married...but considering it so the increase in BAH can fund a new RV. Apparently the new Senior pay still won't cover it after California taxes kick in. The same indecision will keep him from buying an RV for another couple hundred years, but the pain that he causes himself with that indecision is too awesome of a disaster to look away from.

MSgt Dave “Mr. Barnard” Stanko: This year he became father to his sister's baby. As much as we wish he could be on an episode of Springer, he adopted. He might however be on an episode of Judge Judy since she is currently his civilian employer as he flies her around the country. Still possibly the most over qualified boom operator in the AF.

MSgt Aaron “A-Ray” Ray: Recently relinquished his bread winner card when his wife L-Ray took an engineering job working on F-22. Spends most days talking about how he plans to spend her next paycheck. When asked, he'll tell you, “She owes me”. Recently took back up his Ham Radio nerd hobby, and can now be heard trying to convince Collin to help him run a long wire on some Tehachapi mountain. If you are looking for an HF phone patch via MARS, he is not your man.

MSgt Kevin “Ol’ Kev” Slagle: After 2 years of hanging around Booms, Ol’ Kev finally realized he was an occupant of an inferior career field and decided to quit pushing pallets and start pumping chicks. He went back to Altus for a 5th tour and we can't wait to send him back for a 6th. His biggest moment of glory this year was having the opportunity to correct his BBOC instructor on how a radar altimeter works (you know who you are, Shooter McGavin). To fund his new twin boys he has decided to go TR and get back to school following in his wife's footsteps to become an Engineer.

MSgt Ben “Running Boom” Tressler: Came to us from Google, Kansas this year. He's straight off the res, but we're good. We checked his immunizations and he's current on smallpox. He's trying to keep his sanity among the incompetence displayed by certain individuals in scheduling. He told us if it continues, he's taking scalps.

TSgt Don “Crockett” Johnson: A denied Palace Chase request, a one year active duty extension, and a McConnell PCS couldn't keep Don from coming to the dark side. After giving active duty the bird, Don's prized action figure

“dolls” were damaged during the TMO move to Cali, but it’s all good, he is 1,200 miles closer to ComiCon. Once we got past his 40 Year Old Virgin desk and R2D2 gym towel, we realized he is a perfect fit for our squadron of misfits.

TSgt Colin “Walker” Wernecke:

The Texas Ranger has returned. Despite his absolute disdain for California politics (squadron standard) he is back in California City so he can ride the many toys produced by his father in-law. He’s actually kept his latest truck for more than 6-months, and we suspect this may have something to do with being a new father. Power-wheels for Christmas baby!

Departed: MSgt Matthew “Matty” Werner

He gone. Last we heard he was on his way to Seattle to start a career as a flying dental hygienist working in the parks department veterinary branch. If he was here he’d be complaining about something.

NOTE: If you are offended by any of the above content, what’s the worse you can do? Strip us of our squadron status and make us the 370th Flight Test Flight??? Yeah... we went there....This will make more sense next year.

Edwards AFB, CA
418th Flight Test Squadron



This year at Edwards has been fast paced and busy. With the KC-46 finally getting airborne this year, we have been blessed to sit through many meetings about this mythical Pegasus that people speak of. In addition to those non-stop shenanigans, we managed to accomplish quite a bit this year. From finally finishing up the F-35B & F-35C testing to finally finishing up the F-15SA program. As with any closed door, another one is opened...or so they say. Those opened doors include the continued support of the Coalition Tanker Testing, the first P-8 contacts and initial clearance, and the Dutch KDC-10 Tanker Vision system evaluation along with a full board of programs coming down the road. We hope to finally complete the Block 45 testing soon...as our rent-a-tanker currently sits on the ramp awaiting a brand new (refurbished) engine. If you happen to find yourself out in the beautiful Mojave Desert, stop by, grab a beer, and chat.

412 OG

CMSgt Paul Jacobs: Chief showed up and immediately left his mark...on our test C-17...and still owes us beers for it. Recently flew on a C-17 and is now contemplating if this whole boom thing is still for him. Chief Jacobs will be earning his test cert later this year and is a great addition to the test community.

MSgt Jamie “Drizzle” Morton: Moved up to the group to get away from the CC’s constant phone calls regarding complex photography. We don’t have many Drizzle sightings around here anymore, but he was recently spotted explaining to the boss how he uses his puppy as a chick magnet now. He has a self-imposed currency for personally completing the same amount of BOTs as an entire operational unit. We aren’t sure if he’s still stationed in the Bay Area and comes TDY here or if it’s the other way around. We are expecting to squeak out a few more KC-10 test programs from Jamie before he begs for orders out of here.

418 FLTS

(M)Sgt Lonnie T Moon III: Recently gained Joachim as a brother-in-law and disappears to the Chief’s office for hours on end and returns demanding everyone register for CLEPs and volunteer more. Can often be found reciting the Airman’s creed while doing homework in his office. Was selected for Master May 25th and bought a camper and new truck on May 26th. Soon after, Lauren got to take his shiny new

truck for an off-road excursion while Lonnie laid in the fetal position on the floor board. Lonnie might be the only boom fighting tooth and nail to escape the Mojave, but we're hoping to keep him around long enough to fly a Block 45 mission.

TSgt Justin "Command Chief Boom Operator" Thompson: Justin recently dropped the hammer on squadron Green Dot training. To support the initiative, he had gorgeous green bracelets made for the entire squadron so there was no debate on who to run to with all of their issues. He recently found out that having more kids doesn't mean bigger tax breaks and is rethinking his life decisions. In keeping with his new superior 2016 tradition, he passed out early at Animals in the Desert and missed all of the fireworks. While Justin is currently seeking a STEP promotion to Senior, we have bigger plans for him on the T-50 program next fall.

TSgt Lauren "Pow Pow" Powell: Finally achieved her goal of becoming the first boom to take off an F-35 probe on both MPRS and BDA! Had to be restrained from harming flight test engineers following an IFE while beating Scott Scurlock's record for highest heart rate ever. Drunk Lauren has renewed her Amazon Prime subscription and has recently purchased stock in Titos Vodka as her retirement plan. Lauren narrowly escaped becoming a recruiter and is hoping for some TDYs to PAX River on the F-2 Program to avoid the deadly snakes of Edwards.

(T)Sgt Adam Joachim: Married Lonnie's sister earlier this year and was recently informed about what a Blue Falcon was...trust us, we were shocked as well. He is probably the only person to leave his car in a Vegas hotel parking lot while on vacation and returned to an empty spot. After Vegas PD cleaned out all of the needles and Saudi Arabian driver's license from the backseat, it was returned with a sweet new paint job. In typical "bro" fashion he was able to convince Lonnie to purchase the same truck as him. Adam is looking to spend more time at the archery range, but we have other plans for him... P-8 Round 2!

SSgt Jake "Jerry" Sarno: Jake has managed to stay tucked away in the desert that is Edwards. Still swears his iPhone autocorrects his "Cajun" accent...but he's from Georgia. ORM'd out of a flight when he discovered three pounds of ants had taken over his flight bag. When he isn't busy doomsday prepping he can usually be found at the smoke pit with Kermit the Load reminiscing about the good ole' Air Force days. Jake would be content to retire at Edwards and he just might get his wish. Look for him to get some more DBA experience with the upcoming E-2 testing.

SSgt Jacob Burton: Was in the market for a new vehicle and purchased a fully loaded 12 PAX GOV minivan this year for his family of four. Can usually be found at the air park on base trying to Catch `Em All during the duty day. Jacob was the first boom to ever carve his name on the P-8, but swears it came from the factory like that. Burton has had his hands full with Block 45 and will expand his knowledge next year with the T-50 program rolling in.

SSgt Rob "Nickelback" Fuller: Ear tuck came to us earlier this year and has been working half days ever since. Became the commissioner of the Booms/Loads fantasy league and received a "Do Not Promote" for his disappointing performance and mishandling of waiver wire protocol. Took over Geoff Junt's title as Most Hair Product Used in a day. We are expecting Fuller to receive his Test Cert at some point in 2017 once he quits taking leave to NorCal Bro.

Departed:

2Lt Titan “Sir” Miller: Stowed his final boom and headed to the dark side. Still awaiting his arrival as the youngest Test Pilot at Edwards...but until he gets orders back here he just keeps s informed on the status of the Block 45 program.

Still Hiding at Edwards:

MSgt (ret) Richard Sarno: Still having to mentor baby Jake every time they cross paths at Taco Bell. Manages our arch enemies over at the F-35 compound. Has a fancy badge, but won't let any of us borrow it...selfish.

SrA (ret) Cierra Thompson: Enjoying beautiful southern California taking care of the herd of tiny Thompsons. Can't wait for Justin to go TDY so she can actually have some peace and quiet around the house. Should finish up her degree soon and start teaching in her free time.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

92 ARS

“BLACKHAWKS”



Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Michael “Roddy” Rodriguez – That hideous ‘stache finally came off of his face. Still enjoys hemming Airmen up for infractions such as sideburns and sitting on desks. Went full TI on a high schooler during a job shadow day. It made his friend MSgt Koch quite uncomfortable.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Joe Koch – Our friend Joe Koch is one of the nicest guys in the world and is still running like he stole it... but in his case, he is probably running to return someone else’s property.

Stan/Eval:

(S)Sgt Amy Zemaitis – Old Amy, as we call her, has finally left OST. She is no longer acting like an angry, middle aged woman scaring pre-CFIC students. Amy is actually pleasant to be around now, and one of our newest EBs in the Squadron (well-deserved).

TSgt Spencer Balcom – Prefers being TDY & always has use or lose. Is a self-proclaimed accountant (DTS). Still looks old enough to be our grandfather and drinks enough energy drinks to power a small village.

SrA Greyson Sandoval – Has yet to reach 700 hours to attend instructor school due to his black list from everyone’s favorite place EVER, but is exceptionally talented at anything that begins with “message follows...”

Safety:

(S)Sgt Kevin Haggith – Has been moving out of his place for 10,000 months, so obviously can’t deploy. Just don’t ask him anything about himself, because the only answer you will receive is, “that’s personal.”

Tactics:

SSgt David Askins – Special Dave will always have a special place in the hospital for his recurring gout from all the steaks and beer he refuses to give up. Only Boom in history to so eagerly volunteer for Altus, ‘merica!

A-Flight:

SSgt Stephen Doswell – One of the angriest booms the 92d ARS has seen. Currently smokes one pack and dips two cans every day just to stay sane. He has aged 10 years since he sewed on SSgt, which was only 8 months ago, and is looking at starting Bosley Hair treatments soon.

Training:

(S)Sgt Greg Webb – Just received his AARP membership in the mail as a SrA.

(S)Sgt Stephon “Crusher” Sharief – Between crushing ice-shields and handing over a Post-It note of EPR bullets, it seems Sharief is a bit confused on how not to piss people off.

(S)Sgt Jimmy Ray Bailey – When Jimmy Ray isn't deployed he is trying out new fad diets like paleo, vegan, gluten free, etc. He is desperate to lose those giant holes in his face called dimples.

SrA Shane Halford – Our resident fighter! Holds world title for “most stubborn boom” for kicking Lymphoma’s ass. Currently roommates with the cat man and 116 ARS’ newest Boom, Andy Capra.

A1C Matthew Ronnfeldt – Spends all his free time fixing his piece o’ shyte Honda.

A1C Garrett Peirce – Came to Fairchild to join his brother, Travis. We think he is trying to prove something with the amount of pomade product he slathers in his hair, but we haven’t figured it out yet. #BadKnee

B-Flight:

SSgt Ladarious Malone – Is currently going to CFIC with the softest Michael Jackson sounding voice you've ever heard. Ask him a question and watch him literally sweat a gallon of water.

SSgt Nick Eykamp – F%\$&ing Eykamp! ‘Nuff said.

A1C Jacob Magda – Smokes like a chimney and is confused about how time in grade vs actual age works in the military.

A1C Daniel Daley – Volunteer firefighter who broke up with his girlfriend because he wasn’t ready to be a daddy. #GingerMafia

A1C Joseph Fromm – Despite being a twin, which is inherently cool, he got the short end of the stick. And by short end of the stick, I mean his brother is 3 feet taller than he is.

Readiness:

(S)Sgt Ryan Kemp – The loudest Boom the world has ever seen. #GingerMafia

A1C Jesse Cutright – Has yet to be cleared of possible involvement with foreign governments. But don’t listen to his voicemail unless you believe in pyramid schemes.

C-Flight:

SSgt Shawna Sims – Continues to do great work in scheduling keeping all her kids in-line while ensuring the mission is hacked and beans are killed. We gave her a break and sent her to CFIC and she knocked it out of the park with an EQ.

Scheduling:

SSgt Hector Acevedo – Our newest Chief Select. Still working on his second language. Imagine you're a receiver listening to Ricky Ricardo on interphone!

(S)Sgt Robert McKnight – Is it Jammer Time yet?? Yes! Because Rob finally figured out where Scheduling is!

SrA Eric Medina – “You might have heard some rumors about me driving 51 in a 30 on base. It's true. Are you giving me an LOC?” Eric will be leaving us soon, as he was just picked up by the Phoenix Guard, congrats.

SrA Casey McConnell – Baby bird has really grown up. Well, kind of. His 'stache almost makes him look 13, or is he just trying to blend in with the young ones so he has a fighting chance...

A1C Edward Acosta – Proud sponsor of answering the phone like Scheduling is a precinct, telling attached/on-loan IPs to “take a walk” when they say no to flights, and Union breaks.

A1C Mercedes Johnson – At one point curated a zoo in her home. A year after completing her Altus checkride, Mercedes is finally starting MCT!

A1C James Kennedy – Refuses to salute officers and is brave (or dim) enough to call SMSgt Rodriguez “Roddy” to his face.

On Loan:

MSgt Ryan Soule (OGV) - AF's youngest looking MSgt. Got to Fairchild 2 years ago, has had 5 cars.

SSgt Rich Johnson (UDM) - Broken as Heck! Or is it that he feels like he's stepping out on the C-5 with the tanker so he told the Flt Doc an extensive and somewhat impressive list of ailments to try and get back to his love.

SSgt Daniel Childress (OST) - Finally stopped talking about Kadena.

(S)Sgt Wes Tinch (UDM) – Not exactly sure what Tinch does or likes after being stationed here all these years...but is a proud new daddy. #GingerMafia

SrA Davis Gese (OST) - Would rather play Pokémon Go than drink a beer with his mates' downtown.

Departed:

MSgt Greg Patterson – Retired in Spokane where he can make his own cheese and smoke all the weed he pleases!

MSgt Chris Joyce – Picked up for KC-46 at Altus.

TSgt Eric Flanders – Picked up for KC-46 at Altus.

TSgt Dan McCrillis – PCS'd to McConnell AFB and can't stop telling everyone about it on social media.

SSgt Andrew Abney – PCS'd to Altus, 'merica after Special Dave volunteered. We think that Chief Rueckert accidentally pressed the button for Abney instead of Askins.

SSgt Ryan Kiser – Is now a Boom with the WANG, a bartender and brawler downtown. #GingerMafia

SSgt Neil Patras “Harris” – PCS’d to Kadena so we finally stopped hearing about how much busier it was in RAF Mildenhall.

SSgt Mike Childers – Separated from the AF, and is now a mighty fine welder!

SrA Andrew Keepers – PCS’d to March ARB. Still dates a teenager.

SrA Erica Mann – Picked up for KC-46 at McConnell AFB. Takes more selfies than Kim Kardashian.

SrA Josh Ortega – Is now a Boom with the MacDill Reserves.

SrA Eli Kohorst – Works at a Chipotle in Minnesota, mackin’ on the young college hunnies while he makes their burritos.

SrA Carrie Williams – PCS’d to McConnell AFB with her cat Littles.

SrA Joey Burnett – Went off to drywall things.

SrA Erin Ong – Took her tiny dog and bolted!

Inbound:

MSgt Dillon Poole – Cross trainee coming from the AWACS (gross).

(M)Sgt Balko – Got his fill of making CFIC candidates cry and is returning back to the Blackhawks from Altus, ‘merica.

SSgt Christopher Fitzgerald – Cross trainee also coming from the AWACS (still gross!).

A1C Justin Schaeffer – Newest Baby Boom to grace our halls.

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93 ARS
“MASTERS OF THE ART”



SUPERINTENDENT

(S)MSgt Kevin Wilson- Overall, Sgt Wilson's non-stop positive attitude and constant optimism is really wearing the booms down. He is getting ready to put on his 7th stripe and can't wait for the Broncos to put on their 4th ring!

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

(M)Sgt Chris Pedersen- Been working hard up in the command chief's office, then made MSgt his 1st shot out the gate...weird. Sgt Pedersen is seriously pumped to be here, and he's not afraid to shout it to the rooftops...rather loudly.

A-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Evangeline Evanzia- Currently on a 9 month DNIF and often found shopping at "Babies R' Us" for a "friend." Sgt Evanzia recently filled in for a couple months as the squadron superintendent and 5 months as the operations superintendent, and recently graduated CFIC at the top of her class in the female category (1/1).

TRAINING NCOIC

SSgt Gregory Albers- Carries around enough coffee to fill up an F-16. Thinks office work is for pencil pushers and would rather spend his days doing pattern work. He's the new NCOIC of training and is just starting to realize how stressed out he should be.

TRAINING BOOMS

SSgt Nicholas Barker- Hands down the loudest guy in the squadron. He would have made a great drill instructor. When he's not competing in beard competitions, you can find him over at Michael Jordan's house talking about how great the old days of being a boom were.

SSgt Katherine Owens- “The Artist formerly known as Dickey.” She comes into work every day with fresh battle wounds from fighting with her 2 cats the night before. Got married to another boom, made staff first try, and is currently hoping everyone just forgets she still needs to go to CFIC.

SSgt(s) Michael Jordan- No longer exiled to the Awards & Dec shop, he is finally back out in the system feeling like a boom again. I am sure he will be back to his wild TDY partying self soon enough.

SrA Paul Rimar- Completed Fairchild pre-CFIC program kicking and screaming the whole way. Just mention the word CFIC and watch him quiver. Nothing like waiting until the last week to wrap up 5 systems briefs to calm the nerves. Came back from Altus with an EQ though!

A1C Joshua Lawson- The 93rd has been honored to have an actual “Yu-Gi-Oh Master” in its squadron--we’re not sure what that means but we’re still honored nonetheless. Lawson is assigned to training flight and enjoys reading the – 1 in his spare time.

A1C Victoria Turan- She is one of our new fresh faced baby booms. She just returned from an out & back where her experience has left her dreading what summers at the Deid have in store for her in the future. She is an avid Lord of the Rings fan with a tattoo to prove it and loves anime.

TACTICS BOOMS

A1C Daniel Haglund- Assigned to the squadron tactics office, and recently married. He’s also been staying busy around the squadron designing furniture and putting up our new mailboxes when not deployed.

B-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

SSgt Brian Huls- When he’s not butting heads with Sgt McIntyre on who should be our next president (you’re both wrong), you can find him still studying for tech or trying to figure out where Stringfellow is. He is currently deployed as a staff boom and his main job is fixing Guard & Reserve boom operators’ FARM entries 7 days a week, 8 hours a day...fun!

READINESS NCOIC

SSgt Tazmin Urata- He just came back to the squadron after working hard in wing scheduling. Urata is sitting at a cool 2,900 hrs and holding strong on that mission boom title. He is loving his new low stress job as the NCOIC of Readiness--that is a lot like being a dad, all you have to do is show up.

READINESS BOOMS

SrA John Blackburn- Blackburn is still working in the readiness shop updating the recall roster, telling everyone when the redeployer is landing, and burning through the data on his cell phone plan.

SSgt(s) Christopher Shelton- Bought a big ass truck to carry his big ass biceps. Still lives at the gym, still eats a dozen eggs and 2 live chickens every morning because it’s great for muscle recovery or something. Told his wife she needed to get a real job so she cross-trained from C-17 loadmaster to KC-135 boom operator. The happy couple are set to arrive at RAF Mildenhall in early November where Shelton can flex his muscles and his new SSgt stripe.

SrA Michael Stringfellow- Had his identity stolen recently and within 24 hours the thief was begging Stringfellow to take it back. In a smart move, Stringfellow told him “it’s your problem now.” He works in the readiness shop and tries to stay busy as much as possible. Stringfellow is currently deployed and working out at the gym like a mad man.

A1C Stetson Vigil- Claimed to be a Broncos fan after they won the Super Bowl but couldn’t tell anyone who the QB was and struggles to remember the mascot. Still living in the dorms, still working in readiness, and still always smiling about something (you’re creeping everyone out).

A1C Dillon (Chief) Harris- A man who goes by many names, Harris, Hairless, Big Guy, but to most he is known as Chief Ireland’s older brother. Harris is done with MCT but can’t get his security clearance approved so he is pretty much in limbo until Scooters drops the charges.

C-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Christian Villanueva- Took over as flight chief & presides over scheduling, because why ask scheduling for all the good TDY's when you can demand them. Sgt Villanueva is the 93rd's newest instructor boom operator and he's really excited to forget everything he just learned.

SCHEDULING NCOIC

SSgt James Bloom-Kelly- When he isn't winning awards, partying, or being "reeeeally reeeeeeally ridiculously good looking," you'd probably find him trying to keep scheduling above water. Recently he bought a new house and already threw an epic rager, lowering the property value of every house within a mile.

SCHEDULING BOOMS

SSgt(s) Logan Lord- Little baby lord is about to join the NCO tier, and with that news everyone is starting to get out. Lord found himself a special lady and is going to be getting married this fall.

SSgt(s) Jesse Lee- Is still trying to convince his mom that vaping isn't just a phase he's going through. Right now he is working in scheduling, and holding it down well. About to be a new father and NCO.

SrA Jordan Gese- "Suh Dude." Currently going to CFIC, I haven't heard anything about him and no news is good news.

SrA Dalton Bray- On another deployment and currently enjoying plenty of quiet nights after recently becoming a new father.

SSgt(s) Timothy "Fresh" Weber- Hipster extraordinaire! Guaranteed to have a can of Dapper Dan in his pocket to slick back his perfectly groomed hair. Just recently got accepted to attend Columbia University and is taking 4 months to "out-process." Best of luck, and let us know when you make your first million!

SrA Ryan "Baby Face" Dillingham- Somehow snakes his way onto all the good TDYs. Don't think we all haven't noticed! Currently deployed to the Deid and snaking his way into the line for Mongolian.

A1C Alex Yount- No dirt on this guy yet. Been TDY and deployed a lot. More to follow...

STAN/EVAL

NCOIC

TSgt Zachary Donarski- Broke his pinky finger while fly fishing so he is no longer able to give cargo checkrides, attend NCOA, or go to training day. Sgt Donarski is Stan Eval's NCOIC and is super cereal about configuring your iPad.

STAN/EVAL BOOMS

SSgt Paul "Mr Union" McIntyre- When he's not on his union break or campaigning for Hillary, he's out giving commendables and EQ's.

SSgt Michael "Comrade" Dmytriw- Skipped being an instructor and went straight to evaluator. He loves to volunteer for deployments or weekend alpha, and you have to tell him to go home at the end of the day.

SSgt Anthonie Owens- Just moved over from OST to Stan/Eval. After he upgraded to EB, we haven't seen him much because he had like a hundred days of use or lose.

SrA Nathan Barnes- Our resident SELE and headset repairman. Hasn't been around much lately; out hacking the mission and in instructor upgrade.

SrA Scotti “Bambi” Smith- So new he's deployed just once and got a little sand behind his ears. He eats a lot and is working on getting swoll.

A1C Megan Hatch- Hit the ground running, and hasn't looked back. Returned recently from her deployment, and we threw her in Stan/Eval to sink or swim. Good luck!

SAFETY

NCOIC

SSgt Shon Shirley- Couldn't say enough good things about this guy. He's intelligent, he's good looking, he's a problem solver, and he's a great instructor. Currently raising the bar as NCOIC of safety and demonstrating what a 5 on an EPR looks like in person. GIVE THE “PROMOTE NOW!!!”

SAFETY BOOMS

SrA Alexander Vaughn- If flying TDY while NMR is wrong, then Vaughn doesn't want to be right. Vaughn is still working in the safety shop and can often be found browsing Tinder, making fake appointments in G2, and wandering the local car dealerships to see how low he can get his credit score. Vaughn is currently on his 5th deployment to the dirty Deid.

SrA Kyle Cleis- He's been in the safety office longer than anyone else and still isn't quite sure what he's supposed to be doing. I'm pretty sure he only smokes to get closer to Bussey. Cleis is currently on his second deployment to the Deid and is still deciding if he wants to stay in or not.

ATTACHED/ON LOAN

CMSgt James “Wild Bill” Fitch- He's currently putting out fires as the group's superintendent, and recently had his name added to the potential command chief list. Look out world, here comes the next CMSAF!

TSgt Matthew Machala- Is often found buried under a mountain of dip bottles and checking ESPN on his phone. Machala has taken over the boom OST shop. So far no one has failed out of Altus, so he must be doing something right.

(M)Sgt Dustin “Lieutenant” Herridge- Is now running the alert facility. His job consists of reminding aircrew to pee into the urinal and not all over it, making sure all the gym equipment is at least 40 years old, inventorying the extensive VHS collection, and letting everyone know that this is just a temporary gig until his upcoming OTS class.

SSgt Travis Peirce- Hiding away at the vault “working” in tactics, he is now seen about as often as a lunar eclipse. He talked his little brother into becoming a boom as well, so now we have 2 Peirces (Peirci?) running around on base...just what we needed.

SSgt Nicholas Roney- Roney won the John Levitow award in ALS... No I'm not joking...yes there is only one Roney in the squadron. When he's not watching Twitch, buying guns, or doomsday prepping, you can find him in CCX e-mailing you about your mobility folder review. “Yes Roney, I know it's overdue... BUT I'M NOT EVEN DEPLOYING!”

SrA Richard Bailey- Bailey is still working in wing scheduling until he separates soon. Pretty sure he'll still come into work afterwards then convince them to change the payroll over to this new GS position. Smart move!

SSgt(s) Alexander Orr- What happens in Thailand, stays in Thailand and, according to Orr, so does your wallet, flight suit, line badge, car keys, and a bag of clothes! Orr is currently moving out of OST as an instructor and PCSing to Altus with fat line number.

SSgt(s) Nathanael Bussey- He did such a good job taking smoke breaks at the squadron he was promoted and is now taking smoke breaks at the wing in the scheduling shop. Bussey says he hopes someday to be taking smoke breaks at the pentagon.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

509 WPS



Superintendent

SMSgt Mike "OC" O'Connor michael.oconnor.8@us.af.mil

OC's shop is totally electrified now; it has a hydraulic lift, all new OSB wall board, a propane heater, and lights that would make the sun jealous. He really stretched the profits from his Tundra sale and the extra SMSgt pay to make a super sweet man shop. His plan totally backfired though because he has steady non-paying work fixing his "dream team" of boom's broken vehicles. Now every one of his weekends for the next three years is booked. He also had truck withdrawals, so went out and bought the nicest F-150 in the tristate area. His "dream team" constantly drools all over his new truck and shop, so when they come over to watch him fix their project cars, it allows them ample time it mop it all up. Oh, and never challenge him to an orange cream slushy drink-off, booze cruise challenge, competitive go-carting, or a Rust-Oleum roll-on paint job race...hands down, he'll beat you.

Stan/Eval NCOIC

MSgt Greg “Crease” Sanders gerald.sander@us.af.mil

Be scared boom world, Crease is now a SNCO. He had recently decided to be smart with his money by selling his ski boat and starting a sound financial plan. Then he saw his line number for MSgt, then saw a shiny blue 2016 SS Camaro. So he quit lifting weights and stopped eating 5000 calories a day so he can fit in his new hotrod. What we do know is that he'll have no trouble shifting it...It's an automatic. "It's so my wife can drive it" he says! Luckily he's getting some whistle tips installed for the extra horsepower (Whooop, Whooop!). Crease is off to the greener and wetter pastures of Seattle Scott AFB, ~~to take delivery of the KC-46 on behalf of the USAF~~ to join the black hatters of the IG. So hide yo wife, and hid yo kids, cause Crease is inspecting errbody up in here.

New Training NCOIC

TSgt Ben “Cougar” Davis ben.davis@us.af.mil

Cougar is on his second call sign due to a little email fiasco. Sensitivity is the key to Air Power. This guy is still making everyone look bad. When he's not filling in as the Command Chief's Exec or running the 5/6 club, he can still be found doing all the additional duties in the squadron. He still hasn't said no, so we just keep piling it on. To watch this man experience failure, we tasked him to spend a million dollars of fall out money in 2 days. To everyone's disappointment, he made it happen, "No problem he said" with a smile. Last Boom Signal, you heard how Cougar wrecked his pristine, fully insured 1986 K5 Blazer. Cougar thought he could save a few bucks by repairing it himself. A year later and \$4,000 more than his deductible invested, it's still scattered in pieces all over his 3 car garage. You can hear him complaining about how hard it is to find time to paint it with Rust-Oleum. I don't know Cougar, maybe leave work once a month and ask OC for tips since he finished his Tracker paint job in a couple of hours.

Scheduling NCOIC

TSgt Cleigh “Rubbin” Robbins cleigh.robbs@us.af.mil

Rubbin is still stuck in the scheduling shop and like clockwork forgets his CAC once per week as an excuse to show up late. He's also still using his (un)broken leg as an excuse to get out of work and PT tests 2 years later. Still can't snowboard either, even though he acts like it and buys all the fancy gear. Unlike Cougar and OC, he doesn't know how to fix his own truck. Rubbin spends the equivalent of a monthly car payment on his compensator Bronco to keep it running and polluting the streets of Spokane. When he runs out of money, he drives out to the man shop (if it makes it) and cries like a girl until OC fixes it for him. We'd give you updates on

all the cool stuff he's done, but the only thing he's accomplished this year is writing this Boom Signal. Though it did have to be heavily edited and corrected, so technically he didn't even do that...way to continue riding the coattails of your boom brothers Rubbin! At least he's consistent.

Course Manager

Jim "Z" Zarkos (SMSgt Retired) james.zarkos@us.af.mil

Z is **DONE** with the mean "old guy" jokes! No, seriously, he's standing over my shoulder right now as I type this to make sure I don't type any more old jokes. It's creepy but luckily for all of us, he forgot his reading glasses and his cataracts are bothering him. But since he is talking of retirement this coming summer, it's time for the old jokes! Z was angry on 17 December 1903, because during their first flight, the Wright brothers missed their CT and made him become non-current. Z was scared when they made him test that first parachute back in the signal core, but seems to like these new-fangled jet powered aero planes better than the old hot air balloons. When you text Z, the response comes back via a pony express delivered western union telegraph. All kidding aside, Z keeps Rubbin sane by doing all his work for him in the scheduling shop. When you walk by his office, try to convince him to vote for Hillary. He's ready, just needs a slight push.

Ex-Training NCOIC

Will "Dirty" Perdew (TSgt Retired)

Dirty did it and made it 20 years without being administratively discharged. We are all so proud of him. He peeks his head in through the door every once in awhile to remind us what a homeless person looks like. If you're ever in Spokane and need some welding done, stop by the community college Dirty attends with 2 dozen doughnuts and your custom blue printed idea. Dirty won't be there though since he's still not allowed with-in 100 yards of any schools due to his restraining order and horrible "Team America" facial hair. That's right ladies and gentlemen, Dirty is a welder now! By welder, I mean like how Vanilla Ice is a carpenter. Mainly so he can still hang out at OC's shop.

Inbound

TSgt Adam (Insert Call Sign Here) Mosier adam.mosier@us.af.mil

Adam will be our new boom inbound from McConnell. His RNTD is 10 December but will be deployed through the end of the year. Not sure how he will make it here in time, but we'll be patiently waiting. We're not sure if he knows what he got himself into when he clicked that button in AMS but he is surely in for a treat.

Grissom ARB, IND

74th ARS

“Fighting Red Tags”



Greetings from Grissom. This Year was full of AEF rotations with just about everyone taking their turn “embracing the suck”. At least this time wasn’t to the Sand Pit.

CMSgt Jeff “Heffe” Maier (*ART/Evaluator*)- Chief continues to break down pilots and booms alike only to build them back up. He just hasn’t had time to get around to the building up part yet.

SMSgt Jim “Booger” Maxwell (*TR*)- Jim deployed this year and has otherwise kept a low profile. As always, he remains indifferent while giving counsel to other booms.

SMSgt Drennen Gaffney (*TR/Instructor/Senior Flight Chief*)- Our local savant and IT expert. Drennen openly confessed to StanEval that he hadn’t had a No Notice Checkride in 16 years. I doubt he makes that mistake again. Check your due dates Drennen!;

MSgt Tim “Monkey/C5A” Stibbe (*ART/Senior Evaluator*)- Stib has recently taken to extending his arm and shaking his hand when he needs to add credibility to a statement. Not sure if this is a mannerism or an early onset of seizures- regardless- it actually adds credibility to whatever he is saying.

MSgt Doug Preece (*ART*)- Doug continues to schedule bodies for the boom shop and “In his defense”, continues to not care – during college football season or ever. Go Bucks.

MSgt Debbie Wood (*ART/Instructor/Flight Chief*)- Debbie is now working in Flight Plans and makes one mean batch of fruit water. Would anyone care to see a picture of her dog, Oliver? How about now? How about now?

MSgt Chris “Nick” Nack (*ART/Instructor*)-Chris is enjoying the ART life over in Flight Plans and added another baby boy and a new house to his family in Fishers this year.

MSgt Josh “Radio” Welch (*ART/Instructor/Flight Chief*)-Josh recently moved over to Training Shop and directly works for a former boom turned pilot which he really enjoys. It’s quite the bro-mance. Josh has added some new material to his comedy act and it is appreciated by most everyone (not really)

MSgt Nick “Shandy Man” Obusek (*TR/Instructor/Flight Chief*)-Nick went back to Altus this year and is one of the only guys we know who actually really likes it out there. He lives for the daily drive and the several hours of staring at US 31.

TSgt Vicki “Icky” Maxwell (*TR*)- Vicki deployed again this year and still works as a Narc for the state. ‘Can we still say Narc?’

TSgt Rob “POSH” Haswell (TR)- Rob, who fancies himself an expert in shed construction, continues to be the coolest guy in the room if he is the only guy in the room. Rob deployed this year on a crew with two other guys named Rob. “Hey Rob”. “What’s up Rob”. “Not you Rob, I was talking to the other Rob”.

TSgt Josh “Lamont” Sanford (TR)- Sanford deployed again this year and got promoted to the “Chief of Pay” in his finance job. Oddly, this has not resolved or expedited any pay issues for the boom shop. His future plans consist of someday finishing his roof on his house.

SSgt Scott “Scott Floyd, Boom Operator” Floyd (TR)- Floyd continues to dream up get rich quick plans and is the self-appointed leader of the Wolfpack that includes Beck and Holmes.

SSgt Corey Beck (TR)- After finishing school- Corey is still working at Chrysler and recently got a promotion to a Management position. Lots of new changes for Corey as he transitions into a bright future- wherever that may be.

SSgt Zach “Zatch” Holmes (TR)- Zach became the proud new parent of baby girl this year. Zach continues to hold his civilian employment at the gym and enviously eyes Floyd’s position in their Wolfpack.

New Booms:

SSgt Jason Vinson (TR)- Jason just arrived from Rickenbacker so we have yet to exploits any weaknesses that he may have. We do know he needs to change out that dirty old Ohio name tag and Bengals hat.

Losses:

SMSgt Jerry “Shoe” Schumacher (Retired)- Shoe is finally retired, enjoying the life and the beard. Maybe we will see you Space A to Hawaii.

TSgt Caleb “Roadhouse” Daulton (TR)- Caleb went to the 63rd in Tampa. He appears to be doing well from the giant fish pictures he sends. Good luck!

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM
36TH MOBILITY RESPONSE SQUADRON
“LAND SHARKS”



MSgt Somkit “Kit” Chittakhone - (*AD KC-10 Travis AFB*) Kit has been tasked with standing up the first ever Stan/Eval shop in the 36 MRS. The only problem is, his 19K other jobs preclude him from doing that. When he is not planning exercises, closing out wing deficiencies, or inheriting the SEM duties, his kids are keeping him gainfully employed and running him all over this 212 square mile island.

TSgt Jamie C. Almquist - (*AD KC-135 Scott AFB*) Jamie has hit the ground running since he arrived August 2015! He’s been named PACAF’s nominee for both the ATA Young Leader Award AAAAAANNNNNDDDD the Gen Robert “Dutch” Huyser Awards. Not to mention the numerous Quarterly Awards. Not bad for someone who uses any lame excuse to leave the office to play golf!

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

2 ARS



CHIEF ENLISTED MANAGER

CMSgt Brad Wolfe – The Jedi Master has settled in pretty well as a KC-10 boom operator and even used his mind tricks on the commander to let him deploy to the desert as a crew dog.

CHIEF BOOM

MSgt Alf Duenez – Returned from the desert after the doing the Chief Boom gig at Dhafra during the summer. He likes to listen to Adele while he sits in his office. We think he does this to practice raising his voice at the Airmen. Seriously though, stick to the boom thing instead.

ASSISTANT CHIEF BOOM

MSgt R Tyler Stone – He is really good at fixing things that he is waiting for the DIY Network to call and give him his own show. Maybe they will do a show while he's out in the desert as the Chief Boom. We know Dhafra can use a couple of fixer uppers!

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Brad Lego – Team Lego is back from doing their stint out at TACC. Brad recently pinned on Master Sergeant and is going through re-qual, bought a tank of a truck and wants to start having kids.

STAN / EVAL

MSgt John Rickenbach – Where's Waldo, I mean John? Blasts email to the squadron to say he's in charge of something but we never see him around! Hmm. John is PCSing to Seattle to join the KC-46.

TSgt Mike Thomas – If you ever need a moment of inspiration, talk to Mike because he knows how to say the right things when you're feeling down and when you're feeling up! Mike will be leaving us in November to inspire the folks at TACC.

TSgt Michael Chenosky – Cheno continues to be so laid back that we put him in Stan Eval. He still continues to tell off color jokes that his computer doesn't even understand.

SSgt Curtis Clawson – Our newest evaluator in training. He looks very intimidating on the outside, but he's a softy on the inside.

SrA Adam Stickney – Our resident Brit with the Aussie accent is doing very well. One of our hardest working young booms and made SrA Below-the-Zone!

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSgt Lawrence Scott – Larry came back to us after working at the Expeditionary Center and is going through requal. He also recently became a dad and quietly taking the squadron by storm and has become a great addition to our squadron!

SSgt Michael Marquez – Mike is working hard trying to figure out how training flight works and training new KC-10 students.

SSgt Patrick Reynolds – Pat is our stealthy boom operator. We say stealthy because you never hear a word from him.

SSgt Jeremy Robinson – J-Rob finally made Staff Sergeant, found his motivation and is taking Training Flight by the horns.

SSgt Joe Edmonson – Joe pinned on Staff Sergeant and is one of our workhorse instructors. When he's not teaching MCT he's on the road teaching students how to rock it on the -10!

SSgt Brian Doane – Brian also pinned on Staff Sergeant and is working hard with J-Rob to get our Training Flight squared away.

SrA Tyler Ploof – Tyler is contemplating shaving his beard now that he will soon be a Staff Sergeant.

OPERATIONS FLIGHT

TSgt Lucas "Trigger" Mailander – He is still working very hard on not using the phrase "in the -135" and learning how to multi-task on the -10.

SSgt Patrick Murray – Patrick is going through instructor upgrade. He's ready to break and make boom operators. Watch out students!

SSgt Aaron Scott - A-A-ron is out in the desert doing the planner gig and claims that he will be ready to run a half marathon by the time he gets back. Run A-A-ron, run!

SSgt Kyle Bean – Kyle is doing very well. He got married, pinned on Staff Sergeant, made him an instructor, going to be a dad, and will finally finish his Bachelor's Degree in government spy work. We also heard he is going to replace Daniel Craig as the next James Bond.

SrA Ian Sweaney – Does not know if it is illegal to be handsome and be boom operator at the same time but whatever, he just makes it look cool from the scheduling desk and takes the good deal trips.

SrA Turner Foote – Our silent professional is in Instructor upgrade right now.

SrA Kurt Martonik – Kurt is one of our bright and hard-working booms. He made Staff Sergeant first time and will be going to Instructor upgrade at the end of the year.

SrA Danny Jakab – Danny is all about making gains in the gym and works posting as a shirtless bodybuilding model on Facebook in his daily spare time.

SrA Brandon Minto – Our resident sports expert. We keep asking him if he turned off his X-Box before coming to work every time he mentions one of his favorite teams.

READINESS FLIGHT

SSgt Josh Nears – Josh came to us from the CRW at Travis. He's still trying to figure out the east coast. I keep telling him that McGuire is just like Travis, but on the better coast.

SSgt Brian Mould – The “bearded one” is conquering the boom world from the mobility office. He occasionally likes taking comp days from “Days of future past.”

SrA Ryan Spero – Ryan just back from the desert and learned to style his hair like Justin Bieber. Remember Ryan, it is a tapered look, not a mop look.

SrA Kit Pearson – Our computer expert and expert Houdini. Seriously this kid knows how to disappear in an instant. We think he’s doing Anonymous’ work on the side.

SrA Will Gribauskas – Shrek just got back from the desert again, and again.

COMMANDER’S SUPPORT FLIGHT

SSgt Juan Upegui – Juan recently got married and is waiting to separate from the Air Force to move to Hungary.

SrA Marco Ayala – Marco made Staff Sergeant and is ready to move into his role as an NCO by growing out his mustache.

A1C Wyatt Harwood – One of our newest baby booms and resident nice guy. Wyatt always has a smile on his face, even when he’s mad. After reading this, you will want to smile and know how much he likes to smile.

A1C Christopher Krbavec – We’re still trying to figure out how to say his last name. Joined the Air Force to get away from Jersey only to be back in Jersey. Don’t worry kid, we will show you the world.

A1C Frank “The Tank” Lamarca – Our other Jersey local product is all trained up and qualified as a boom operator. Now he won’t be able to make an excuse to go home to see mom every day of the week because he’s qualified.

A1C Giovanni Castillo – One of our new baby booms. He is still waiting for cargo trips, and waiting and waiting, and waiting.

A1C Dorian Cozart – Dorian is also new and just finished the FTU. He is excited about becoming a fully qualified boom operator and traveling the world.

INBOUNDS

(M)Sgt Kevin Stockwell – C-17 Loadmaster cross-flow. Don’t worry Kevin, we will teach you how to be a real loadmaster, except we have a much cooler name and much cooler mission. Welcome aboard!

TSgt Fritz Thompson – Fritz is coming from the CRW at Travis. We can’t wait to show him the East Coast rolls!

FAREWELLS

TSgt Marcus Mitchell – Marcus bid us adieu to join the land of cubicles at TACC.

SSgt Samantha Rogers – Our California girl/fitness expert PCSed to Travis to join the CRW.

SSgt Melissa King – Melissa’s ‘California Dreamin’ came real. She re-enlisted and got an assignment to the CRW at Travis. Win-win situation for her and for the Air Force and we are very happy for her!

SrA Dylan Dahl – Dylan separated from the Air Force and is pretending to go to college at his parent’s house. We occasionally prank call him to let him know he has been recalled to active duty.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

141 ARS

100 YEARS of “TIGERS”



Things here are just like everywhere else – busy. I’m sure we’re all using the same travel agent. In between enjoying the sun and the sand, and setting the new standard in the world of NORI, we’re getting ready to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 141st Air Refueling Squadron. Way back in 1917, Princeton grad and three-sport standout Hobey Baker joined the military, and was our first Squadron Commander. Hobey borrowed the Princeton Tiger to be the mascot that we have to this day. Yeah, it’s gonna be a party. If you’re in the area, stop by and toss one back with the Tigers!

Chief Boom Brian “Killer” Kilpatrick – PORKCHOP finally got himself off of DNIF and is happily flying the line again. Take THAT, DTS! Find another whipping boy! Spends his spare time donating his body to science, one slice at a time. He needs to slow down – there ain’t a lot of slices left!

Ray ‘Otto’ Petersen – The Chief is still our resident Master Hog Roaster. And team player – Killer got OFF DNIF, so Otto hopped on! We like to keep the seats warm at the Flight Doc’s office for the next guy. Thanks, Otto!

Dave “Good Deal” Falkowski – Still the Chief of Stan/Eval, annnnnnd.... LOVING it! Finished college this year and word has it he wants to be an attorney. That’s right up his alley, he loves to argue everything!

Tom “Tron” Miller – So Tom retired from Verizon, became a Grandpa, and then.... took a technician job here! Apparently, he gets bored reeeeeeeallyyy quickly..... Well, I think we’ll be able to help him out with that! And YES – he’s ‘THE’ Tom Miller that you’ve all heard so much about. Tom IS available, if you need him; YOUR days and dollars, of course! Call his agent at 1-800-NORI-GOD.

Jennifer “Mama Boom” Bowen – Left her dream job in Current Ops to head up the Training shop. Perfect! Now Mama Boom’s got a perfect excuse to chase us all down and make sure we’re killin’ beans, in the airplane AND the BOSS! You’d better do what ‘Mama’ tells you!

Marshall “the Land Baron” Rice – Out of the Training shop, and into Current Ops. Our local Medical Marvel still has doctors scratching their heads, so..... Marshall’s still DNIF. Every once in a while, an aircraft will fly over the Ops building, and Marshall will ask, ‘was that another one of those airplane thingy’s?’

Carl ‘I’m Baaaaaack’ Heinert – You may recall that Carl used to be in the 141st, but then left us to go fly on that ‘other’ airplane..... Well, I guess the ‘coffee, tea, or me’ gig wasn’t all that he dreamed it would be (Nobody choosing option ‘C’, I’ll bet!), so he hopped back over to us. Say goodbye to those high heels, Carl!

Don “I can’t find my glasses” Smith - Still our resident crime fighter, Don comes and goes, plugging along and filling holes in the schedule. Works with the P.D. at night, sleeps in the auditorium during Roll Call.

Patrick “O Canada” Ogle- Ever see the old O.J. Simpson commercials? Where he’s running through the airport? That’s Pat. ALWAYS on the move. Deploy, do LTMPA tours, work for the airline, repeat. Oh, and commute to McGuire from..... Canada! Really. I don’t know how he’s not a Zombie. Wait a minute.....

Robles – Came to us from Active Duty. Haven’t seen much of him. Came to us on the ‘Try one’ program, to see if he might like to continue a military career. I’m guessing the answer is NO with the commute he has. Either that, or ‘Try one’ actually means that you only have to show up here ONE TIME after you swear in. Can you get a bonus with that, too?!

Thomas Moss – Back from Altus, and working on getting Mission Ready. Apparently, Tom ‘knows’ people; he’s flown more with the Wing and two Group Commanders since he got back than all the rest of us combined! Doesn’t have his own parking spot yet, but we’re watching this one.....

Bob ‘Sponge-Bob’ Slocum – Talk about coincidences! Just like Carl, Bob used to be a Boom, and then HE went over to the ‘other’ side and now HE’S back! Hope he learned how to make coffee while he was over there!

Brad “Seriously?” Caruso – Helping out with the LIMA line, and in Stan/Eval. That guy can post T.O. changes with the best of them. Slowly rebuilding his house, one project at a time. And we’re not sure, but we think that he’s taken to wearing mascara lately..... NOT that there’s anything wrong with that....

Vince “Marcus Stroker” Stokes – Back from his summer tour in the bad place, and back to school again. Heard he joined a fraternity. I forget which Super Hero is their mascot... Wait! It’s gotta be Captain America!

Brian ‘Bri-Bri Baggins’ Kelley – Our Lord of the Rings aficionado is heading off to Altus soon. You’ve been warned... He’ll pay more attention if his Instructor does the role-playing using ‘Rings’ characters. Recently bought a house, and will most likely be spending all his free time turning it into his own Castle Isengard. Bet those building permits will be hefty!

LeighAnn (Schuster) Bauer – Got married recently – congrats to her! Cross-pollinating with a MX guy, but we still like her! Was doing the school thing, but recently took a job with DCMA, so her husband can use the HOV lane on the way to work. She was considering the medical profession, but probably took a look at all our medical misfits here and decided to let others take care of those kinds of things!

Kim Moncayo - One half of The Flying Moncayos. Doing the school thing. Which means she’s doing the ‘deployed’ thing during the summer. Ahhh.... The Deid in the summer.... Now THAT’s the kind of thing that post cards are made of!

C.J. “Dexter” Smith - Well, CJ managed to get off DNIF just in time to get right into the bucket. Welcome back, Buddy! From the beach, that is. Annnnndd.... He’s back in school. See ya for the next class trip in June! Bring your SPF 500!

Brandon Moncayo - Kim’s younger brother, and the other half of The Flying Moncayos! As with his older sister, Brandon is on the school/deploy/repeat treadmill. He was in the desert so long, he came back with almost a mustache! Gosh.... they grow up so fast, don’t they.....?!

Mike “Sly” Sylvester – All evidence to the contrary, Sly continues to deny that he flew with Hobey Baker OR the Wright Bros. Sure... Still flies for us, every great once in a while, when he can pry himself away from his Group Superintendent duties.

INBOUND

Chris Howe – Coming to us from our engine shop, and out at Altus now. Chris has 5 kids at home..... Hopefully he still intends to come back.... You know, we haven’t heard much from him in a while..... uh oh.....

Chuck Howard – Brand new off-the-street guy. Our Intel Squadron snagged his sister, so we got a deal on him from the recruiters. He's out west at the moment, learning his left from his right. Then on to Altus, where they'll make his left - his right. Fingers crossed...

OUTBOUND

Jose "I'm NOT heeeere!" Rodriguez – The Legend has left the building! Master planner that he is, Jose arranged to have his Fini Flight, last UTA, birthday, AND retirement party all on the same weekend! The Belly Dancer was AWESome! Relocating to Puerto Rico. Another place where nobody will be able to understand what the hell he's saying. Gonna miss that guy.

Miguel "Billy" Badillo – Apparently we deployed Miguel so much, we deployed him right out of the unit! He left to find greener pastures, and Lazy-Boy Loungers, as a Drone.....guy. We wish him all the happiness that rich Corinthian Leather can provide. Those things have cup holders?! At least he's still in aviation. Hope the joy sticks with ya, Miguel!

Shawn 'Doctor EEvil' Foren – Shawn was feeling the itch to go back home, so we paid the Mainiacs to take him back. He's a part timer there, AND running the Boom Operator Simulator System - for them AND the gang at Pease, since they don't have one. I'm sure he's not too busy... (PSSStt... Shawn – Tiger 'zap' the heck out of that place. Then blame Marilia..... They'll never know!)

Brandon Kehr – Well, Brandon had to move on. His job as an Air Marshall just took up so much of his time that he didn't have enough left over for us here. Really too bad – we would like to have kept him. Wishing you nothing but the best, Bud!

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

621 CRW *EAST*

“DEVIL RAIDERS”



A lot of changes going on in the CRW. We are still one Wing, and recently finished another massive re-org. So what is the CRW? We are a mobile force ready to deploy with only 12 hours notice. We're a global response team of partners that build the global response network and deliver anything to the point of need. We are one wing, one team, one mission, one response to world crisis through four lines of effort. Theater Command and Control executed by the Air Mobility Operations Squadrons, Building Partnership Capacity through engagements performed by the Mobility Air Advisors, Providing mobility expertise directly at the point of need with embedded Air Mobility Liaisons, and traditional contingency response forces opening, operating, and closing Mobility operations at any airfield around the world.

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621 AMOS



MSgt Chris Maleski: Recently retired. Now he is doing Elvis impersonations on his own time.

TSgt Jason Grant: Left the AMOS for Kadena.

TSgt Charles Adams: Charlie is going to Pease. Got the assignment he was hoping for

SSgt Trevor Jennings: Trevor was complaining about how busy he is, so now he's getting a break at the Honor Guard. He misses his twin over in the OSS who also made TSgt.

TSgt Joseph Clawson: Inbound to the AMOS from McConnell

TSgt Javier Mendoza: Inbound to the AMOS from the 32nd ARS here at McGuire.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

321 CRS



MSgt Joseph Royer – Arrived to the squadron wearing a 1,500 hour AMC patch and a floral print shirt under his flight suit... Hickam must have treated him nicely! Joe has the luck of being NCOIC of the maintenance flight and spends most of his time chasing his two year-old son around the squadron.

TSgt Chelsea Thornhill – Spent the last year building up the squadron's Stan/Eval shop from scratch. When she isn't at work she's active in the community as a youth counselor. Chelsea is headed back to the KC-135 this December, she will be missed!

SSgt Justin Schultz – Made the big move this year from underemployed RAMPCO to full time CC's Exec (we're still trying to figure that one out). When Justin isn't cranking out EPR's and decorations you can find him working on his supercharged mustang like some sort of mad scientist.

SSgt Nick Gidaly – The new boom on the block and soon to be Tech Sgt! We're not sure what Nick had to go through to avoid Altus but we welcome him with open arms. Expect more dirt by next year!

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

621 CRS



SMSgt Chris Ottenwess: Boom Functional and 621 CRS Superintendent. Isn't trained to do a thing. But still goes to exercises to play First Sergeant.

TSgt Hall: A recent addition from Kadena. Trying to get through all the required CRW training and broke his ankle. Now he is going all Martha Stewart decorating the Sq.

SSgt Robert White: Rob is the busiest guy in the building. At least his desk looks that way.

SSgt John Hadden: RAMPCO extraordinaire. Keeps the SELO shop running since the Load Master doesn't have a clue.

SSgt Arriel Bromley: A recent arrival from Travis AFB. She is working through the CRW initial training and becoming Jersey Strong.

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621 CRSS



TSgt Michael Culver: Recently departed for Fairchild. He is very happy about getting back to the tanker.

SSgt Kyle Jackson: A recent addition from McConnell. Welcome to ground TDYs and affiliation training.

SSgt Miguel Perez: Another addition from McConnell. Not sure how this whole CR mission works yet.

SSgt Colin Gregory: Or is it Gregory Colin? The man with two first names is now the old man in the squadron now that everyone else got orders.

SSgt Joshua Chrisman: Josh is settling into the CR mission. Still likes to talk about how he is the smartest man in the KC-10. It's now a battle for another day since he isn't flying.

SSgt Andrew Heacock: Recently departed for Birmingham. He's looking forward to hanging out with the Guard while still being Active.

SSgt Adam Ingan: Sleepy is off to the soft pillow of Travis AFB. Now he can rest on the -10 instead of his desk.

SSgt Parker Mcelroy: Parker has crossed over to the -10 here at McGuire.

KADENA AB, JAPAN

909 ARS

YOUNG TIGERS



Greetings from the land of the Rising Sun! Operating less than two-hours flight time from North Korea and one hour from China makes life hectic in the 909th ARS. Once again, we are the only active duty KC-135 unit in PACAF and it seems like we are almost always scrambling to fill the taskings. Needless to say, because of America's "strategic focus" towards the Pacific we stay busy, but the choices of TDYs are first-rate...Guam, Yokota, Osan, Misawa, Thailand, Singapore, Australia, Diego, etc., etc. And when the job is done, we come home to a tropical island that enjoys 100% humidity 12 months a year. It's just like being deployed but with sushi. Hopefully, someday we will figure out how to enjoy this place; in the meantime, here is the roster of our over-worked booms...

Squadron Supt

SMSgt Douglas Palmisano, MB- Made it thought MCT but still trying to learn how to fly a real boom, maybe one day we can get him on a sortie that doesn't cancel.

Asst. Supt

MSgt Casey "Meat Stick" Southern, EB- Personally stabilized the Turkish government while deployed as the 22 EARS Supt.

OGV

MSgt Gabe "Oki for Life" Ourso, EB- Hangs out at the squadron more now due to sharing an office with AE guys.

Ops Supt/Chief Boom

MSgt William "A-A-Ron" Widener, EB- Finally gets to ruin lives on a larger scale, still can't get a plague for his office door.

"A" Flight Chief

(M)Sgt Chad "What's my Job" Holloway, EB- Came home from the Died to a real job in the squadron, still manages to go on almost every TDY available.

Stan/Eval

(T)Sgt Bobby Jones, EB

SrA Will Scott, IB

SrA Jesse Barber, MB

Scheduling

SSgt Chance Italiano, IB

SSgt Jason Markham, IB

(S)Sgt Charlton Hampton, MB

(S)Sgt Rose Mora, MB

“B” Flight Chief

TSgt Jason Grant, MB- Threes years at the CRG and he’s forgotten how to be an IB.

Readiness

SSgt Bruce Freed, MB

SrA D’vante Wells, MB

A1C William Schott, MB

Mobility

SSgt Michael Voorhees, IB

SSgt Cameron Bilyeu, IB

SrA Malachai Epps-Carpenter, MB (departing for RAF Mildenhall in November)

SrA Ryan Hortman, MB

“C” Flight Chief

TSgt Josh “Hairy” Butts, EB- After 10 years of flying finally figured out he’s blind, which may explain all those Q-Is.

Training

SSgt Dave Ballmer, IB

SSgt Neil Patras, IB

SSgt Jeremy Culliton, IB

SSgt Jacob Aufderheide, IB

(S)Sgt Frank Pappalardo, IB

Tactics

SSgt Matt Sadler, IB (Inbound from MacDill in October)

“D” Flight Chief

TSgt Gus Burns, MB- Being a BO is just a part-time thing he does in between taking leave and being DNIF.

SSgt Ky Larkins, IB (Crew Comm)

FNGs

A1C Payten Olson, MB

A1C Charisse Laughery, MB

A1C Christopher Young, FB

Amn Luke Story, FB

Tanker Scheduling

SSgt Josh Silva, MB

MACDILL AFB, FLORIDA

91 ARS

“BOLTS”



MSgt Rory Wilcox- (Superintendent) While he thought it'd be a good idea to be the conductor of the 91st's 1206 runaway train (never coming back), it turns out that it wasn't such a bright idea since two others had already turned down the job. I guess it just wasn't sinking in at the time, but now he feels it. When he is not busy at work, he's causing structural damage to the boats he rents from the club.

MSgt Robert “Frozone” Jenkins- (Stan/Eval Section Chief) Make sure you talk about golf on your next check ride, you'll never get asked a single question. He thinks he is part of the PGA, but he can't even make it past the ladies' tee.

MSgt Jack Hester- (Flt Chief) Be sure to stand at attention when he enters the room. In his mind, MSgt equals Colonel. Tried to get a position that doesn't exist, but if you need a new patch design you'll have it in 4 months' time.

MSgt Robert “Deputy” King- (Flt Chief) Timid and shy. Sometimes he's too nice and doesn't say no. He's 45 going on 90, and just had his 17th child. If you wanna take leave and go to North Korea, he will approve it.

TSgt Roger “Locker Room” Braun- (Stan/Eval NCOIC) The Creepy Uncle of the Squadron. Spent \$45 on clothes for a free fishing tournament and was pissed about it all weekend. Used to work on F-15s back in the “Good-old AF”. Must have been where he got all his dirty jokes that we've heard a dozen times.

TSgt Jake “Wrap” Jewell- (Tng Flt NCOIC) His PT tips are the best: get a fat wrap and know the PTLs. If you need homemade weapons, he is the man to talk to. Also if you want to learn to rope and ride, tell him to bring his dog over (Great Dane).

TSgt Desiree Kalkbrenner- (Flt Chief) Just got back from CRW, and still not an instructor. She can't say no to anything in Mobility, but when it comes to flights...No really, she's currently deployed saving the planet right now.

TSgt Mathew Ohle- (Readiness NCOIC) Runs marathons but doesn't look like it. Demands a leadership position when he first shows up to the squadron, but its ok, he deployed for us.

SSgt Darren “Chief” Clever- (Sched NCOIC) Chief SSgt of the Air Force, and even pulled rank as a SrA. Spends more time at the smoke pit than at his desk. He somehow managed to pull a hurricane to Charleston before he even got there. Self-Proclaimed ”Best instructor in the Squadron”.

SSgt Michael "Tiny" Fagan- (Stan/Eval) He has tiny feet; you know what they say about that (small shoes). Finally got to deploy after begging to do so for months.

SSgt Shane "Catcher" McDonald- (Mob NCOIC) Biggest volunteer we know, "Go Vols". Claims he can party hard, but he has to take his tums before he goes out. Found a wife but won't commit, because he's waiting on Dee. Still washing off Hambrick's vomit to this day.

SSgt Derrick "Unsat" Wagner- (Flt NCOIC) He'll tell you to come back at 1300 from lunch, but he'll call at 1245 wondering where you are. And then will tell you to "get back to work!" while he plays games on his phone. We better stop it before he calls the IG.

SSgt(S) "Gotta Catch 'Em All" Darian Edwards- (RA) SrA Edwards broke his ankle...badly... while attempting to ride a skateboard, in flip flops, with his shoulder in a sling (due to a previous skateboarding mishap). Although he denies it, we all know he was attempting to play Pokémon Go. I guess Pikachu didn't want to play with him after all.

SSgt(S) Richard "Jaz Hands" Jimenez- (Tng Flt) Still thinks he is in the shoe game back in Chi' rack, but he's really from the suburbs. AKA Aurora. Go fishing with him, but beware if he takes off his shirt. The whole squadron got help from Finance (due to one of his "acquaintances") until he broke it off. Woot-woot.

SSgt(S) Evan "Whipped" Simpson- (Tng Flt) Drops everything for new wife, even to the extent to walk out of this particular writing session. He's our newest instructor, but his wife is apparently still teaching him some lessons. Sorry Sir...I mean Ma'am.

SrA Kimber "Butta" Camper- (MOB) Good luck finding this dude, he'll never be in the office that he is assigned too. Always flies with instructors, because his boom skills are just that good. "What kinda butta you got on them hands?"

SrA Crystal "Credits" Cash- (Exec) Her ex-boyfriend, (wait maybe current boyfriend, oh wait...Facebook says ex-boyfriend), has better eyebrows than her. Her relationship is on and off like a light switch, same as her deployment schedule.

SrA Curtis "Buzz-Lightyear" Clishe- (Stan/Eval) Wrapped around his new wife's finger, chest hair and all. Take it in the other room, bud. Then come join us and hold a conversation. All his wife wanted was a baby, then he showed up one Monday with a wedding ring. Thanks for the invite.

SrA Raphael "Ice-Shield" Duncan- (Safety) Whew!...Duncan's here. A million followers on Instagram oddly, all of them named Muhammed. He prefers a Daiquiri over a beer. "I don't always say back 4, but when I do, it's too late."

SrA Darhon "Pitcher" Hambrick- (Scheduler) Filled three pitchers full of stomach contents and a fourth on McDonald at the 138. While stylin' and profilin' as Rick Flare in Jacksonville, same thing happened, but this time he only managed to fill 2 cups and splash a Hooters girl. We have identified a trend here.

SrA Nick "Closet" Hart- (Scheduler) Talk to him for 15 mins and you'll end up wanting to punch him in the face... or yourself. But you'd never guess that he has the cleanest dorm of all the airmen in the squadron.

SrA Jarrod "HF" Lemons- (Mobility) We will give it up to him for calling our Wing Commander to the Grog, but he needs to work on his rhymes. Known around the squadron as left-over Lemons, because he loves to eat things that others have left lying around. Just look at his dorm room, he lives with the flies. Doesn't know how to load the Cad Bin without destroying a maintainer....and an HF radio.

SrA Taylor "Pretty Boy" Manz- (Scheduling) Has a few drinks and is deemed unsafe to be around other humans, so the boys lock him in a closet... under the stairs...Somehow, Harry Potter is involved in this, but we are unsure as to why.

SrA Michael “1-up” McNicholas- (Readiness) Voted most likely to have 47 chromosomes, but actually only has 46. Makes jokes that no one understands. See for yourself. (We would link the Youtube video here, but that may be a bit inappropriate).

SrA Jason Miller- (Mobility) The only person to black-out in the Deid off of 3 beers. At RF Alaska, with Willard as his wingman, he got acquainted with an Eskimo just to get a ride back to base.

SrA Kasey “Limp” Miller- (Mobility) Works in mobility yet is not very mobile. Always seen in the squadron wearing ABUs because she can’t fit her leg cast in a flightsuit. She broke her ankle while playing goalie and found the only hole in the field.

SrA Jan “Jes” Perez-Fontanez- Barely speaks English. Just had a son, but we don’t know his name because we can’t understand what he’s saying. Currently in pre-CFIC, but we had to bring in an in-house translator to help him out.

SrA Luke “Shoulder Boulder” Pommier- (Tng Flt) Biggest head in the Air Force. Passengers in his car think the A/C don’t work, but his head is just blocking the air flow. Meanwhile, passengers on his jet have no clue how to get out.

SrA Jacob Reid- (Tactics) Great guy, but don’t go to Twin Peaks with him. His thick glasses don’t help him see the receptacle on the F-15, so he made his own this one time.

SrA Aerial “Crossfit” Sacia- (Scheduler) Hasn’t flown in a year, because her ears hurt a lot. Got a second job at Coyote Ugly to pay the bills and ended up meeting her wife. Gets called out for her shorts being too short at squadron functions. By the way have we mentioned she does crossfit?

SrA Ryan “Angry Ref” Seiler- (Readiness) Gets mad at SQ sports day, because everyone else is cheating. His daddy was a better boom than he is. That is about all we had.

SrA Jordan Webber- (RA) Broke his arm but didn’t tell anyone so he could go to Vegas, but got on a profile to get out of pushups on a PT test. Modified his cast so he can still play Playstation 4.

A1C Gregory “Zipper” Adams- (Scheduler) Has a giant purple octopus tattoo on his leg. Unfortunately, the warrior story behind it was actually stolen from his father. He also cut open his ONLY serviceable flight suit to get his CAC out of his pocket when the zipper wouldn’t work...at the front gate. Smartest person we’ve ever met.

A1C Chris “Soul-Brotha” Cannon- (Tng Flt) The squadron’s in-house Chris Farley. He will text you at one in the morning to let you know there is something good on Cinemax, but don’t try to get ahold of him until after 4 pm because he is napping. Has at least a 4- 4.5 nap minimum per day.

A1C Nathaniel “ATIS” DeLeon- (Mobility) If you need a DD, call him as long as you are willing to ride on the back of the bicycle. Once ordered 400 chicken nuggets during a Genex and went into a food coma. Base renowned for being the sharpest tool in the shed. #ShitDeLeonSays

A1C Jackie “Chatter-box” D’Urso- (Line Boom) The Luna Lovegood of the 91st. Tells random stories about stuff that no one cares about. We know everything about her, except anything personal.

A1C Alex “Laces Out” Picini- (Stan/Eval) Used to be an Alabama kicker, but now he works for us. Been sick the whole time he’s been here, so nobody knows his skills. Made BTZ ...somehow. Congrats on the Baby!

A1C Kainan “Adams Jr” Provost- (Line Boom) Newest Boom to the squadron. Looks good in blues, except for the tattoos. He’s already had some trouble showing up to things, so we will start calling him “sleeping beauty” soon.

Attached/On-Loan:

SMSgt Olivia “Darth Liv” Hoornstra- (OGV) Works for the Dark Side. The booms know her husband better than they know her. She just got here, but boy has she made an impression in the Stan/Eval world. I don’t think they like her much because she actually makes them do their jobs. Welcome to MacDill!

SMSgt Jason “Unicorn” Resler- (IG) He is the mythological SNCO we never see. Went TDY to Vegas and never left his room. Can’t stay current even though he is kicking ass at the IG.

TSgt Sandra McClard- (XP NCOIC)

SSgt Fernando Brome- (Wg Sched NCOIC) Ever since he got married he has been boojie. He always has to hit the Carlton whenever there is music playing. Oh yea, he can never sit still, except for when he is asleep at his desk.

SSgt Michael “Who” Dunn- (Wg Scheduler) Doesn’t know what he has got until it’s gone. We can’t even write anything about him, because we never see him. Loves those last minute deployments.

SSgt Joshua Eidson- (Wg XP) Does he even Military? Fake Vols fan up until a year ago. Scared of commitment to the Air Force... and hot girls. Been trying to get out for years, but AFPC says no over and over again.

SSgt Matthew “Moody” Sadler- (Wg Scheduler) Dresses like he fishes, when he’s not fishing. Ask him what’s biting and he won’t know. A true Chief Master Airman of the Air Force, but will be missed as he heads off to Kadena.

SSgt Scott Willard- (Wg Tactic NCOIC) We were all surprised that this guy is married, as we had no idea until he brought her to a SQ function. He is very timid most of the time, but can tell you all about them tactics.

SSgt(S) Christian McPeak- (Wg XP) Bandwagon Panthers fan and apparently a fan of certain pokemon as well. Throws blows every time he drinks. Missed his SSgt test, so he thought step promoting would be appropriate, but then made it the second time the old fashioned way. Grats!

SrA John “Doe” Garcia- (XP) Always locked away in the vault, hidden deep in his cave until asked if he wants to play paintball. We think anyway, because we really don’t know what he does. Only appears during quarterly cert or in passing in the hallway.

SrA Castulo Lucero- (Wg Scheduler) His second job is a future crop duster. Lives in Tampa, but still can’t seem to get a girlfriend. A secretive hit and run at Burger King has been rumored...

MARCH ARB, CA

912th/ARS

“HOLLYWOOD TANKERS”



Greetings from the 912th ARS! We have had another fun-filled year here in sun-soaked SoCal. Our 336th compatriots are still some of the most outstanding people to work with and always an enjoyable experience sharing the journey. As always, if you're in town, swing on by and say hello.

SMSgt Dan Beecher - Operations Superintendent

TSgt Randy Miller – OGV

Randy joined our team after completing a 4 year assignment with the CRG. We've kept him busy with a couple deployments and multiple TDYs. He just recently returned from a 30 day hardship tour in the Pacific. With the exception of staging legs, he completed a whopping 1 mission. Congrats to Randy with the birth of his first child.

TSgt Jeremiah “Blue” Ibarra – Stan/Evil

Blue is known for his many talents, preparing for and executing emcee duties is not one of them. When he is not issuing out Q3s, he's managing the Sq's Fantasy Football league and honing his media skills with his “UpTick” podcast.

(T)Sgt Jason Duckett – Flight Chief

Jason is our resident Crossfit beast and trains daily to perfect his skills. Although he has never ran more than 10 miles, he decided to sign up for a 30 mile ultramarathon. He believes that 2 months preparation should be enough. I'll let you know how that turns out on the next Signal. Kudos to Jason for organizing and planning the first “Animals on the Beach”.

(T)Sgt Matthew Nelson – Flight Chief

It is rumored that Matt took some heat from his better half for going camping. Who are we to judge? She has done a phenomenal job training him. It has had a positive effect on his work ethic as well. Matt was selected to head a new Sq reorganization plan and is doing an awesome job.

(T)Sgt Kenneth Arcibal – Flight Chief

This has been a banner year for Kenny. First, he won a three way slugfest with Duckett and Nelson and took the Current Ops position. Next, and to Blue's dismay, he won the Sq Fantasy Football league as an inexperienced rookie, and last but not least, his second daughter was born.

SSgt Maria Wilson

July 15, 2016. This is the day her partner in crime PCSd. She found solace by moving close to the beach. Maria spends her evenings on the beach sipping wine, contemplating life goals and watching hot surfer guys catch waves. During the day, whether she is flying the desk or flying the boom she is doing a great job.

SSgt Andrew Keepers

Andrew was powering through Animals on the Beach like a champ until his altered equilibrium made sitting in a chair a challenging task. He was passed out barely after sundown. Congrats to him, he is a newlywed with a baby on the way.

SSgt Matthew O'Daniel

Matt is one of those guys that gets the job done and never complains even when it's a near back to back deployment over the holidays. There is a good chance we will be graced by his presence for a long time. Rumor has it he will be joining our host reserve Sq in the near future.

(S)Sgt Justin Gillespie

Justin just arrived this summer from Kadena AB although it doesn't feel like he has been here that long. Less than 45 days after arrival, he volunteered for a short notice deployment. He spends his free time enjoying the 3 college classes he is taking.

SrA Amy Lizauckas

Amy arrived this summer from RAF Mildenhall which pretty much makes her royalty; almost like a queen but more like a DNIF Queen. This was no fault of her own. She is back up on status and is excited to go TDY.

SrA Eric Severs

Eric arrived from Kadena AB this summer as well and like Justin, he came chomping at the bit to deploy. I'm not sure what Kadena is putting in the water but we are not complaining. Eric is a motivated boom who is always looking for ways to get involved.

SrA Naim Love

Naim has no idea why his apt manager put a note on his door stating that his lease was not going to be renewed. He thinks maybe it's because his dog was barking one night. Anyway, that is his story and he is sticking to it. Naim continues to do a great job as a boom and in his downtime, he produces awesome music.

SrA Lyndon Stoudmire

Lyndon is our newest boom. He arrived here last month from RAF Mildenhall. He has a lot of positive energy and a great attitude.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN**MSgt Jonathan Brown**

John was part of the initial boom cadre at March. He knew that his time here was coming to an end so he did the most logical thing he could think of and joined the 336th. The job he did for the 912th was second to none. Luckily for us, he is only an arm's length away.

SSgt Bruce Freed

Bruce was the squadron workhorse. The only things he may love more than being a boom is video games and anime. So when he saw an opportunity to go back to Kadena, he took it.

SSgt Danielle Warren

Danielle did a touch and go at March. She was here for less than a year before she got picked up for the KC-46 program. She will make just as much, if not more, of an impact with the KC-46 as she did with us.

PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

64th ARS

“Be Present...Be Bold...Be Innovative”



We are honored to be a part of the best Total Force unit in the AF. The past year has been tremendously busy for the 157th Air Refueling Wing as we've supported operations around the globe and continue to execute unprecedented record flying hours. Which once could have been described as a sleep little hollow in the Northeast, the face and the pace of the 157 ARW is quickly evolving as we prepare to say goodbye to the mighty KC-135 and prepare for KC-46 conversion. It's truly a privilege to be part of an organization where you quickly become family and overcome challenges together. If you're ever in the area, please look us up!

Maintenance Superintendent:

SMSgt Andrea Inmon: She was far too driven for the Air Refueling Squadron, so they moved her to MXG to lead, mentor, and “motivate.” Every time she's on the flying schedule, aircraft start breaking so her MX team has started teaching her how to fix them. She's finally started to take a little downtime to go hiking with her family, to read, and to spend more time lifting weights.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Terrell “Digger” Frideger: He is our Cold Brew and Mountain Dew connoisseur...we're not sure the quality of life he has drinking only soda & coffee, but he still shows up with a smile every day...although he is starting to resemble Mr. Burns off the Simpsons.

Inspection General:

(M)Sgt Heath Tuma: He is a man who fills many vital roles around the 157 ARW, but despite pulling him in 50 directions at once, he continues to push forward with a smile and takes the time to talk to people and understand the issues. Like SMSgt Inmon, his fly to aircraft break ratio is near 80%, but that doesn't deter him from doing his best to be the technical expert and is killing it as our newest evaluator boom and resident IG expert.

Training Flight:

TSgt Michael Culver: Spent the last 3 years in purgatory at the CRW in New Jersey and is currently trying to learn how to be a boom again.

SSgt Kyle VanderWagen: Our very own Black Jack extraordinaire and designated sim instructor. Sometimes we wonder if he spends more time rearranging his desk than actually working, but then we see the fruits of his labor and are blown away by how bad he can make the rest of us look. He is glad to be done with IB upgrade and is looking forward to the next step in his career.

SSgt Loraine Ermel: Our very own #1 Altus selectee has somehow avoided orders, but has been told she can likely expect orders to “scenic” Altus this spring. As much as she acts like she doesn’t want to go to Altus, we all know she is secretly awaiting the moment when she logs on to AF portal for the 500th time that day and receives notification of her Altus assignment.

Stan Eval:

SSgt Keith Prochaska: He is the most cheerful/positive person you’ll ever meet...he’s slightly negative, but is getting happier and happier with his upcoming wedding plans and deer hunting season being around the corner. It’s only October, but apparently he’s out wounding deer already in preparation for the November gun season.

SSgt Tristan Henthorne: He likes being deployed and has really helped the unit out by taking back to back deployments. His time with us has been short, but our loss is the Maineiacs gain. Best wishes on your transition to the ANG!

Scheduling:

TSgt Jonathan Britton: Spends most of his days “mentoring” officers and smoking like it’s going out of style. He misses the desert so much, he’s constantly begging to go back to McConnell, just to be in the sandbox more, but no luck...he’s locked in for four years.

Inbounds:

TSgt Charlie Adams: Hasn’t even shown up and already has orders to Altus for requal. We’re looking forward to him joining the team in early 2017.

Departed:

(T)Sgt Amanda Ampey: Sadly, she has left the military for a nursing career in sunny Florida. Hopefully, all those Self Aid & Buddy Care CBT’s pay off. Thank you for your selfless service...you are truly missed!

SSgt Antione “Newguy’-en” Nguyen: Thought he was going to another active associate unit, but quickly found out the Air Force had bigger and better plans for him at Scott AFB... TACC! Score tally--Air Force: 1 - Nguyen: 0

Pease ANGB, NH

133rd ARS/ 157th ARW



(October 2016) Greetings from New Hampshire, the future home of the first ANG KC-46A unit. The unit has been pretty busy getting ready to receive the first aircraft in December 2017. Fast forward →→→ Oh, look, December is right around the corner and there definitely will not be a KC-46 on the tarmac this year, which is no big surprise to us here at Pease. We are anxiously awaiting the arrival so we can start our conversion period and get some time here at home. We are still in the process of hiring boom operators and pilots, tell your friends, and their cousins. If you're interested please send your inquiries to SSgt Kevin Johnson at: Kevin.g.johnson28.mil@mail.mil.

Only serious inquiries please, no heckling or inappropriate pictures....

SSgt Sean Avery-Has three jobs and never sees his wife, interestingly enough baby number two will make an appearance in a few short months! He is a temporary tech in scheduling loving life.

MSgt Al Beaulieu-Hidden away as UDM; we still are not sure who he upset to fall into that position. If you happen to get caught up in an angry Al spell, just mention his dogs and boat, happy Al will return.

TSgt Mark Brophy-Last man standing in training. Busy with two teen girls and enjoys weekends with a wife on a Sailboat bigger than a KC-135. With his calm, cool personality we anticipate Mark to be the one that flies off the handle and never returns!

SrA Diana Carr- Always TDY and smiling. This airman enjoys partying with the crew however she also makes a great one woman party. Don't be fooled by her kind, quiet demeanor, she can make your jaw drop to the floor while having the

CMSgt Tony Casella-Chief is on terminal; we are so used to him being TDY it hasn't really sunk in yet. He will be taking over the BOSS program as a contractor still in our building. His wife will not know what to do with him being around so much, who knows, maybe he will apply to be a flight attendant with JetBlue...

TSgt Eric Diaz-Still active with the Connecticut FD and NH Fish and Game. Wouldn't be the least bit surprised if he tried to be a cop in Massachusetts just to spread himself even thinner. Retired life is what motivates Eric and keeps him going.

SMSgt Jim Doyle-Still pounding nails and Miller Lites ☺ Wife 2 is his high school sweetheart. His teen daughter keeps him busy.

SMSgt Mike George- Mick was just selected as Chief boom, we haven't seen him this happy since the Mick 5K. Hopefully the nice Mick sticks around but we feel it is only a matter of time before the grumpy Mick returns. Once the initial high of being the Chief wears off, we are all excited to induce some more stress into his life.

SMSgt Mike Girouard-Finally got dragged out of TTF kicking and screaming to work in training. All his free time is spent on hockey for his 3 daughters. For as much time as he spends on the ice you would think he would be thinner, although he appears taller on skates. Mike also made Senior this year.

MSgt Gary Howard-Still long term DNIF, we are hoping he gets some relief here soon. His oldest son joined the Marines and he couldn't be more proud.

SSgt Kevin Johnson-New instructor on KC-46 orders. He spends his time at work in pubs and making cold brew coffee. Time outside of work consists of a 3000lb brick oven on wheels making pizza and hearty breads.

TSgt John Lennon-His first pilot was a Wright Brother. Medical finally figured out that he has eye issues. Still working for the gas company and raising two boys.

MSgt Dan Luter-Going to take a break from building skyscrapers to being on the KC-46 IOT&E. We are pretty confident that his knowledge will blow the team away.

TSgt Jamie Marier-Still working in scheduling; will instruct anyone willing to listen. Free time spent with wife and kids if not the gym.

TSgt Daryl McPhee-Put into the front line of scheduling, lord help us all. He also is a new instructor boom. We can only hope writing TAPRS will force him to develop some typing skills, but we won't hold our breath.

SSgt Brett Peterson-Newest Technician, he seems to have mastered the technician/guard schedule. If you have any questions regarding IGEMS or MICT he is your man. Good luck getting a hold of him as his mastery of schedules makes him the perfect Houdini!

SrA Matt Pongrace- Sadly, Matt passed his ALS test one, we all had money that the KC-46 would arrive first. Matt is still on LIMA orders traveling around and leading the life we all wish we had.

SSgt Wayne Reid-Working on being a Chief when he is not fixing cars. LIMA warrior with a new girlfriend. He is much happier these days.

SrA Devon Skerry-Fighting fires a lot. We hear that he is still attached to us. If you see him have him call us.

MSgt Glen Starkweather-Back in TTF. Look for him on the road or at the compound with his wife and kid #5. Adds rental kids occasionally. He enjoys spending time at the camp when he can.

SSgt Chris Storm-New job for the State Police as head of the Aviation Unit. Still will not send texts when his boys are overhead clocking us. We thought we had hired a team player. Finally promoted to SSgt, no longer the oldest SrA ever!

SSgt Nate Tarleton- New wife and house, ahhhh, honeymoon phase... Currently building the flying schedule as a temp tech. Looking for something permanent to unleash his sarcasm. Hopefully by next year he will grasp how to use the Form-F program on the iPad.

TSgt Christie Tetley-Deploys often. New house. That is all we know.

SSgt Samantha Yeanish-Newest hire as a non-dual status tech overseeing the sim. Busy with her husband in the military and her son Luke. She is also a new RN if you happen to be TDY and have an incident, if she likes you she just might help you out.

RAAF BASE AMBERLEY, AUSTRALIA

Number 33 Squadron

“ENDURING”



MSgt Justin “JB” Brundage: Training & Standardizations - The last twelve months in Australia have been extremely busy both professionally and personally. I was able to deploy twice over the past year and fly with my Royal Australian Air Force mates in the operational environment. Our boom air refueling capability is continuing to grow and we completed the F-16C receiver clearance program and have been refueling them here in the Middle East. The next few years are packed with a multitude of receiver clearances to complete but it will increase our ARO proficiency and coalition contribution immensely. My three years in the exchange program is quickly coming to an end and I will be heading back to Travis AFB in January 2017. My wife and I welcomed our second Australian born child in June 2016 named Wyatt. If you have any questions about the exchange program or Australia in general, don't hesitate to ask. Cheers - justin_brundage@yahoo.com

TSgt Jonathan Haas: Conversion Course - Jonathan joined us from McConnell AFB in June 2016. He's currently completing all of the requisites for the KC-30A conversion courses and working towards his categorization on the aircraft. He is quickly learning that he is the lowest ranking Air Refueling Operator in Australia with a section of 3 Officers, 10 E-9s, 2 E-8s and 7 E-7s (yes, that's right, we have Officer Boom Operators here). His family has joined him in Australia and they will be making Brisbane their home for the next 2 ½ years. If you ever come through Brisbane drop Jonathan an e-mail and say G'day!

RAF MILDENHALL, UK
100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS
“THE BLOODY BOOM ASSOCIATION”



Your current “**SMSgt Al Evans Award Winner**”. Our squadron continues to operate at a very high level supporting missions across seven Combatant Commands. Luckily, we STILL have a group full of kick-ass boom operators that get the job done. From supporting combat operations in central Asia to executing regular AE missions across two continents, we do our duties without fail. We pulled out of Moron to support the French from home station but decided we needed to go back in February just to then move to Istres, France. **(Tough Deployment)** We have closed a chapter by pulling our last crews from the Deid just to setup operations

Fellow booms: if you’re on your way through, don’t hesitate to drop by the squadron. There’s usually at least one of us here. So here’s to wishing you all an amazing and prosperous year.

100 OG

MSgt Jeffrey Sparks: OGT Boom. The only guy we have to special order flight gloves for. Not the bigger sizes either... Always willing to tell you what Amn Sparks did back in the day even if you didn’t ask to hear it. Enjoying the deployment life more and more as of late.

TSgt Augustine “Augie” Marshall: OGV Boom. Hair icon of the squadron and has selected his apprentice in Dunsmore. Still roots for the Aggies and nobody knows why. Oh well keep trucking Augie. Gig ‘Em? Or something.

100 OSS

(M)Sgt Ryan Clauss: Did a tiny stint as the chief boom after moving out of Stan/Eval. He did so well that they decided he needed to be hidden in the cave known as Wing Scheduling. No really he did fine... I promise it’s not that bad....

TSgt Dave Thoresen: Moving out of Wing Scheduling to come back to the squadron. No one is really sure where to put him yet. There is always NCOIC of Janitorial duties! Celebrated a baby boy this round of the signal. He is the picture of suburban white America now!

(T)Sgt Bobby Cash: Bobby Mitchell moved out of Stan/Eval finally. He got drunk one day, sent a text, and got banished to Wing Scheduling. MSgt Nahalea still won’t tell anyone what was in the text. We only know that it makes him bright red whenever we mention it and it wasn’t bad enough to lose his stripe. Congrats Bobby!

SSgt Catherine Norcom: Currently sitting in Tactics. What can you say about Catherine that hasn't already been said. She is a nice lady who loves to replace your computer.

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SMSgt "Buddy" Lee Adkins: Just arrived at Mildenhall. Says he has finally got his dream job. Has big shoes to fill. Get it because he is "**SHORT**" Already regretting the move. Somehow he talked Katie into having a baby with him. The baby is super cute but not because of Lee. Good Job Katie!

MSgt Lawrence Nahalea: He's the Chief Boom, he's the Sq Supt, and he's throwing up in Montani's backyard. We still love him long time. The flying Hawaiian is showing no signs of slowing down despite being on the wrong side of 35. The rudder stick has never looked bigger than when it's in his hands!

Stan/Eval

TSgt Tony Montani: Decided to uproot his family and move to England. He asked what he needed to accomplish prior to PCSing and did not listen to anyone. His car is now being sold for parts at some hotel in Baltimore. He loves talking about how good his meat is but has yet to prove it.

SSgt Christopher Ramey: Recently had the joys of rooming with Bobby Cash. Has yet to recover from the experience. Something about a spread eagle.....Not sure what that's all about. Does so well at his job in Stan-Eval that he is always TDY. Was a smart man had his wife get a job at a local Pub. Free Beer for everyone!!!!

(S)Sgt Joseph Wukasch: Newest instructor in the squadron though you could never tell by Joe's demeanor. I literally mean this guy shows no emotion. Who knows what is going on inside his head. We all talk nicely to him.....

SrA Alex Esquibel: Recently moved into Stan/Eval. His nose is a little brown but we think that is from the deployment tan.... Doing good things and can't wait to become an instructor and the BTZ promotion to CMSgt!

A1C Avemaoe Liaiga: No one has still figured out how to say her name properly so we just call her Ave. She is doing great things in and out of the jet. Just moved into Stan/Eval to get the hang of things and gets deployed. The life of the mission boom never changes.

Scheduling

(T)Sgt Grant Ringenberg: New pickup from McConnell. Has a furry motorcycle because he wants to pick up CHICS. Strangely it hasn't worked yet. We don't know why....

SrA Thruston Noel: The guy with the biggest smile in the squadron. I don't think he understands that it is ok to cry once in a while. His lifting career has taken a serious turn for the worse since working in scheduling. Just walk up to him and say how small he looks. I've never seen someone smile and yell at the same time.

Mobility

SSgt Justin Miller: Recently got here from TACC. Thinks he is an expert at Fantasy Football but decided to draft the entire Bengals Team. He is wondering why his team sucks so bad this year! Became MCT complete and got shipped out to France right away. Enjoy the weather, wine, and the golf!

SrA Bryan Flory: aka the situation...aka... "The other half of the Bromance" Loves his mustang more than life. He even talks to it, sings it to sleep, and gives it a nice rubdown when needed when Dunsmore is away backpacking with Repp. Moving to MacDill shortly and can't wait for the opportunity to pick up girls in the 'stang. As long as they can stop laughing long enough to get in.

SrA Rebekah Tuma: Has worked from home for most of the year due to an injury. Went on leave and came back with a new last name. Congrats Rebekah!

Training

(2Lt) Daniel Maas: NCOIC of Training when he is home. That is not a typo for his rank. Dan got picked up to go to OTS. Now he can order people to bring him ice cream and they have to listen! Lt. Dan ice cream!

(S)Sgt Jacob Dunsmore: The only person who can keep his hair “in” reggs yet still have a man bun. Made staff and is moving to Kadena shortly. Hopefully his new squadron will allow him to let his hair down and he can find himself a new partner to fulfill his Bromance like the one he has with SrA Flory.

SrA Kevin Berneburg: Kevin recently got to Mildenhall from McConnell. Everyone knows he wants to be TACP or CCT. Recently Kevin got an opportunity to hang out with CCT members on a deployment. We didn’t hear much from him after that. All we know is that there was a lot of swimming, tanning, and lotion.....

SrA Nicholas Sowder: Still grinding away in training when he isn’t on the road. Loves to golf about as much as he loves to drink! Most days when it’s nice outside you can find him stumbling around a fairway somewhere.....

A-Flight

TSgt Steven Mertens: Steve has had a very busy year. He is the only man to break a collarbone snowboarding on the flattest part of the mountain and he even found himself a real, life girlfriend and not a blow up doll! If you ask him about her he will describe her and show you pictures. She has to be real because people in the squadron have even met her! He just moved into a house and got a puppy with her as well. Things are moving along quick for this once meat pie eating recluse. Congrats Steve!

SSgt Danielle Repp: Got a cat to prove she is a responsible human being. Makes everyone else in the squadron take care of it when she goes TDY. Do you want to see a picture? Neither do we...Everyone thinks she has a not so secret crush on Dunsmore, but recently photos have popped up on Facebook eluding to them sharing a tent on a weeklong backpacking trip through Europe!

A1C Eric Acevedo: Loved the Deid so much he chose to extend for four months. You didn’t hear about it? Check out his Instagram! #boomoperator #inflightrefueling #noopsec

A1C Jordan Barker: aka Bob. Made the decision to move out of the dorms a week before a deployment even though everyone told him not to. No furniture, no water, no electricity. This should be fun for his supervisors!

A1C Kendall Bryant: Took the mantle of the crusher from Flory. Same jet same problems.

A1C Kaleb Bourque: Loves to let his hair down. Especially in front of the wing commander! That one is going to stick for a while. Great going Kaleb!

A1C Derek Peifer: The only guy to successfully have a chia pet attached to the top of his head. Probably the most gullible person you will ever meet. Hey Derek that event coming up is in full service dress!

MCT

Not enough information about these hooligans yet. More to follow next year.....**FNG’s**

A1C Jacob Bitter

A1C Justin Pauleon

A1C Corey Marion

A1C Darian Gent

A1C Steven Rappuhn

A1C Sean Krier

Departed

CMSgt Cesar Flores: Did so well at being a boom they said he had to stop because he made us all look bad. Currently learning the ropes on being a sensor operator. Hopefully he doesn't get kicked out again. Good luck Chief!

MSgt Joseph Blakley: Moved back to Altus to start up the KC-46 program. Had to take a cruise ship back to the states because the aircraft didn't have room for the kids. Enjoying the land of the free back on his motorcycle.

TSgt Mathew Ohle: Moved to MacDill AFB. You're gonna need a lot of sunscreen Gingie! Just celebrated the birth of a son. Good Luck bro!

SSgt Mike Eiland: Moved to Seymour Johnson. Couldn't wait to leave Mildenhall so he pulled his records two months early! Thanks for the help at the end Mike. Couldn't have crushed all those priority 1's without you!

SSgt Andrew Valence: Moved on to Scott to work in TACC. Probably the only guy that could be easily forgotten when it came time for the squadron to receive a trophy. Whoops! You will be missed buddy.

SSgt Serjey Ficeli: Serj got his dream job of teaching young booms in Altus. Good luck buddy. You're going to need it!

SrA Donovan Kennedy: Donovan got accepted to Ohio State University. Once he graduates he will reenter the Air Force as an officer in pilot training! Good on you Donovan for going to school on the Air Force's dime.

SrA Amy Lizauckas: Moved to March. Sounds like her cat loves it so far so that is all that matters! Enjoy the beach.

A1C Marcello Navarrette: Moved to Birmingham. Still the silent assassin. Skipped out of the squadron without half the people knowing. Good on ya Nav.

A1C Lyndon Stoudmire: Moved to March. He was so relieved to get a good location to constantly wear his chubbies! Just don't stand in his way if you're a bouncer. Good luck Stoud!

Inbounds

Christopher and Samantha Shelton: Brand new duo coming from Fairchild. She Shelton used to be a load. This should be fun....

TSgt Laughman: Coming to us from the 603rd in Ramstein.

SSgt Javis: Cross training and joining the boom world!

SrA Eppscarpenter: Coming to us from Kadena!

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Home of SLARCO



Greetings from the boys and girl of SLARCO. This year has been a really decent year for us. We have finally received some of the rank that maintenance must have had stashed away for the last few years. We also had Booms win Senior NCO of the year and NCO of the year. With one SMSgt, one MSgt, two TSgt, and two SSgt promotions, things are starting to look up. Unless that is, you acknowledge the never ending bucket, rainbow, rainbucket system that keeps our guys and gal suntanned for the foreseeable future. I think we're all in agreement that this part of the deal blows. However, we wouldn't rather serve anywhere or with anyone else than the great folks of Salt Lake City, Utah.

CMSgt Daniel B. (Ben) Williams – (class 91-10X) - Chief "Benny" has more than a plateful this year. His days consist of trying to keep this group of ragtag misfits in line and attempting to stack the deck with new hires, which we seem to only get one third of actually making it all the way through the system. When he's not running the Booms section, you can find Chief spraying truck bed liners, fixing motorcycles, or attaching any number of vehicle accessories. His hands often look like he went full hazmat clean up and forgot his gloves (because he did).

SMSgt James L. (Jimmy Z) Zaelit – (class 85-07) - Jimmy Z is nearing the end of an impressive 35 year career. Often referred to as the "Godfather" of SLARCO, he's a guy that even at 55 you would want on your side. Jimmy has been a mentor, a teacher, and role model to all who have followed. Come December, he will truly be missed. On the flip side, it will be really nice to be able to dole some of that alert and LTMPA out to some of the other guys. Seriously...five and a half months of alert!?

SMSgt Brian K. (Grumpy) Jensen – (class 90-12) - Good Ole' Grumpy. What would we do without you? Our current OGV Boom and evaluator-instructor extraordinaire has more additional duties than any three Booms combined. From performing WIT duties during exercises and inspections to keeping every Boom on the up and up with pubs and reg's, and attending a number of senior enlisted conferences. He is also willing to answer any phone in any office just to tell you he did. He's a hell of a guy and finally made the well-deserved rank of SMSgt this year.

MSgt Timothy L. (Timmy) Molder – (class 96-09) - Timmy has held down the Current Ops shop this past year. He does a great job of buying trips that are sure to land you right in the middle of any major sporting event. His love for all sports and anything and everything baseball keeps this guy a must to trip with. You can find him bickering with little Molder or any of the pilots who attempt to be even decent at Fantasy Football. He has a passion for side bets on anything (so long as he's got odd's).

MSgt Jason D. (J-Blo) Blood – (class 00-13) - J-Blo was successful in every single hunt he ventured on. You name it, he has killed it. He was also very successful in hiding out in the vault most of the year. I know none of you are going to believe me, but Jason just got back from his first Deid deployment. He went out and kicked ass for a

full 60. He also won SNCO of the year. When he's not "killing God's innocent creatures" (a Vince Littlejohn favorite) he's home enjoying being a grandfather and watching his son compete on the grid iron.

MSgt Charles D. (Dirty) Hudson – (class 01-05) - Hud is getting ready to finish up his tour as the assistant ANGLO in Geilenkirchen Germany. He has more than enjoyed the 40 week schedule and his nice little flat in the Netherlands. Oh, that's right, I said 40 week, as in 40 out of 52 week schedule. Seriously though, Dave has done amazing work for the Guard while representing the Boom Operators worldwide. Probable the most noteworthy accomplishment has to be cutting the ribbon at the Guard Shack's very own "Beer Guard'n". Nice work!

MSgt Kurt A. (Kurtz) Armstrong – (class 00-10) - So you know the old saying "if it floats, flies, or f@*k's you can't afford it"? Well, Kurt is still proving that old adage wrong. His recent accomplishments are private flying on a regular basis, boating and wave running, driving his RZR and four wheelers. He occasionally takes enough time to pour himself a beer from his newly finished keg-a-rator. He still proves to be good night time A/R instructor and we've even been able to twist his arm into taking a few trips this year.

MSgt Santiago (J) Avila – (class 00-03) - This guy came in blazing this year! NCO of the year and IG coin recipient. Shortly after that and after a long wait, he's finally been promoted to MSgt. He moved from training to the scheduling office where nobody has to worry about "Training Jay" any longer. That guy was a dick. With all of that behind him, everyone is right back to wondering what the unit's only AGR Boom actually does around here? AGR's sure have a lot of leave for never being here. Must be nice!

MSgt Derek R. (D-Rock) Larson – (class 95-12) - D-Rock is also on his way out to pasture. Thankfully as the units Tybrin rep and PEX specialist, we will be able to enjoy his beaming personality on a daily basis long after he takes off his patches. D Rock successfully dodged Instructor school and that may not be a bad thing. The older we get, the younger these new Booms get. To be honest, I don't think many of them would have made it past S-3 with the Rock. We're looking forward to "Honzo the Mustache" being a permanent fixture on Derek's face.

TSgt George A. (Tony) Kalakis – (class 04-12) - Georgy Boy is nailing the TODO duties. Whether he's assigning new I Pads, updating FCIF's, or installing new software, he's killing it. Just don't tell him that he's doing it the same way you would do it or he'll go and change everything. George has a new baby boy on the way just in time for Christmas. I think this new responsibility has him in a self-reflection phase of his life. He's traded smoking for mostly vaping and has cut his Rockstar consumption in half. Here's to good life choices.

TSgt Vincent M. (Vinnie) Littlejohn – (class 05-05) – Vinny is getting closer and closer to his 20 year mark and we think he may seriously be ready to punch (because he tells us daily). The rumor is that he's actually going to become a roadie for Phish. Though it might take him some getting use to. It's not exactly going to be easy giving up all that midweek alert. It has been said that he would consider staying if he was able to do just one more 60 day staff tour in the Deid. That dude loves working in Caddy Shack. Not joking, he really loves it.

TSgt Sean G. (Glumshanks) Price – (class 10-13) – The squadrons new Training NCOIC is doing a hell of a job. He actually taught his own Cargo Load training this year. This guy streamlined two days of training into a half a day. Sure made the last guy look like a dick. When he's not teaching or flying he's riding one of his many bikes down the face of a mountain or flying his drones. Sean does great work when filming his flights. Even if it is in a no fly zone in another country.

TSgt Bradley D. (Baby Huey) Harris – (class 13-02) – B-Rad is doing a great job as both a Boom Operator and an Airfield Manager at Hill AFB. Though the verdict was initially out due to certain family ties, he has turned out to be "just fine". He was recently promoted to TSgt which means a few more rounds on the road. Brad is doing his time in the desert and will join the ranks of the instructor force this year where he will be a great asset. We hope he is finally done flipping houses and can just sit tight for a while. The SLARCO moving company could use a break.

SSgt Patricia M. (Girl Boom) Rich – (class 12-02) – Teash is one of the only Booms that actually brings a touch of class to the section. Recently she's been enjoying her monthly vacations to Yellowstone National Park to hang out with her husband who flies Medevac choppers. You can always tell when this lady has a check ride by her elaborate spread of fruits, vegetables, meats, and cheeses. She's also able to score some pretty sweet gigs when she wants to get out on the road. Sentry Aloha and Aviano each for two weeks. It's all about timing.

SSgt William D. (Bill) Nielson – (class 14-05) – Billy Boy is by far the nicest Boom you will ever meet, and it really pisses us off! Never short of a smile and a "how ya doin". Bill has proved to be a great addition to the section by continuing to sell his soul to the Guard. He can always be counted on to cover shortfalls or last minute trips. Also not a bad guy to have out on the road with you as he is always willing to DD and make sure you make it back to your room safe and sound. Somebody buy this guy a Coke!

SSgt Brandon M. (Rookie) Molder – (class 12-04) – Rook is currently doing a hell of a job as the Long Range dude. Minus having a steady relationship with our favorite receiver (C-17) every Monday morning. What he lacks in foosball ability he more than makes up for in Fantasy Football. He is the current champion and this year is already looking good for him again. We think we did a pretty good job hiring this guy full time, though occasionally it would seem that he'd rather be a good old fashioned Guard Bum. Also, our newest IB candidate.

SSgt Cody S. (E-or) Harper – (class 15-03) – We were all a little bummed when Lawson retired. Though, we may have counted our chickens a little early. Whether Cody is dishing out really shitty one liners or laughing to himself, he's always ready to go. Cody builds and rebuilds diesels full time but is still willing to offer up some flying and the occasional trip. He's made the rank of SSgt this year and has also got his first deployment out of the way. Cody is also a great guy to have out on the road if trans or the taxi is taking too long. "Cody, put the bus back".

SrA Bryan J. Hall – (class 15-05) – After waiting almost two years, Bryan finally became an actual Boom Operator. He came to us from the Fire Department and is doing a great job. Bryan recently made SrA while in GK and enjoys the road more than most. We introduced him to the Deid by sending him in June-July. We hope that made up for Hawaii being his first trip and him getting to Germany, Guam, Tampa, Puerto Rico, and Hawaii five times in his first year.

A1C Cody K. Larsen- (class 16-09) – Cody is currently working his way through his MCT folder. We don't even have a nick name for him yet but we are working on it. Really we're just waiting for him to mess something up. We picked this kid up right out of high school and have high hopes for him. Upon his arrival from SERE training we asked him how it was. He was actually a little disappointed that he didn't get punched in the face. I'm still receiving letters from volunteers.

SrA Kyle A. Hansen – (class 16-10) – Kyle is our newest Boom Operator. Though new is not exactly what we would call him. He decided to join the Air Force at 33 years old and was kicking ass in Aerial Port when we picked him up. He couldn't wait to be a Boom Operator (not many can). Though Kyle hasn't even flown his first flight with us, we are anticipating great things.

Awaiting School
SrA Colton Larson
Amn Pedan Cayias

Retired/Separated since last year
SMSgt Brian (Bugs) Lawson
SMSgt Joseph (Papa Joe) Mace
SSgt Chris (B-2) Bermensolo

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1. **Chief Sammy “still here” Gerros** --- Well he’s still here, and apparently isn’t leaving anytime soon!!
2. **SMSgt Arie “Mr. DNIF” Latimer**----- He’s been a SMSgt since the 80’s (thanks Chief) Oh, did you know he’s DINF, weird right before a deployment he volunteered for.
3. **SMSgt Stephen Butler**--- Who is he and what does he do? Oh he’s the FAM for the guard at NGB! Has he even done anything for us?
4. **SMSgt John “Never Here” Reed**---- We heard he’s on the golf course but we wouldn’t know, because he’s never in the office! John loves to generate just ask him!
5. **SMSgt Keith Wagner** ---- Since giving up his full time technician spot, he’s been noticed going around grumbling, making weird noises and eating various items from the trash. Working full time at TACC until he can punch his ticket out of the military.
6. **MSgt Nathan “Terminator” Moore**----- Likes to volunteer for deployments and hand them off to others only to deploy anyway. (thanks Mr. DNIF AKA LAT) Single handily took down an exercise with his awesome driving (or non-driving) skills.

7. **MSgt Chris Zahner**---- Apparently it pays to never be around, somehow Chris found an E-8 spot by never showing up! Well done!
8. **MSgt Paul Fusek** --- Still married and still shocked to find someone to put up with his “FUSEBOXNESS”!
9. **TSgt Jamie Castillo-Liceaga-ajladsfjasdf-akfaskfa-asjdfds**---- No one knows how to say or spell his name still! “I need a Castillo” can be heard in the halls while he is here though!
10. **TSgt Kate “Prego” Lowry** --- Heard rumors she was prego, not sure if it was a tactical DNIF or if she’s actually prego, mainly cause she’s never around! (Not being here is a requirement for promotion)
11. **TSgt Ashley Hogman/Bradford (Hogford?)**---- Not really sure what her last name is now!!
12. **TSgt Jameson Liggett** --- Where is he? Just got picked up for LOSA. Has aspirations to see the world on his terms. Ironical selection considering his recent stabbing in the cockpit. Managed to stab himself with someone else’s knife that was in their bag. Epitome of safety.
13. **TSgt Jason Wheeler**--- Probably the best dressed boom we have here but he’s leaving us for anything else he can get his hands on!
14. **TSgt Chris Nikonovich**--- Not going to have a job after writing this year’s boom signal. Still comes around to make Chiefs popcorn, and still has to get a HOP to get to work on time.
15. **SSgt Deker Lankford** ----“Bro” is his response to everything
16. **SSgt Brandon Merano**--- Bubble baths do not wash off bad decisions made in Guam.
17. **SSgt Nate “not so” Smart**--- Recently married, but has spent more time on the road versus being home with his new bride! I’m sure it’s a happy marriage.
18. **SSgt Kevin O’Reilly** --- So boring of a boom that we have nothing to write about! So DO SOMETHING!
19. **SSgt Richard Bradford**--- Fortunately for Rich, America’s newest power couple (Hogford) had plenty of time to get acquainted in the dessert. Threshold crossing approved.
20. **SSgt Ethan “Still Creepy” Wheeler** – Tried to cover up his creepiness with a starter family, well that didn’t last long! Also put on staff and acts like it’s a LT. Col promotion.

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906th ARS



Greetings from the Mighty 906th! Booms continue to lead the way as times stay tough. As part of the 126 ARW Illinois ANG TFA unit, we stayed gainfully employed in all four corners of the globe (I know, that geometrically makes no sense). We continue to fill deployment lines along with our Guard brethren, and getting our new booms the development experience they need.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Warren “Dotcom” Weldon warren.weldon@us.af.mil

Arrived in July from HQ AMC, Dotcom has learned that things move at a different pace than over on the other side of the runway. Dotcom has taken over as Ops Superintendent and is back in the jet telling war stories and sharing boom knowledge. He talks a lot, I assume they didn't let him say much over at HQ and now he is trying to make up for lost time!

Training

TSgt David Drain david.drain@us.af.mil

Arrived in the fall from the McGuire CRW world and is happy to be flying again. He is learning about “The Guard Way” and is passing on his knowledge to the new generation of booms here. David has tackled every project with a voracity that can't be matched; to include his F-body Camaro; laying in pieces in his garage!

Stan Eval

SSgt Tyler “Senior” Williams

“Senior” is our in-house Tactics guru, and now our newest evaluator to Stan/Eval. He is enjoying his role as an evaluator and dread the day we lose him to a PCS/PCA. Oops, orders just dropped to Travis CRG!

Current Ops/Scheduling

SrA Joseph Brendel joseph.l.brendel.mil@mail.mil

Joe is our representation in Scheduling and Current Ops. Always coming up with a new life plan, he is a hard charger and is destined to get a slot to IB upgrade when we finally get him out of the deployment lineup.

SrA Tyler “Junior” Williams tyler.j.williams6.mil@mail.mil

“Junior Below-the-Zone” is our guy about town. Fresh back from the desert, Tyler has been keeping up on his knowledge by training up the copilots on “how things are done.” He has shown good knowledge and a good attitude. No worries to Junior, we will keep him gainfully employed for the future.

SrA Lucas “Buttercup” Tisol

Lucas is fighting the good fight. Very even keeled and nothing seems to get him spun up. He has been spending a lot of time down range and we look to get him some down time and maybe an upgrade slot soon. In the meantime he is hanging out oin the UDM shop.

This year’s “Newbies”

SrA Alberto “AJ” Ayala

Fresh from the pipeline, poor Alberto; his first nickname was given in the following quote from one of our Guard pilots looking at his flight orders for the sortie: “Who’s this guy on the flight orders? Ayala... sounds like a character from *Star Wars*..... Princess Ayala.” (Pilot looks up from the flight orders at Ayala): “Who are you?”

Alberto has been a good-natured, hard charger with a sense of humor. We have got his first deployment out of the way and made BTZ. Welcome Alberto.

SrA Preston Gore

Gore comes from the “Island” after a busy tour flying with the 909 ARS in PACAF. He has definitely enjoyed the change in scenery and may take up permanent residency here at Scott. Preston always has a new update to his life plans and has been a great addition to the boom knowledge here.

SrA Bria White

Bria is our gain from McConnell and she is happy with the change of pace. She is now enjoying the pleasures of home ownership (read: broken A/C and power outages in the Illinois summer heat, washer/dryer issues, etc.). We have her spinning up for her first deployment with the 906th.

Out of the area

MSgt(ret) Mark “Mac” McCaughtry

Mac and his wife retired in March 17th (St Patty’s Day!) and moved on to better things in the West Coast time zone.

SSgt Jarret Crawford

Separated in December and haven’t heard much from him since. He showed up one afternoon for a Public Affairs article on 2015 aircrew of the Year.

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SSgt Clay Wonders: clay.wonders@us.af.mil Boy Wonders arrived at TACC this past year from McGuire and thus far, has been working as a C-17/C-5 Contingency Airlift Planner. This past year has been full of excitement as Clay bought his first house and had his first child this past summer. Clay might be the only person to ever enjoy mission planning. He never leaves his desk and gets excited to stay late. Maybe he doesn't want to go home...

SSgt Dave Pingelton: david.pingleton@us.af.mil Dave can tell you everything you want to know about airplanes.....everything. He has been at TACC for two years and is looking forward to getting back to the flying force. In the past year, Dave has managed to get his private pilot's license, finish most of his Bachelor's, and watch 500+ hours of airplane videos on YouTube. Dave is applying for the Enlisted RPA program and would be a great addition to the upcoming career field.

MSgt Jayson Brady: jayson.brady@us.af.mil Jay is on his way out of TACC as you're reading this. He is happy to be heading back to Travis and hopes to never venture back to the land of corn. He's done a lot of great things during his time at TACC...we think....but to sum up what he wanted in this signal "tell them I'm leaving and that's it". Well Jay, that's what you got.

SSgt Joseph Del Toro: joseph.deltoro@us.af.mil I'll bring beer over for the Cookout, and then there's only 2 in the 12 pack. Joe is always sitting at his desk with his legs tucked in Yoga style. I've been told he A/R's the same way! Nickname is Mowgli from Kelvin Boddy at McGuire.

SMSgt Jamie Ward: james.ward.6@us.af.mil Jamie is STILL in the reserves and STILL working as a civilian mission planner. We're not sure, but he could be going for the oldest SMSgt in the Air Force. Jamie really enjoys Cardinals games during the work day and watching re-runs of Bonanza.

TSgt Levi Knepper: levi.knepper@us.af.mil Levi is a somewhat new to TACC. His hair is still molded to perfection every day and he and his wife have been working on creating a baseball team over the years. In between working mission requirements, Levi has been working hard at school and hopes to commission.

TSgt Greg Bush: gregory.bush.1@us.af.mil Aside from planning airlift missions, Greg spends most of his time organizing his weekly Draft Kings roster and refurbishing old furniture. He still continues to rid the world of as many antlered critters as often as he can, but between the auctions and gun shows, it's tough to get in the stand. Greg is still following Jerome Jefferson around, so it's only a matter of time until he goes upstairs to AMC. Each day the two of them go to the chow hall for "mentoring sessions", which can easily be mistaken for "bro-downs." Now that

Greg is done with school, he's putting in for a chance at commissioning. Sorry to tell you this Greg, but with a BA in Fashion Design you may have to settle for MX officer.

Mr. Jesse Meagher: jesse.meagher@us.af.mil Jesse traded in the flight suit for a suit and tie just recently! He swept up a nice GS position in XOP working on the OD Air process....God help him.

Current Operations Directorate (XOO)

Mr. Anderson, Scott D: scott.anderson.8@us.af.mil Scott has been in the SAAM Division for 18 years and has 12 more to go, so he says. Still plans missions with high level cargo (sometimes the cargo is VIP passengers) that can be very unforgiving if the plan doesn't go perfectly. His time training for half marathons and triathlons has him looking quite fit. He says it's so he can eat good food and drink good beer. Big St. Louis Blues hockey fan, hoping they will make the Stanley Cup Finals this year.

Mr. Glast, Erskin D: erskin.glast@us.af.mil Erskin is a Director of New Requirements supporting the POTUS, SECDEF, and Bomber moves, but don't let this professional title fool you. If really know the Chief you've heard the phrase "OK, LET'S DROP". He pushes the team to accomplish 200 push-ups a day plus planks, and makes it look easy. You would never know he's pushing retirement age.

Mr. Guthrie, Ralph J Jr "Chip": ralph.guthrie.3.ctr@us.af.mil What can be said about Chip that has not already been testified too in a social actions case. Former Boom, GS flight scheduler extraordinaire and now GOV contractor leaching your empty booms in the ARLO! Always talking about his love for the mountain goats in Montana. Hoping to PCS back to the motherland (Fairchild AFB) next spring.

Mr Mark "Mac Daddy" McIntosh: mark.mcintosh.8.ctr@us.af.mil - Traded boom life for the lucrative world of defense contracting! When Mark is not running around with his hair on fire due to all the friendly tanker units out there, he is dealing with his VA claims which last we checked numbered somewhere close to the national debt.

Mr. Placide, Laroche J: laroche.placide@us.af.mil a Director of New Requirements supporting the POTUS, SECDEF, and Bomber moves, sitting side by side with Erskin (except for the push ups). Larry quietly takes care of business without drawing attention to himself. He is the "go to" guy on all things computers too.

Mr. Reuter, Mark D: mark.reuter.1@us.af.mil KC-135 Boom that graduated from Castle CCTS more than 30 years ago. Still making contributions to the AMC mission at the TACC Coronet shop. Says he doesn't miss flying (most of the time), but is often caught watching tankers lift off at Scott AFB. Lots of stories to share, Fly Safe Everyone!

MSgt Trussell, Jennifer R: jennifer.trussell@us.af.mil Says she's not really here... Shhhhhh. We're glad she is.

MSgt Leonard, Daniel P: daniel.leonard.7@us.af.mil Brought his talents to TACC as an IMA to New Requirements Division. Seems to be picking up the subtle details of the job very quickly. He loves seeing familiar faces as they pass through TACC, Stop in and say Hi if you get the chance.

TSgt Mike Durham: michael.durham.2@us.af.mil KC-10 Boom extraordinaire, just ask him. Really. Mike is bigger than life and working harder than ever with his new found rank, yes he got promoted... Congrats Mike!

SSgt Valence, Andrew R: andrew.valence@us.af.mil New Guy 1 making himself valuable to the Coronet shop as a detail planner/ mission director. Starting a biker gang with New Guy 2. May or may not have a nerf gun in his desk drawer...

SSgt Scott, Matthew T: matthew.scott.13@us.af.mil New Guy 2 making himself valuable to the Coronet shop as a detail planner/ mission director. Starting a biker gang with New Guy 1. May or may not have a nerf gun in his desk drawer too...

SSgt Nguyen, : New Guy 3. So new he doesn't have an email yet. Maybe they'll talk him into a motorcycle too. Seen stashing a nerf gun in his desk drawer... Hmmm...

Moved on: These guys did a fantastic job for the tanker division, TACC, and AMC while they were here. Their new units are lucky to have them.

MSgt Lego, Brad M: brad.lego@us.af.mil Brad escaped from the TACC Coronet shop and now flying with the 305th out at McGuire. When he's not winning powerlifting competitions by raising small vehicles with one hand, he's enjoying married life with his bride and fellow Boom Operator Debbie Marks.

TSgt Pratt, Jeremy D: jeremy.pratt@us.af.mil Former KC-10 Boom from Travis, escaped from TACC Coronet shop and now flying McConnell KC-135s all over creation. You know he's on the road when calls his old contacts to get the best mission profiles for himself and his crew. No doubt he is making a name for himself in the 22 ARW. Maybe a KC-46 in your future?

SSgt Miller, Justin M: justin.miller.22@us.af.mil Departed from TACC Coronet shop and now flying with the 100ARW at Mildenhall. Must be happy there because we don't from him much. Thanks for all the work Justin, Enjoy!

Mobility Management Directorate (XOB)

Mr. Garrett, Douglas G Jr "Doug": douglas.garrett@us.af.mil 10001010111010101001 = Head Explosion. Doug is the barrel's tech guru and taking computer programming classes that will make mere mortal men wither like vampires in daylight. When he is not engaged in "Evil Doug Mode" you may find his quad copter hovering over your homes... Hide yo kids, hide yo wife! Now that Jim's back, Doug's workload should drop but his in office computer repairs will probably increase.

Mr. Norris, James J "Jim": james.norris@us.af.mil When he is not keeping everything on his desk fresh with aluminum foil, you may find Jim sailing the high seas of Carlyle Lake in his boat. Even though he was thought to be the toughest, meanest barrel master around, he kicked it up a notch by also fighting a battle against cancer. Chuck Norris better watch out, he has competition here. Jim's battled back and is on the job again.

TSgt Jonathan Farmer: jonathan.farmer@us.af.mil

TSgt Marcus Mitchell: marcus.mitchell.1@us.af.mil

Mission Support Directorate (XON)

Tony and I spend a lot of time trying to reconcile tanker mission data with emphasis on the air refueling event which is input by the tanker units around the world. It's an interesting job, and we are happy to be able to stay in touch with the air refueling world through our contacts at TACC and occasionally at the Wings. If you have any questions about inputting data into the AMC Fuel Tracker, and the newly incorporated FARM (replaced AM CART), feel free to give us a call at DSN779-3865.

Mr. Taylor, Joseph A: joseph.taylor.7.ctr@us.af.mil Tony has been assigned at March, Wurtsmith, Barksdale, McGuire, Scott and McConnell in both KC10 and KC135. He works in TACC/XON for Unisys as a Tanker Data Analyst and can be heard muttering "You've got to be @#4! me" throughout the day.

Mr. Winter, Oliver M: oliver.winter.ctr@us.af.mil Lee served at Minot, Riyadh (Saudi Air Force Trainer), Loring, McGuire, Robins, Fairchild and Scott. Now working for Unisys as a Tanker Data Analyst with Tony.

MSgt Sullivan, James: james.sullivan.12@us.af.mil Sully retired from TACC Coronet plans and slipped back in as Mr. Sullivan up in XON.

Mr. Ric Kempfer: richard.kempfer.ctr@us.af.mil

Command and Control Directorate (XOC)

TSgt Alex McGinness: alexander.mcginness@us.af.mil Alex works somewhere out on the TACC floor. Other than denying aircrew requests for more crew rest, no one knows what he actually does.

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“Tanker Training”



SMSgt Benjamin L. Cobb: KC-46 Training Manager
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Just received Ben from MacDill and he is still going through withdraws of not having the 1st Sgt phone. You can always tell when his kids just had a sports game because he can't talk from all the yelling the next day (make sure you turn down the volume prior to looking and any of his social media post). When he is not learning about the new tanker or catching up on family time you will find his terrorizing the neighborhood on a mini-sports bike.

MSgt Justin R. Poteet: KC-135 Training Manager
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Despite all of our advice Justin has gone out and gotten married again (most of us like her better than we do him). As his time up at AMC comes to an end, we are trying to find a unit that will take him. He has been heavily involved with MAF training with the development/implantation of GTIMS and we see that the KC-10's are glad that MSgt Falucho will be taking over. I think that his time up at HQ has made him snap, he was walking around the office with a spoon saying "he wanted some of that KC-10 chili"...???

MSgt Daniel D. Falucho: KC-10 Training Manager
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Dan's vacation of doing 1st Sgt duties and paperwork are over. We threw him in the new position of MAF KC-10 training and continue to watch him drink from the firehose. He has found his instructor hat again and is the perfect person to manage AMC's smallest fleet. He is learning quickly though, he now knows to come to his fellow Booms for help instead of asking the FE how to handle things.

Mr. James S. Wood: KC-10 ATS Manager
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Jim is smiling ear to ear these days after being blessed with the new name of "grandpa" with twins recently. Whenever he is not on the road developing the next home of the KC-46 or developing the new CLT for the KC-10 you can find him at his desk sharing pictures of the new family additions.

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KC-135

SMSgt Nate “The Hate/Hack” Hackney: Hack’s goal is to fill as many high-vis jobs at Scott as possible. The IG wasn’t enough so he found himself as the AMC Vice Commanders right-hand man....or actually his minion. That still wasn’t enough so now he’s AMC’s lead EB.....for now. You might see him in the Birmingham area in the near future. When he’s not busy at work, he’s busy attending his daughters’ sports activities.

MSgt Rob Hansen: Rob is a recent add from Nukeville and we’re happy to have him. Asked him where he was thinking of attaching for flying, not even a second passed.. MacDill. Currently at MacDill getting re-qual’d. Also, Please stop emailing him about 13-520, he doesn’t work there anymore! Looking forward to finally having a full shop in Stratotanker land.

KC-10

SMSgt Jason Prosser: Still being confused for his brother Chris, it has been like two years people.. COME ON! He keeps telling us he is the better looking Prosser. Don’t call him after 1500, he is at the gym, running or working on school. Knee surgery sidelined him for a few months this year, but he has managed to get back into the swing of things and found a few Coronets and Dual Roles to Vegas fill his time.

MSgt Kevin Hill: Kevin wasn’t here when we did this. He was on leave we think. Kevin is our resident Green dot, communication skills, and Wingman day events trainer. If he isn’t out mentoring our future leaders he is TDY. If you see Kev tell him to come back... Wingman day is coming up again.

KC-46

SMSgt Max Morkin: Max came over from A5/8 to replace JL, but don’t be confused, Max is and always will be a KC-135 boom and don’t tell him otherwise. Doing his best to fix everything JL and Jason (Hall or Trussell), your pick) screwed up on the KC-46. Other than that he's Nate's little helper on the KC-135. Keeps saying he wants to retire and live off his sugar mama, but we're not having it....

Max’s last minute edit: I am retiring 1 Apr 17 to live off my sugar mama and you cannot stop me!!!!

BWAHAHAHAA

MSgt Ken Essick: Ken recently joined us from AMC/A3O. Not sure what that is but, it’s probably just watching YouTube all day. He says he deployed a lot of tankers and argued with DOs on a daily basis. He’s our resident dark liquor expert, when he’s not explaining the finer points of a good Bourbon, he’s trying to keep up with his four kids. He’s a very sharp boom and we’re happy to have him on board to operationalize the KC-46.

Departed

MSgt Jamie “JL” Smith: (KC-46/KC-135) JL was selected for promotion to SMSgt this year but, decided not to take the stripe and retire, we know it was a hard choice for him make and will miss him in the office. He departed the fix in Jun but didn’t go far..Kept it in the local pattern. Retired on a Wednesday and started right back here in Bldg 1600 the following Monday. Guess he loves staff work that much. Rumor has it he may be starting a new job that deals with writing FLIP. Booms, now more than ever, we will need to review the approach plates very carefully.

MSgt Rafael Cruz Ovola: (KC-135) Cruz saw the light and retired this past summer of 2016. After a few months off to grow a goatee and a Man Bun, he also started working right back in bldg. 1600 as a flight manager in TACC. If your flight plan had you going to the wrong destination with an incorrect fuel load you can probably guess why. Heard a rumor that he also may be joining the ranks of FLIP editors. Best of luck wherever you end up Cruz.

MSgt Jason Trussell: (KC-46/KC-10) We’re still in shock from JT’s departure to Seattle....Shocked at how much we’ve accomplished on the KC-46 program since he left. JT joined the ops test team at Boeing Field and we wish him the best of luck up there.

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“Perfection Driven”



Reaching out to make Nuclear Great Again! A3N Booms are working every day to bring the nuclear mission back to the focus point in today's Air Force. KC-46...

MSgt Robert “Boom 5” Hansen - Sgt Hansen has been working diligently on rewriting the AMCI 13-520 (S) before he makes his move over to A3V to take over the Stan/Eval World. Good luck over there!

MSgt Anthony “Shooter” “Boom 6” Erdelac – When he isn't in the office he is in the woods. As our resident trip planner he is looking at orders soon. He is working hard to train up his replacement.

MSgt Lamar “Boom 7” Daniel – Not the newest in the office anymore, not taking his time getting into the swing of things either. Sgt Daniel is rewriting the addendum B as you read this. Hopefully his rewrite doesn't take as long as the 13-520.

TSgt Marcus “Ocho” “Boom 8” Barnes – As the FNG, Sgt Barnes has been asked to create communication tools to expedite guidance to the entire nuclear tanker fleet.

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“BUZZARDS”



MSgt Kurt “That unit should have failed” Hinson: Kurt has been doing a LeMaysing job as our resident nuclear expert...he is the team’s go-to guy, but no one seems bothered by the fact our walking library of nuclear knowledge also speaks Russian. One time he ‘accidentally’ flung his foot into his pug, hurt his knee really bad, and had to come off of an inspection. After 4 years at Scott, Kurt and Morgan recently received orders to RAF Mildenhall and will both be missed. Good luck!

MSgt Mike Russell: Mike was paroled a little early from Altus for good behavior. He came to the IG in March and hit the ground the running. He has spent the last 6 months learning AMC’s nuke business and inspecting units. On TDYs, when he’s not eating tofu he’s telling units how they’re doing it wrong. He can be found at a local restaurant stuffing hot wings in his mouth until he has the meat sweats. Don’t tell Jen! Welcome to the IG Mike. We’re glad to have you.

77th ARS
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"

2016



A big "Hey Y'all" from the booms here at the 77th, "Home of the Totin' Tigers". We are now the first I Wing, so far no real difference at the squadron level but the funding control is now at SJ so that should make it better & easier for use to fly & go TDY together. We continue to fly with mixed crews with our sister Squadron the 911th & on occasion we have crewmembers on each other's deployments. Active duty still finds a lot of reasons to have time off, although they typically deploy more. This past year our deployments have changed to unit deployments which is must better. It looks like the Reserves will go back to more unit deployments. We have almost doubled our Boom manning, the hiring is on hold until we get our new manning requirements. So if you're thinking about leaving active duty or want to come to a Real Reserve unit, give us a call. We've got some great schools like NC State, UNC, Wake Forrest, East Carolina, Campbell University, Methodist, Duke, and Meredith all within an hour and a half of the unit, this is a great way to go to school and still be a Boom Operator. When Y'all come over to accomplish your BOWST profiles Stop up & say Hi. If you have enough time we'll take you out for some Carolina BBQ & sweeeet tea!

Carolina Blue Skies,
SMSgt Barry Bradley
916 OGV Superintendent

TSgt Sena "The Boom Mama Princes" Alfaro - Apr 09 – Present

A traditional Reservist & enjoying the sweeeet life here at Shady J Reserve resort. Her girls (Future Boomers) are getting big fast & are giving her a run for her money. She's about to POP out a new Baby GIRL in a few months, Sena's goal is to create her own Tanker Squadron of all female Booms. Air Force Rules!! NKAWTG...N!!

SrA Sonya Alexander – Apr 15 - Present

She's still one of our Baby Boom's, with a deployment under her belt. Home grown North Carolinian. She got evicted from the Shady J Boom trailer park, so she went back to school, her real day job. She miss's being a Boom so much she's trying to get back into the Shady J Boom trailer park & be a trougher. She wants to RULE the Boom world!!

SSgt Kijuan Amey - Apr 15 – Present

AS mentioned in the past he's from Durham NC, so he might stick around a while, currently going to school. Did we say he's still here!! Amey is one of our go to reserve IB's that comes in & fly's often almost once a week, he also goes on a few TDY's. So if you see him flying on HWY 70 in a black Charge with a Blue strip move over or get run over.

TSgt Jeremy "Tin Man" Bennett- Apr 07 - Present

He's still at Cherry Point Depot trying to make F-35's able to fly, as challenging as that is work has slowed down enough that Oh yea he also got MARRIED, and we see him around more often or maybe not. He FINALLY made SSgt after 50 years, BUT wait he has made TSgt in record time, no wait he's not a MSGT yet, to be continued!! Still loving life on the beach with his ski boat, he thinks, he hasn't had as much time to enjoy it this year. He hasn't tried to rip anymore limbs off either! He's always looking for friends to ski with so give him a call if you're on the NC coast.

TSgt Roxanne Best –Aug 14 - Present

She's one of our young guns former Baby Boom; Still a Marines in her previous life, she's ordering everyone around here respectfully, especially finance. She loves flying both here & on the outside as a flight medic. She still has more energy than the entire boom shop combined.

TSgt Cody Beverly - Mar 15 - Present

He's still acts like Active duty, its hard beating McConnel is-um's out of him. He's an ART & our Boom Body scheduler working for pilots in the pilot scheduling office. Did I say he's was AD! So he spends more time taking care of pilots every whim & desire that he use darts to schedule Booms. Every week he has a new hair style for use to give him crap, oh & a new story. Sena gave him great reviews he hasn't lived up to the hype yet, but we are hopeful!! He has his family here now & bought a MANSION in Princeton. He has plenty of room for people to stop by if he can find them. Ask him about how to inflate an escape slide in the aircraft, he has perfected the technic! Cody's still trying to figure out how to accomplish an IDT, TP, UTA, AT & RPA, all in the same day!!

SMSgt Barry "Stan Evil" Bradley – Nov 93 - Present

Barry is our group Stan/Evil "The Hammer" boom. He's been deploying & flying a lot lately, always looking for the next good deal trip. He's still on every WEST PAC AE's not sure if that's good or not. Active Duty keeps asking if we are changing over to GTIMS & he's kicking & screaming NO. NO. NO!!!! He still wants a new Harley to travel the world on, but his rental empire is still sitting empty & stealing his Harley dollars. He still has 60 more years in the unit so he'll be around for a while.

MSgt Rich "Bowl O' Chili" Bonicelli - Oct 04 - Present

He is still Captain of his sailing Yacht; his crew of one has not mutinied so he's still enjoying it as often as he can. He's in Current OP's/long range scheduling, which presents new challenges for him every day. He finally found a sucker to take over the building manager job. First Adam, then Cody, now Mitch, wait what just happened? (Hey Adam recruit a building manager that lasts more than a month.) Rich is trying to quit everything cigarettes, cigars, pipes, drinking sex, ect. So if he's cranky that's why!!

SSgt Christopher Davis – Aug 14 - Present

He's one of our newest old Baby Booms, a previous Loadmaster. He's MCT complete & on the road making a name for himself. His sitting in training flight helping Mitch Miller out as much as possible with all the admin crap. Shhh, be very, very quit, wait be yourself he's very, very quit.

SSgt Rachel Cullen – Jun 2016

She's one many of our Pope Army Air Field "refugees", AKA a BABY Booms, a prior Loadmaster. Please join us next year for the rest of the story.

MSgt Keny "Dammit" Fallin - Aug 06 - Present

Keny's reign in current OP's with Bonicelli has continued to present time. This is where he's the happiest & maddest & craziest, & just Keny. He's still the King of Trailer parks except for the Shady J trailer park but he has his eye on it. Keny is always looking for the next Corvette but he's a married man & the kids can't touch it. "Don't touch This" Keny still believes Budweiser is the only beer in the World.

TSgt Brian Greer – Apr 2016

He's one many of our Pope Army Air Field "refugees", AKA a BABY Booms, a prior Loadmaster. Please join us next year for the rest of the story.

SSgt Ryne Jordan – Apr 2016

He's one many of our Pope Army Air Field "refugees", AKA a BABY Booms, a prior Loadmaster. Please join us next year for the rest of the story.

SrA Alex (first name Squared) Mark – Sep 12 - Present

Was our newest baby Boom, Now our newest Baby ART. Wants to be a Pilot & tell the Booms what to do, which he has that part down. He still really good at putting out fires, as a civilian firefighter & as an ART (not sure what he does as an ART but he's here). He's our newest instructor & he knows everything & instructs everyone. Time to pullout an AFI or T.O. & play stump the dummy, you may not win.

MSgt Mark "Beerman" McElmurry - Apr 97 - Present

He's in the Command suit helping with all things that are late, EPR's, DTS, RTS, Training, Orders, finally a little bit of sanity. Still not making beer for the masses think he's still hiding out from the Feds. He brings his minions to work to help out on occasion, but has to watch out for the child labor laws, we need more minions!!

TSgt Mitchell "Miller Lite" Miller – (Joined Mar 10) Dec 10 - Present

He is still drinking the Kool-aide & trying to figure out why he has no leave. Speaking of leaving he can't, he just built his Southern Estate House on sprawling acres with a huge pond, able to sail tall ships across. So now he's Estate poor & will be an ART until he wins the MEGABUCKS Lottery. As the only instructor Boom we have in training flight he will be kept busy with our 12newbaby booms that are arriving weekly! Mitch is also the latest Building Manager since he can't quit for the next 30 years or more.

TSgt Patrick "The Future of NASCAR" Muckey Apr 14 – Present

Muckey's fresh out to NASCAR School, top of his class, 1st place on race day! He landed a job but not in NASCAR, it turned out getting a job in NASCAR isn't that fast. He's always looking for an IN into the NASCAR world, but for now he'll just be passing gas on a Military Race Track, if your jet needs gas give him a call. If you want to talk NASCAR or Mustangs he's your guy, but he may only have 12.3 seconds to talk!

CMSgt Tony "Frank the Tank" Parris - Nov 93 - Dec 03 & Apr 08 - Present

Chief Parris THE Chief Boom extraordinaire & program manager. Chief still hasn't gotten a new car to test, so no story there YET? Although he may have some future plans for the Titian Truck so stay tuned. He's still has his Harley, we need to get him out riding with us more & enjoy the windy, windy life on the road. We can't wait to see what's next.

MSgt Jeremy “GE” Reynolds - Apr 08 - Present

GE is still trying to recover from his deployment last year; GE is still trying to recover from him being deployed. He’s enjoying the time with the family & he always has a smile on his face. Speaking of being stuck in a job for 30 years since he is also building a “REYNOLDS ESTATE HOUSE”. He’s still drinking Kirkpatrick Herbal life Kool-aide, & killing the PT test. Stay tuned for the next seasons episode.

SSgt Thomas “Little Smash” Smarsh – May 2016

He’s one many of our newest BABY Booms though coming from the Army, we may be in trouble he’s one of our pilots kids. Please join us next year for the rest of the story.

SMSgt Billy “Mr. Deployment” Somerville - Dec 00 - Present

BJ still rocking the Cheery Point’s heavy weight & balance guru position, he bench presses aircraft for the fun of it. He’s still our Thursday night guy but now he’s our regular “when can I fly, hell when can I deploy next” guy (hence the new nickname). Rides his Harley in all weather (except snow, well!). Bj still goes on every deployment & fights the rest of use for the Good TDY’s.

SSgt Andrew “Ricky Jug’s” Steuart - (Joined Nov 07) Boomer Sep 08-Present

He’s a full time online student working on his degree for the 10 years, he still hasn’t decided if he will be the next Presidential candidate or a street bump. He’s moved up in the world he doesn’t buy POS cheap cars he buys newer nice cars & they don’t blow-up! He still drives like he’s going to blow it up but hasn’t yet.

TSgt Kenneth Stoddard – Mar 15 – Present

He’s one of our newest booms hailing from NJ Guard a year ago, but by the time you read this he will be retired/IRR. His Boeing job is going so well he doesn’t have enough time to commit to this insane pace we now have in the reserves. He’s the Weight & Balance guy for Boeing in SC, so if you want to discuss W & B he the one. He was a former resident of the Shady J Boom Trailer Park but since been evicted & moved to SC Stay tuned for the “RV Reality FAM-Camp Show” next year.

SrA Derrick Yelverton – Sep 14 - Present

He was one of our new Boom’s, now full up, qualified & hit the ground running, doing an outstanding job with a deployment under his belt. Watch out Boom world. He was a former Coast Guardsman, which explains why he keeps wanting to throw the life rafts out the door every time a boom yells help! Luckily He has decided there will be NO water landing for him.

Booms of Yore & the date they were here**Listed by departure Date:****2016****TSgt Adam “Shot Gun” Craft – Jun 14 – Dec 15**

We’ll Adam was one of our newest ART’s until we gave him building manager duties, so he quit to become a recruiter. Then saw that he had to sell soul & lie to everyone about how great their job will be. So he decided that he missed the AD pay & found an AGR job at Tinker as a test Boom. Which is good he won’t be TDY nor will he be getting contacts with a receiver. Lol.

2015**TSgt Tara “Scratch ‘n Dent” (formally known as Hopewell) Kirkpatrick- Sep 00 – & May 13 – May 15**

Tara has her own business “Herbal Life Club” in Asheville we will miss her.

MSgt Steven "Butter-bean, aka Loverboy" Stanton - Jan 06-Apr 15

Now out at Tinker AFB working for the World Renowned Chief "BIFF" Robinson. Hope Tinker enjoys our Chef, just not too much, all of you still have to pass the PT test.

2014

TSgt Travis "Swine King" Swinson- May 11-Nov 1

Last we heard he was at McConnell AFB. Rumor has it he will be part of the KC-46 program.

MSgt Kevin "NSACAR Insurance King" Hughes- Jan 03 – Nov 14

He has retired from the Air Force Race, to concentrate on being the Big Cheese in the insurance biz, & the complete takeover of NASCAR! "The HUGHES NASCAR Series" tune in next season. He is close friends with many drivers to include Kevin Hardwick.

MSgt Jorge "Habi" Brewer- Jan 04-Dec 14

Jorge is retired but still with North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

2013

MSgt Lori "TDY" O'Connell- Sep 04-Nov 13

Lori is an ART at AFRC in the Tanker Mission Support Cell. Misses flying.

2012

2011

SSgt J.R. Bravo – Jun 08 – Jul 11 - He was one of our Booms that cross trained from the Sky Cop world. He has officially lost his mind & all common sense; he went to the ARMY Guard, then received a commission as an AF COP, we think! Next chapter unknown for now? Maybe he was hired to work for the Clinton campaign as a security specialist.

2010

MSgt William "Grandpa" Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 & Oct 91-Jun 10 - Retired - Now an ROTC Instructor. O-Boy look out baby O's.

SSgt Bill Frazer – Mar 07 – Sep 10 - He's back at work with his civilian employer has gone IRR (Inactive Ready Reserve) to work on his civilian career for a while. He's all over face book look him up.

2009

SrA David "Chando" Chandonnet- Aug 99-Apr 09 – Last rank MSgt - Dave is now IRR (In active ready reserve), he & his wife are now drug dealers, the politically correct word is "pharmacist". He now makes more money than all the boom combined. Unless you're an ART then he make double than all of us combined.

Sgt Sean "Bimmer" Martin – Sep 91-Jun 09- Now a retired CMSgt. He is "The KC-46 tankers Boom Extraordinar" & still training Booms but as Mister for Boeing. If you want to buy one give him a call.

2008

SSgt Rodney "Rowdy" Smith – Apr 97-Oct 08 – Now a MSGT - at "TWISTER AFB" (Tinker) as a Test Boom. Wishing for better weather to ride his HD. Rowdy in the past year has gotten married. The twisters missed have been missing his house thank God. He is now trying to create his own car & Corvette Museum, Corvettes, Challengers, trucks, Harleys, we are waiting to see what's next. Stay tuned next year for more.

SrA Brice “Surfer” Hayden- Mar 86-Dec 08 - last we heard is in the Savannah National Guard as C-130 pilot. I mean Navigator...

2007

2006

CMSgt Jerry Snyder – Jun 90-Aug 06 – Retired - is retired and riding one of his Harley’s as much as possible.

TSgt Don Templeton – Jan 96-Nov 06 – Retired – Retired as a SMSgt, now working / living in the Raleigh area as a Computer Guru.

2005

2004

2003

SSgt Tony Parris – Oct 93 – Dec 03 – Went to Andrews AFB to become the Chief Boom. Returned to SJ in 2008.

MSgt Randy Palumbo – Nov 96-Jul 03 - Retired - Done retired. Somewhere in the USA.

SMSgt Rick Powell – Apr 95-Oct 03- Retired - Moved to Florida & living the good life in the Sunshine State. Still a proud owner of a Harley Davidson (we think) looking forward to do some riding in retirement.

TSgt Al Rigdon – May 00 – Jul 03 – Was a C-5 engineer at Martinsburg WV, not sure where he is now.

2002

SMSgt Brad Baxter – Apr 90-Aug 02 - Retired – Really retired traveling around the USA in a Motorhome or Gypsy Wagon.

2001

TSgt Betty Matthews – Feb 87 – Oct 01 – Retired – living in NC

SSgt Mike Harston – Jun 98-Jun 01 – became a pilot. Major Mike Harston now back at Shady J. no wait he left again he’s back in the 10 world on both coasts, we think!

2000

SMSgt Ronnie Wade – Oct 85-Mar 2000 - Deceased – We have lost a great Boom & friend.

TSgt Kerry Vanausdall – Nov 87 – Nov 00 – Left as a SMSgt at Grissom AFB

SSgt Jamie Ward – Jun 88-Dec 00 - now **SMSgt** is at Scott AFB, IL

SSgt Carl Sisco – Apr 93 – Oct 00 – Retired as a MSgt working as a security guard at a military installation in NC.

1999

SSgt Tom Glosser – Dec 97 – Apr 99 – Retired – Last we heard Civilian at Altus AFB.

1998

1997

1996

SrA Corey Brown- Dec 91 – Jan 06 – He has moved to McGuire, back in the KC-10’s.

TSgt Jon Calcote – Mar 93 – Jan 96 - Unknown

1995

SMSgt Andy “Virgil” Anderson – Oct 85-Mar 95 – Retired in Texas

MSgt Don Askren – Jan 86-Jun 95 – Retired – Retired as the McConnell Chief Boom.

SMSgt Tim Holt – Jul 86-Jun 95 – Unknown

MSgt Randy Rinehart – Jul 87 – Aug 95 – Living in Atlanta as an airline pilot

SSgt Mike Boozer – Sep 89 – May 95 - Retired - Chief from Robbins AFB Now living in Alabama
TSgt Donna Dobbins – Oct 91 – Jun 95 – Deceased –Was last at McGuire.
SrA Steve Dolan – Aug 92 – Sep 95 - unknown

1994

SrA Felicia Anderson – Jul 91 – Jan 94– Went to McGuire
MSgt John Young – Apr 86-Jul 94 - Unknown
TSgt Ricky Helt – Sept. 86 – Jul 94- Unknown
SSgt Jeff Garland – Jan 87 – Jun 94- Unknown
SSgt Anthony “TACO” Cleaver – Oct 91 – Sep 94 – Last known location McGuire AFB
MSgt Bobby Drinnen – Jun 87 – Oct 94- Unknown
TSgt Rand Sanders – Dec 88 – Nov 94 – Went IRR- Unknown
Sgt Paul Dube – Feb 90 – May 94- Went IRR- Unknown
TSgt Dave Brock – Jun 91 – Oct 94- Still around on Face book doing well.
SrA Jim Harris – Jan 92 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire
SSgt Duane Slusher – Sept 92 – Jan 94 - Unknown
SrA John Mercer – Sep 93 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire – Now at McDill, still a Bum
SrA Gary Towles – Sept 93 – Oct 94 – Went to McGuire

1993

MSgt Paul Jorden – Feb 86 – Jul 93 - Unknown
Sgt Greg Keeter – May 86 – May 93 - Unknown
MSgt Dale Wilner – Dec 86 – Sep 93 - Unknown
SSgt Jeff Carter – Feb 89 – Mar 93 - Unknown
SSgt Mike Block – Feb 89 – Feb 93 – Became a KC-10 Pilot at Travis

1992

TSgt Larry “Lighting” Brown – Mar 86-Jan 92 - Unknown
TSgt Phil Crain – Jun 86-Jun 92 – Retired – Lives in the local area
TSgt Randy Norris – Sep 86 – Sep 92 - Unknown
SMSgt John Powell – Oct 86 – Mar 92 - Unknown
SrA Jon Rion – Oct 90 – Mar 92 - Unknown

1991

MSgt Ed McGowan – Jun 86-Jan 91 - Unknown
SSgt Eric Lomascolo – May 89 – Oct 91 - Unknown
SSgt Bonzie Wherry – Sep 90 – Aug 91 - Unknown

1990

CMSgt Steve Fromm – Jul 85-Oct 90 –Retired – Retired from his KC-10 Boom SIM Instructor at McGuire AFB is now back in NC.
TSgt Don Gwinn – Apr 87 – Mar 90 - Unknown
TSgt Craig Shackelford – Feb 88 – Jul 90 - Unknown
TSgt James Dean – Feb 88 – Aug 90 - Unknown
TSgt Mike Kramer – Apr 88 – Mar 90 - Unknown

1989

TSgt Kevin Holmgren – Jul 86 – May 89 - Unknown

TSgt Mike Kibler – Oct 88 – Apr 89 - Unknown

1988

SMSgt Andy Miller – Nov 85-Jul 88 – Retired - Unknown

MSgt Chris Burkhart – Jul 86 – Sep 88 - Unknown

MSgt Dave Brock – Dec 86 – Jul 88 - Unknown

TSgt Mike Wetzel – Apr 88 – Aug 88 - Unknown

1987

MSgt William “Grandpa” Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 Returned in Oct 91-Jun 10 - Retired - Now an ROTC Instructor. O-Boy look out baby O’s.

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

911 ARS

“Red Eagles”



OPS SUPERINTENDENT

SMSgt Nixon, David “NOXIN” – Fire ants 1. Nixon 0. Has bought up half of North Carolina’s land and most of their guns. Is currently building a real nest egg to live in post-retirement. He can be found keeping us in check and crushing our souls after sending him shotty EPR’s and award packages (we really do that so he will fix them)

BOOM SHOP

TSgt Gibbs, Nate “BLADE” – World renowned master knife sharpener stabbed himself in the leg with a knife while opening a box of FLIP, fortunately it was a surgical cut, unfortunately he left the AOR without a Purple Heart. Our fearless Chief Boom, when he’s not on the road you can find him at home.

SrA Lackie, Casey “DEPLOYED” – Spent the last 12 months trying to be anything other than a Boom Operator. Has subsequently been deployed since the last Boom Signal was released.

SrA Morrison, Kevin “BEAKER” – Still claims words are hard, if you find yourself in a conversation with him and Gac...Just leave. Came in last place in the squadron fantasy football league and had to have his legs and armpits waxed. Has a paper countdown chain until he is honorably discharged. (we’re counting down also)

A1C Gradney-McCastle, Timothy ‘BOOM BOOM’ – Can’t help but say “Pilot Boom Boom stowed and latched.” Upgraded his 2014 V6 White Dodge Challenger to a 2015 V6 White Dodge Challenger.

A1C Gac, Arturo “Jellyfish” -- Morrisons protégé, Can’t speak an entire sentence using REAL words in the right context. Has to sing the alphabet song out loud to locate G. Can’t grow a non-creepy mustache and has no idea how to put up a cargo net. We haven’t given him a job... for obvious reasons.

A1C Carroll, Brayden “Carol Rodriquez” -- Everyone though his first name was Carol; actually everyone still thinks it’s Carol, O-well. He completed MCT ahead of schedule, did nothing stupid yet and was awarded a deployment.

A1C Rodriquez, David “Tad’ -- Also known as Rodriguez. The only form of measurement for this guy while in contact is Tad. Tad left Tad right, this 37 year old A1C has a kid just a TAD younger than our youngest Boom. He eagerly awaits his first deployment.

A1C Shaw, Donald “Tinder”-- Has done nothing worth noting, except shave off his ridiculous mustache after the first day of work. (not sure why, you could barely see it). He did purchase a \$7,000 road bike. The only A1C known to own a Ducati.

READINESS

TSgt Coker, Justice “Drag-on” -- Finally got to fly by himself after the world’s longest MCT for a fully qualified IB- Broken Cable, Boom in trail, no Breakaway needed? NBD for this guy. At least it wasn’t Seale. Runs our Readiness shop like a boss which means he doesn’t do much.

SCHEDULING

SrA Seale, Austin “BSAL” – Lives in the in-law-suite at Drake and Shelby’s house. Threw a party while they were gone. Used a real world EPOS in lieu of the demo kit for a pax brief (maybe he thought they needed real world training), pretty sure he used that as an EPR bullet. Another scheduler (we think)

(S)Sgt Anderson, Drake C. “Mr. PHELPS” – The Sq poster boy, got pissed when even in FTAC Shaw beat him at his own game (Beer stick) at his own house and subsequently punted and shattered a beer bottle all over the yard. Nice work Drake. Wouldn’t guess he’s a scheduler because he’s never here.

A1C Saulnier, Steve “ADO” – Currently one of seven schedulers but the only one ever home. Said he “runs the squadron and is practically an ADO.” No longer the oldest A1C in the AF. Thanks for the hard work Steve.

UDM

SSgt Kevin Simon. “Gucci” -- Still a KC-10 Boom and gets crap daily for almost being a real Boom. You can find him in our UDM shop staring out the window wishing he was still flying in Big Sexy.

TRAINING

SSgt Eiland Mike “Hemi” -- Swapped spots with Tony Montani and no one noticed. Deployed with the least experienced crew ever created and claimed to save their lives every day. In the training shop we think; he’s been gone more than he’s been home.

SSgt Frost, Dan “FROSTY” – Is slowly working every angle he can to make his way down the hall to become a reservist. He’s looking forward to getting out and living off his sugar momma. Flexes his new SSgt stripe daily over all the Airman and reviews training folder like a boss.

(S)Sgt Phelps, Shelby A. “Mrs. ANDERSON (Select)” – Newest IB, got engaged to Drake when he proposed on a mountain top in Hawaii while on TDY (How could anyone say no?) She enjoys beating down our new MCT booms. Holds down the training shop because there is never a Pilot here.

STAN/EVAL

MSgt Berglund, Bruce “PAPA BEAR” – Has troubles keeping a vehicle longer than a year. Back to Stan/Eval. Just as awesome as ever. Which is not that awesome. Loves his SELE because he does all the work so he can properly shop for Jeep and gun parts.

A1C Austin, Zach “NUKE” – Just got married (Enough said). He’s not afraid to strip down and lay in the hell hole when the jet is too hot. He can be found under a giant pile of iPads when new pubs come out, not because we can’t update our own it’s because we’re all too lazy.

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SrA Gaughf, Taylor “JACK’N” – Sold his triple turbo Charger and bought a 2016 V6 Mustang. His new car looks cooler but still just a V6. Called 30 feet while the receiver was in contact with the contact light on. Nice SA! Current Ops won’t let him go TDY in fear the whole months schedule will fall apart.

DRG – The BOWST

SM Sgt (Ret) Ledoux, Jeff – Still called Sgt LeDoux by most of our Booms and he cringes every time. Comes into work at 4 AM so he can be home before the rest of the building shows up for work. You can tell he actively enjoys making you feel dumb in the BOWST but has a good way of hiding it.

GONE

Montani

Bottass

Loudenburg

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

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“World Famous “SH” OKIES”



CMSgt Steve “Bif” Robinson Chief is down to zero functional knees, but has kept the vultures at bay by assuring everyone that he will continue doing the bang-up job as Program Manager that he’s always done. Does he have your back? Yes! Will he kick your ass if required? You betcha! Does he know how to run the schedule when Brent is deployed? Eh hh...not really. Beer is always cold and the unit always friendly so stop by and say Hi.

CMSgt Phil “X-Man” Brand Our Chief of Stan/Evil, Phil is finally done with school. A thinking man’s Boom; when he’s not chasing down Booms to sign form 8s and what not, Phil quotes obscure movies and keeps all of us in stitches. Winner of the elusive “10 point buck of all check rides” award, all Booms are all too aware of their need to stay sharp and current. Check ride? Oh, he’ll find you...

SMSgt Darby “Jose Darbo” Perrin World famous, perpetually single, tequila swilling, paint slinging, “got my points” bragging Darb is keeping busy. Whenever he’s not keeping America free by flying his brains out, he’s pushing paint around canvas at his gallery on the other side of the base. What a good dude, and faithful Tinder, farmers only, match.com, EHarmony, and Plenty of fish.com faithful member. Ahh Darby you are not 28 anymore, just saying.....

SMSgt Justin “Mayo” Hopkins Justin is still up to his elbows in electrical work, has 2 boys that he tries to keep entertained and a steady girlfriend who likes him for his personality and not his vault of cash. I know, right?! Justin is not only a dependable and necessary Okie Boom, but also a very in demand Electrician. Not a lot of Okies that don’t have some of his handy work lighting their abodes. Instructor school? Only Justin knows apparently.

MSgt Steve “Breakaway Barrie” Switzer Even though Steve treats most people like dirt, he may very well be the most likable guy in the Okies, “his words”. Just short of retirement, and suffering heavily from empty nest syndrome, Steve and Phyllis have purchased a lovely plot of land in the hill country of Texas. Steve has been a regular supplier of NBA tickets for the last 4 or 5 years and will only retain good Okie status if the flow of tickets continues. Paying attention Steve? Chesapeake Energy Arena, section 116 or 117 will be fine.

MSgt Charles “Shatz” Dalton Wow, another extremely busy Boom. We hired Chaz approximately 46 years ago as a Boom with the assumption that he would eventually be a pilot. Well, the best laid plans of mice and

men...things just didn't work out. Not until now. Chaz resigned his ART position and got hired as a pilot by ExpressJet and couldn't be much happier. His wife Darby and 2 kids fill up whatever left over time he may have previously used to kill ducks, geese or musk ox.

MSgt Ben "Benny-Rooster, AKA LMD" Brent Recently moved out of Mission Development to boom personnel scheduling, Ben spends most of his days making contacts from the instructor pallet, yelling at his computer, and giving Bif daily "counseling opportunities". To decompress from the daily struggles of work and actively campaigning for

Hillary Clinton, Ben mixes up a moonshine protein shake and hits up the gym to knock out an intense upper body workout; every day back, bi's, chest, and tri's!

MSgt Scott "Whistle-Britches" Montgomery Scott is "Able with the Cable" as they say. He's acquired a nice business selling "Direct TV-Dish Network" to unsuspecting Airmen, and seems to be doing quite nicely. When he's not raking in the Direct/Dish Dollars, he's busy collecting toys like ATVs, boats and Harleys or you might find him at the lake with his 4 kids and wife Freda.

MSgt Steve "The Hammer" Stanton He's called the Hammer for a reason. Standing at a towering 8'6" tall, this prior Marine has booms hopping off sorties when they see his name on the G2 cut. In all seriousness, he's a really chill guy and extremely knowledgeable when it comes to this job. Currently working in Current Ops, he's been a great addition working all the sweet TDY deals. When he's not in the shop or intimidating booms, he's working on his new home or practicing for his upcoming marathon's.

MSgt Sean "Meme Master" Gilson Sean was recently promoted to MSgt, but that doesn't stop him from immortalizing individuals in the form of Memes. You get on Sean's bad side, you can bet you'll find retaliation in the form of a Meme. Apparently Bobby Jackson did or said something that warranted his FB pictures being used in multiple Memes across the interweb. Aside from the jokes and Memes, Sean is taking care of Squadron training and mobility, and is soon to be a father! Get ready for the "Dad Bod" Sean!

TSgt Ryan "Adam Levine/cornhollio" Cornell Despite being chased out of bars by loose women and getting beat up by the elderly (seriously, how many shots did you take to your face!?!), our recently selected Air Reserve Technician, Ryan Cornell was somehow promoted to Technical Sergeant. Channeling his inner redneck and using his extremely

lucrative ART pay, Ryan elected to not have his 86th child and instead bought a super jacked up pick-em up truck and additional hair products. Anybody else think he looks like Ryan Secrest?

SSgt Bobby "BJ/Tinder" Jackson Bobby was hired last year (actually followed Cornell from McConnell) and has been living the trougher life style. This guy invented the "running man" on Tinder (using fingers in a running motion to continuously swipe right). Bobby apparently has ZERO standards. He's one of the jokesters in the squadron and likes to stir the pot a bit, if you will. When he's not traveling around the world, he can be found cutting his yard a few times a week.

SSgt Dalton "Slingblade" Williams SSgt Williams is married to Danielle, trained as a railroad conductor and owns an overly-aggressive, horny dog. Traumatized by self-induced, ego kicking prank retaliation, Dalton blindly threw caution to the wind and committed a tremendous sin upon one whom would destroy him for laughs. That

being said, Perrin immortalized him on a canvas that can be viewed anytime you have a chance to stop by and enjoy a beer in the Okie Heritage room. Ick.

TSgt Michael “Robo-Cop” Moore New TSGt and semi-rookie cop, Mike has made a name for himself as a leading agitator of crackheads and vagrants. Fully recovered from the beat-down he received from a 300 pound, leg-snappin’ jaywalker, he now enjoys life as a brand new father! Congrats! He celebrated the birth by sacrificing many animals with his 12 gauge, high capacity, fully automatic, 75 caliber, assault rifle (the one with the 30 round high-velocity clip). Pew! Pew! 2nd half of the aircraft cleaning crew, still think your comments are funny
MICHAEL!

SSgt Shaylon “Monk” Ladd Fairly new boom, Shay tackled his first deployment earlier this year and got himself into a bit of trouble. Apparently writing inappropriate messages on the Navigator table for other booms is frowned upon and warrants being taken off the flying schedule and cleaning the deployed fleet. If you happen to run into Shay, tell him you left a message on the Nav table for him. When Shay’s not flying or goofin’ off, he’s working across base or hanging out with his family.

SSgt Tyler Sorrells What can we say about our newest boom, Tyler Sorrells? After being forced to leave the fire department because women started setting fires to their homes to catch a glimpse of his perfect hair and chiseled abs, he took up selling residential properties, and is quickly becoming the wealthiest land baron of Norman, OK. Seriously, ask him about his sweet BMW!! Oh yeah, he does boom stuff too...

Departed and Legacy Okies:

TSgt Steven “Selfie” Bowman (Separated) Soon to be Doctor or terminal living with his parents as a dudgeon master

SMSgt Mark “McGoo” McGougan (10th Test lackie) Will soon be looking for an ART home, you would be lucky to get him

TSgt Ron “Lil’ Brown Bear” Davis (C5 Engineer)

MSgt Jeff “350” Bass (AGR Tour 10th Test) Another AGR lifer, still pushing for the COLMSgt rank.

SSgt Matt “Lil’ Spike” Tompkins (ANG 1LT)

TSgt Michaelle Sallee (Chasing Younger I mean Greener Pastures)

SRA Rachel “Cable” Jordan (ART in Admin)

SMSgt Kathy “Flaming Red Head of Anger” Lowman (Chief Boom McConnell)

CMSgt Alvin “Koop” Kuper (AGR Liaison Chief Altus)

MSgt Kelly Witt (ART with Altus)

Retired:

TSgt Terry “Squirrel” Allen (Retired.....okay that’s a stretch)

SMSgt Marty “Crunch” Lochman (Retired) Still living in the local area have plane will travel

CMSgt John “Raging” Beasley (Retired) Living in the local area

SMSgt Rodney “Bartles” Sanders (Retired) still in Arkansas

SMSgt Max Staats max.staats@tinker.af.mil (Retired) one of Bif’s neighbors

SMSgt John “Scooter” Wilson john.s.wilson2@tinker.af.mil (Retired) Local Area

SSgt Josh “Teen Beat” Holdridge (Separated) future CEO of any company

MSgt Ricky Erwin (Retired) Living local...still won’t visit

SSgt Lee Wood: where are you Lee

SSgt Wiley Coleman: Living in Dallas or ????

Deceased:

SMSgt Dennis “& James” Smith *_RIP Brother...*

TRAVIS AFB, CA

6 ARS

“VIS EXTENSA”



Greetings to everyone from Northern California and from the men and women of the 6th Air Refueling Squadron. 2016 has brought many changes since the last boom signal - New CC, DO, CEM, 1st Sergeant, and Chief Boom. We have seen many of our old squadron mates move on and have welcomed in our newest boom operators with open arms.

Squadron Superintendent

CMSGT Shane Hickman – At first we did not know if he could start bleeding blue after he spent so much time in our sister squadron; the 6ARS is glad to welcome our new Chief and look forward to going TDY with him.

Chief Boom

MSgt Devin Kay – Currently holding down the fort but is fragged to depart for the prairie in the New Year. He will be heading to the KC-46 along with his wife and new addition to the family.

Stan Eval Flight

TSgt Christopher “Villa” Villanueva (NCOIC) – Mr. TDY himself - AKA - NCOIC of Stan/Eval shop. He is currently flying the line as a LOSA member – it cannot be confirmed but he may have a TDY family out there somewhere.....

SSgt Travis McGarrell AKA "Drew" – Still knocking out Stan/Eval but is currently awaiting his new arrival to his blood line. Drew has continued to be the silent professional.

A1C Calvin Kim – Calvin has also been a great addition to the 6th and is always ready to complete the mission at hand - We expect great things from him in the future - AKA “SELE”

A1C Tanner Piety – Easily the most qualified and certified FAA Boom/pilot in the 6ARS – when he is not conducting AR he is “feeling so fly like a G6” - If he is not at work he is still flying, also AKA “SELE”

Training Flight

TSgt Kevin Gregory – He is loving training flight and enjoys mentoring the young Booms – our very own Steve Jobs when it comes to computers and knowing regulations- unfortunately, he is beginning his terminal leave in January....he will be missed

TSgt Daniel Flenniken – After returning from the Center of Excellence he has brought a new level of excellence to training shop instruction – it is refreshing having him on the Extenders roster – continues to excel and push those around him – Good gravitational pull - he should be moving to Stan/Eval in the future

SSgt Kenneth Cook – TSgt select!! Our newest arrival in training flight and we could not be happier – caring, loving and mentoring the s%&* out of those new booms and is also upping the game as an instructor – as a former SF he continues to read students their rights

SSgt Cory Peterson – Cory has surpassed any and all measurement of success in the KC-10 – let's take a look at this last year – IB upgrade, DG in ALS, Phoenix Stripe selectee, Private Pilot cert., and is currently looking to go Blue to Green – continues to do great work in the 6th but may be an Army of one soon

SrA Uriel Escamilla – Uriel went through his midlife crisis at 23....he got himself a nice fancy Toyo Supra - he can be found either TDY or keeping anything off his car with his California Duster during lunch – Deployed as fraggd and is going to be moving to Current Ops in the future

Scheduling Flight

TSgt Jessica Stockwell – MSgt Select!! Jessica returned from the CRW and quickly got back in the groove of rocking any task she is assigned – She could not stand being married to a loadmaster so she forced him to become a boom – This boom force not to be reckoned with will be moving to KWRI at the end of the year – Her replacement has BIG shoes to fill

TSgt Adam Sigman – he has returned from CRW and is going to be taking over for Stockwell in scheduling – He has been getting back in the groove of flying again - currently in requal

SSgt Zachary Doyle – What can we say about Zach...Not much, he keeps his nose clean and his mouth shut – still holds true this year – he is currently planning on reenlisting and possibly moving forward in the flight deck – still in scheduling as the Boom scheduler oracle

SrA Quinton Moore – Another silent professional -solid performer and he continues to be a solid performer – on his off time he likes to spend it commuting from his home or residence on the other side of the moon – we look forward to him continuing to grow as a leader in the Squadron - currently also holding down scheduling

SrA Garrett Jacobs – At first I thought of about calling him our Squadron Satellite – he orbits around the squad without much commotion or motion just silently observing – still in scheduling but wants and will be moving to mobility soon

SrA Krista Briggs – She has been kicking ass and taking names – after a back to back stint in the desert she returned to be selected for instructor upgrade and THEN made SSgt!!! Yeah she has been a little busy

SrA Andres “Andy” Castillo – Mr. TDY's sidekick – probably the youngest boom with the most TDY days oconus in the AF – Castillo continues to see the world while being an outstanding performer at all assign tasks

Line Booms

SSgt Jared Sanchez – The only 6ARS boom to be fully qualified in all things readiness to our knowledge – he is growing up fast and is on the short list of IB upgrade slots in the future – glad to have him

SrA Abbey Braunstein – The official arrival party greeter is welcoming new comers and ensuring a smooth transition – If we had a an official GSA party planner position she would be hired in a minute – transitioning to the civilian sector to pursue school – the Booms will miss her moral boosting personality – we wish her the best as she transitions

SrA Eriberto Lopez – Quiet mellow marsh mellow at work but loves to enjoy a good time TDY – he is permanently on siesta time – if you want him to be there on time tell him two hours early, you have been warned – he will also be transitioning to the civilian sector and will be missed

SSgt Justin Haughn – He is growing up fast in the Squadron and still a hard core gamer – if he ever wakes me up gaming in the desert/TDY I'm cutting the electrical cord and bashing the gaming console – otherwise he's doing well in the 6ARS

SrA Ralph Fleurant – For a while Ralph was the unofficial pinch hitter as a primary for cargo check rides – he continues to hone his craft and is always the first one willing to volunteer for any mission – solid performer in addition to being a silent professional - already fraggd to go to IB upgrade

SSgt Michael Gooch – Has continued to corral and rein in the mobility shop – loves what he does and looks to becoming the 6ARS UDM in the future – we don't always see him the Squadron but if you miss your mobility appointments you'll know who he is – continues to do great work in mobility and improving the process

SrA Ryan Bayles – If there was a most improved award I would give it to Bayles – he has come around and has a positive rate of climb – he is fully invested in his efforts in becoming an instructor and developing in the AF as a future leader

SrA Joel Perez – Where is Perez? Just kidding another quiet professional – stays on task and is usually pushing that mission trying to compete with Castillo on the number of TDY days – he an excellent addition to our line flying booms

A1C Rodel Ubungen – He's so silent he could be standing behind you and you would never know.....until you get on the jet and then you better listen as the load team or passengers – even I got scared

SrA Zachariah Ploeger – When he is not flying he's fishing, when he is not fishing he's flying – Congrats on BTZ!! Nothing but positive things for Ploeger and he is doing a phenomenal job in the 6th

A1C Lindsay Collins - Our newest fully mission qualified Boom - she has done well in training and we are happy to have her on our team

A1C Austin Kinser - Our one and only Western Kentucky resident - he has done an excellent job joining the Squadron and being a great addition to our force - He is also a silent professional and solid performer

A1C Nathaniel Forrider - Congrats on BTZ!!! He has been a great addition to our Squadron - another silent professional thats always ready for his next mission

A1C Peter Piazza - He has been doing great work in the 6th and is our EFB oracle, along with our DRMO professional. He is also our Squadron Quartermaster and continues to be a solid performer.

A1C Mason Wells - A recent arrival after being qualified as an FB - We are happy to have him join our team and look forward to getting to know him

A1C Nicole Buckley - A recent arrival after being qualified as an FB - We are happy to have her join our team - another silent professional

A1C Andrew Hall - Currently in FTU - he should be arriving in the Squadron in late November - we look forward to getting to know him better

TSgt Glenn Peters - A former ammunition troop he has traded one desert for another - We are also happy to have him and his family join the Squadron later this year

On-Loan/Attached

TSgt William Blanton (XP) – We know he is still assigned to Travis but sightings have been reported in the 6ARS – he loves WG/XP and we are glad to have him for another two years.

TSgt Aaron Burk - He is holding down the booms at FTU and is always prepared to schedule you for as valve job - He has done a great job working with our Squadron training flight to maximize training events

SSgt Josiah Harris – We are excited to have Josiah return from his 6 month odyssey – he is now on patrol at current ops and looking forward to pursuing school – still as solid as granite and continues to be a formidable weight lifting force

SSgt Daniel Long – His love of everything hot, dry, and sunny; volunteered to take the helm for six months at a none disclosed location in Southwest Asia – when he not working he's perusing craigslist for his next deal.

SSgt Justin Lewis – Holding down current ops with a shoe string and hope – we were finally able to supply him further replacements but he has been operating the 6ARS FOB without hesitation – another consummate silent professional – he will be missed as he transitions to the civilian sector

PCS/PCA'd

SMSgt Jayde Langley (9ARS) – Left the 6ARS to take over the helm of the 9ARS – and is enjoying the nicer view from his new office

TSgt Corvus Lowry – Corvus has returned to the US but has changed Squadrons upon his return AKA – 9ARS; he was severely missed during his tenure in Korea but has return to loving arms

SSgt Jason Vance – He has departed for KWRI and has not been heard from since.....

SSgt DeShaun Brown – The only boom to PCS with a girlfriend this year - currently at the Expeditionary Center of Excellence. We wish him the best in the future

SSgt Arriel Bromley – Wanted a little adventure and mix things up bit, so she headed to the CRW in NJ and is enjoying the right coast. We wish here continued success and have no doubt she will succeed

SSgt Titus Holman – PCA'd to the CRW and has not been heard from since.....

MSgt Carl Wise – Congrats on making SMSgt!!!! He is currently the KC-46 Test & Evaluation Superintendent and is enjoying the Buckeye State

Separated

SrA James Stanley – James has separated but is pursuing a career in law enforcement and possibly the reserves at Travis

SrA Steven Karall – He said he could not take the CA heat anymore and wanted a more temperate climate like Chicago Illinois – he is currently pursuing airfield management in the civilian sector

A1C Hebert Ramirez – He has migrated to the Big Apple and is attending school utilizing his GI bill

Rank Unknown Jalen Hutchinson – Not available for comment

Boom Stowed Leaving Position

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70th ARS

“HOME OF THE ORCA’S”



Greetings from the Golden Gate Wing, home of the 70th Air Refueling Squadron. In the past year there have been a few promotions, and other changes in the 70th ARS Boom section. Here is the list of who is new, who remains, and who has moved on.

70th ARS “ART FORCE”

CMSgt Joe Lambertus: (Chief Boom)

SMSgt Matt Fisher (Training)

MSgt Corbet Cadwell: (Stan Eval)

MSgt A.J. Baxter: (Scheduling)

70TH ARS TRADITIONAL RESERVESTS

SMSgt Mike Hinton

MSgt Ernie “El Guapo” Valles

MSgt Robert Rossman

MSgt Mark “Man Code” Short

MSgt Michael Bob

TSgt Alan Green

TSgt Ryan “Fred” Phillips

TSgt Brandon Heyman

TSgt James “The Screw” Whittaker

TSgt Daniel “Bones” Fortier

TSgt Jon “Pretty Boy” Pratte

TSgt Pavel Del Monte

TSgt Steve Rodrigues

TSgt Jessi Eagles

TSgt Eric Esquerra

SSgt Jeremy “Chicken Wing” Rigg

SSgt Dan King

SSgt Abraham Velasco

SSgt Terryl Fenton

SrA Callie Flood

SrA Jared Breaux

SrA Nikhel Sylvain

SrA Gustavo Alatorre

70TH ARS ATTACHED PERSONNEL

SMSgt Don Davis (349OG/DOV)

70TH ARS OFFICIALLY RETIRED

70TH ARS MOVED ON

TSgt Ryan “K-9” Korhuniak (Beal AFB)

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OH

KC-46 PROGRAM OFFICE - TANKER DIRECTORATE

“INFLAMMARE PUGNAM”



It's certainly a busy time here in the Program Office. We've got ourselves 6 aircraft flying, and are about to begin receiver certification testing, and sim data collection for the ATS folks. Between ITT's, IPR Conferences, ARSAG, and endless teleconferences, the Boom Operators here at Wright-Patt have stayed very busy making sure the KC-46 Pegasus is delivered to the warfighter Ready For War.....DAY ONE!

MSgt (Ret)/GS-13 Barry 'El Rojo' Mayhew – It only took 9 years for someone to notice his greatness, but all of Barry's hob-knobbing with the bigs has finally paid off! Barry has been the glue to the KC-46 Test team for a very long time, but he was selected to take his expertise in management up to the AFLCMC CAG. We've decided we're going to install a Matrix-style plug into the back of that bald head and download everything before he goes. We're definitely going to miss his expertise and 'calm' demeanor, but he's earned the move! We just hope he doesn't decide to eat the 'Rojo' sauce on his burritos over there! Best of luck as you move on, brother...you'll be missed!
Barry.mayhew.2@us.af.mil

SMSgt (Ret)/GS-14 Larry Strong – We thought Larry was retired....turns out, so did he! Larry shows up at random A/R related conferences to remind us how great SAC was, and how easy we have it now. Never short on stories, this guy is a wealth of knowledge, and we're glad he's around to share it with us! Wonder how we get him to share the beer tab....?!!

MSgt Doug 'E Fresh' Boren – Mr. "I got upgraded again" spent so much time TDY this year, that American Airlines is considering a 3-drink limit now too! Apparently the per diem was nice though, because his Harley got bigger and louder. When not taking pubs inputs, sitting through telecons, or filling L-Rod's role as gyro deliver guy, he is often seen arguing the case for wearing flight suits EVERY day, versus just Friday. Someone tell him the 3-star said 'good luck with that.' Alas, Doug has decided to hang up the uniform next year and take the family back to Texas for retirement. Good luck as you transition, and thank you for your service, brother...NKAWTG!
Douglas.boren@us.af.mil

(S)MSgt Carl "Harvester" Wise – Our new KC-10 boom SME, and resident cigar expert. Carl was recently selected for promotion to Senior, and spent the subsequent 2 weeks double checking every AFPC page in disbelief! He's slowly adjusting to the pace of SPO life, often harvesting anger at the amount of time it takes to get e-mail

replies. Doesn't he know we need permission from 37 entities just to make a phone call? Perhaps if they just ran THEIR MICT checklists properly....? Keep your eyes on the 18E9 list release date though, as Carl is definitely the kind of guy we want wearing Chief stripes! Welcome to the team, brother, now get to the conference room for another telecon that could have been an e-mail! Carl.wise@us.af.mil

MSgt (Ret) Luis Rodriguez-Asad – So there we were, in Seattle, when L-Rod is told he is in the window to apply for retirement. His eyes get big, he relaxes back into the couch, and sips his Vino. The rest....is history. L-Rod closed out his career back in July after 20 years of service, and in true L-Rod fashion, decided underwater welding was something he wanted to go try; until he decided he'd rather just drive around the country for a while with no alarm clock to answer to. Last we heard, he was traveling up the east coast visiting wineries and singing Bob Marley. He's definitely missed around these parts, but he is going to stay in Dayton for the near future. See you at the Gyro Palace brother!

Boom Operator's Coin/Card Rules



1. Rules of the game must be explained to all new coin/card holders.
2. If a Boom has never received a coin/card, then they cannot be expected to play the game. This burden of proof is placed on the challenge.
3. The coin/card are interchangeable.
4. The coin card will not be defaced (i.e., drilling, machining, etc.).
5. You can be challenged anytime, anywhere. You must produce a coin/card within 15 seconds of being challenged.
6. When challenging, state whether the challenge is for a single drink or for a round of drinks.
7. Failure to produce a coin/card when challenged results in the challenged buying a drink or round of drinks. If all those that are challenged produce a card/coin then the challenger is obligated to buy a drink or a round of drinks. Once the challenged has bought, you cannot continue to challenge the individual.
8. Under no circumstances can a coin/card be handed to someone. This is considered giving it away and you must barter with that person to regain possession of your coin/card. You must "*ground*" the coin/card by placing it down on a flat surface. Then, and only then may an individual pick it up and examine it. This is not considered giving your coin/card away.
9. The person who picks up the coin/card is honor bound to place it back where they got it. You cannot be challenged while your coin/card is in someone else's possession.
10. A lost coin/card does not relieve the holder of their responsibilities.
11. These rules apply to any Boom Operator or "Honorary Member." Local rules can be used; however, apply to local Boomers only.
12. The coin/card should be controlled at all times. Giving a coin/card to anyone is like opening the association to anyone. It is considered an HONOR to be a Boom Operator and have a coin/card. Let's keep it that way!

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT ALBERT L. EVANS



SMSgt Evans was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans on 16 September 1933, in Eastely, Nevada. He grew up in Longview, Washington.

SMSgt Evans was truly a legend in his own time within Strategic Air Command due to his skill and expertise as a boom operator. He began his military career as an airborne radio operator on KC-97 aircraft. In 1952 he retrained as a boom operator. He held command and base levels positions as an instructor, evaluator, program manager, as well as a CCTS instructor and CEVG evaluator. SMSgt Evans, or 'Spike,' as he was often called, distinguished himself in dedicated and unselfish service to his fellow boom operator. Described by his comrades as a "Professional NCO," he was a friend to the young boom operator, and was never too busy to lend a hand or provide his much-revered advice. He was gentle when called for, but tough when required, and he always wore a smile.

A devoted family man, he married his wife Irene while serving at Turner AFB, Georgia in 1955. His assignments included Turner AFB, Georgia; MacDill AFB, Florida; Kindey AFB, Bermuda; Loring AFB, Maine; Castle AFB, California; K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan and Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

SMSgt Evans' decorations include the Air Medal, AF Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Army Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster; AF Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters; Combat Readiness Medal, AF Longevity Award with five oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Vietnam Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; AF Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon.

SMSgt Evans was fatally injured in a KC-135 mishap at Castle AFB, CA in September, 1979. He was survived by his daughters Pat Fanconi (deceased), Dawn Kinney of Merced, CA, Laurie Evans Smith and Cathy Evans-Jantz of Ceres, CA. Also surviving was his father, Mr. Carl Evans (deceased) of Longview, WA, his brothers Paul Evans from Sacramento, CA, and Richard Evans (deceased) from Longview, WA his eight grandchildren Jamie and Jason Fanconi, Christopher Kinney, Ryan and Tyler Smith, Joshua, Jordan and Chad Evans-Jantz, nine great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Albert L. Evans award was originally established in 1980 in memory of SMSgt Albert L. Evans, a pioneer in the history of SAC's air refueling operations. The purpose of the award was to annually recognize, on a rotational basis, the most outstanding boom operator section within the Strategic Air Command based on the collective accomplishments and professional qualities, sustained excellence, contributions, improvements, air refueling safety record, and problems overcome throughout the rating period of 1 January through 31 December each year. When the Air Force re-organized in the early 1990's, many SAC-era awards were discontinued, including the Al Evans award.

In early 2000, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force received an e-mail from Mr. Dick Evans, Al's brother. He inquired about the status of the award, and wondered if it was still awarded annually. Sadly, the Al Evans award was no longer being awarded and the Evans family asked if the trophy could be returned to the family, unfortunately the trophy was never located. Boom Operators on the AMC staff understood our rich history and traditions in the boom operator community. The importance of the award was not lost on them so they discussed re-establishing this prestigious award, with the AMC Boom Operator Career Field Manager CMSgt Dan Mongeon leading the charge. After a twelve year absence, the SMSgt Albert L. Evans Award was reinstated in 2001. The SMSgt Albert L. Evans trophy is awarded annually at the Boom Operators Symposium in his honor.

SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980 -- 920 ARS, 379 BW, Wurtsmith AFB, MI

1981 -- 46 ARS, 410 BW, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI

1982 -- 906 ARS, 5 BW, Minot AFB, ND

1983 -- 71 ARS, 2 BW, Barksdale AFB, LA

1984 -- 906 ARS, 5 BW, Minot AFB, ND

1985 -- 41 ARS, 416 BW, Griffiss AFB, NY

1986 -- 43 ARS, 92 BW, Fairchild AFB, WA

1987 -- 32 ARS, 2 BW, Barksdale AFB, LA

1988 -- 909 ARS, Kadena AB, Japan

1989 -- 6 ARS, 22 ARW, March AFB, CA

1990 -- 305 ARS, 305 ARW, Grissom AFB, IN

1991 - 2000 -- Award Idle, No Recipients

2001 -- 384 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

2002 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2003 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2004 -- 99 ARS, 19 ARG, Robins AFB, GA

2005 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2006 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2007 -- 99 ARS, 19 ARW, Robbins AFB, GA

2008 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2009 -- 384 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

2010 -- 54 ARS, 97 AMW, Altus AFB, OK

2011 -- 344 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

2012 -- 351 ARS, 100 ARW, RAF Mildenhall, England

2013 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2014 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2015 -- 351 ARS, 100 ARW, RAF Mildenhall, England

Boom Memorial Names



KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

7-Jul-51	TSGT HENRY H. HILL
7-Jul-51	1LT JACK W. KERN
7-Jul-51	CPL REGINALD F. RUSSELL
7-Jul-51	SSGT SCOTT L. WALLACE
10-Jul-53	SGT WALTER F. OLSEN
26-Dec-56	TSGT THURMAN RANIER
10-Jan-57	TSGT EDWARD C. CLEMONS
10-Jan-57	SSGT MICHAEL B. MCINTOSH
2-Feb-57	MSGT LAWRENCE M. GRIGORY
2-Feb-57	A2C ARTHUR B. KOSIER
2-Feb-57	A3C FRANKLIN D. SCHWEIGERT

KB-50 SUPERFORTRESS

13-Mar-57	A2C ROBERT E. CRAIG
13-Mar-57	A2C BILLY B. ROSE
8-May-57	SSGT THOMAS E. O'CONNOR
8-May-57	A3C DONALD E. COSPER
13-Aug-58	A2C FRANCIS C. HERMANC, JR.
13-Aug-58	SSGT NORBERT T. KNULTY
22-Jan-59	A2C IGNACIO W. SANCHEZ
22-Jan-59	TSGT WAYNE M. SOUDER
4-Aug-59	A2C THOMAS M. PAYTON
18-Oct-60	SSGT HARDIN A. BAILEY
18-Oct-60	A2C THOMAS J. LANE
18-Oct-60	A3C MICHAEL W. MILLER
5-Mar-61	SSGT HAROLD D. MEEUSEN
5-Mar-61	A2C CLIFTON C. TABOR
8-Jan-62	A2C PAUL M. CLAWSON
8-Jan-62	A2C CARLTON A. LINK
8-Jan-62	SSGT BILLIE D. MOORE
9-Feb-62	A1C GUY L. POWELL
9-Feb-62	A2C RALPH E. REUTZEL
20-Dec-62	SSGT ROBERT T. CRAIG
20-Dec-62	SSGT JAMES R. HAYES
13-Aug-64	SSGT WALTER B. HICKMAN, JR.
13-Aug-64	SSGT CAREY A. LIVINGSTON

KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

9-Nov-51 SGT JAMES A. MAINS
27-Jun-54 A1C DAVID ARAMBULA
27-Jun-54 SSGT ROBERT O. GONZALES
27-Jun-54 SSGT VINCENT PROVENZANO
23-Feb-55 SSGT ROBERT E. ROSENCRANCE
23-Feb-55 A2C CHARLES J. SITFA
4-May-55 A1C MARVIN R. DEVRIES
4-May-55 A1C JOSEPH L. PRIDGEN
13-Jul-55 SSGT GEORGE R. MIGNOSA
13-Jul-55 SSGT MARVIN F. RUSK
25-Apr-56 SSGT DONALD S. DELPRIORE
25-Apr-56 A2C JURI E. JOONAS
25-Apr-56 SSGT KENNETH E. VANPATTON
26-Jun-56 TSGT BARDEL A. CRUM
26-Jun-56 SSGT ROBERT L. WALLACE
6-Jul-56 A2C WILLIAM L. FALCONER
22-Jan-57 SSGT JOEL V. BLACKWELL
22-Jan-57 SSGT RAYMOND E. NOAH
18-Jul-57 SSGT JACKIE J. JAMERSON
29-Oct-57 TSGT RONALD E. RUBLE
12-Nov-58 MSGT CURTIS W. KING
12-Nov-58 A2C JOHN M. SCSEBBAK
22-Jul-59 TSGT JAKE SCHMIDT
30-Mar-60 SSGT SHIRLEY D. RENNER
27-Jun-60 TSGT ROBERT P. COSTELLO
28-Feb-61 SSGT ERNEST J. LEMOINE
5-Nov-64 SSGT GERALD W. SHULTZ
19-Dec-64 TSGT JAMES R. BILL

KC-135 SRATOTANKER

27-Jun-58 MSGT DONALD H. GABBARD
25-Nov-58 TSGT RONALD L. CHAMPION
31-Mar-59 TSGT HERMAN A. CLARK
15-Oct-59 SSGT PAUL R. THOMASSON
3-Feb-60 SSGT GEORGE W. SHORT
9-May-62 SSGT WALLACE R. ADAMS
10-Sep-62 TSGT JOHN L. DUNCAN
10-Sep-62 TSGT KENNETH A. QUINN
27-Feb-63 TSGT DANIEL C. CAMERON
21-Jun-63 MSGT DANIEL F. DONAHUE
28-Aug-63 MSGT CARL H. BURRIS
28-Aug-63 TSGT RAY L. FISH
8-Jul-64 SSGT ROBERT L. GRAVES
4-Jan-65 SSGT JIMMY TARDIE
16-Jan-65 SSGT REGINALD R. WENT
26-Feb-65 MSGT CAREY W. ADDISON JR.
3-Jun-65 TSGT LESTER M. ALLSOP
17-Jan-66 MSGT LLOYD POTOLICCHIO
17-May-66 TSGT HARRY L. ALEXANDER
19-May-66 SSGT CHARLES E. STUART
19-Jan-67 MSGT ORVILLE MONTGOMERY
17-Jan-68 TSGT CHARLES C. CHAPLIN

30-Jul-68	SGT CHARLES A. OLVIS JR.
30-Jul-68	SSGT HURSCHEL D. PRIDDY
2-Oct-68	TSGT EARL B. ESTEP JR.
22-Oct-68	SMSGT HOWARD B. BENGÉ
19-Dec-69	SMSGT HOWARD G. BENFORD
3-Jun-71	SSGT RICHARD D. ROUSHER
13-Jun-71	TSGT HUBERT MILES JR.
13-Mar-72	SGT BRUCE J. KLAVERKAMP
25-Mar-75	SMSGT JACKIE V. EGBERT
7-Dec-75	SGT DAVID M. WANDEL
6-Feb-76	SSGT LLOYD D. BAKER
26-Sep-76	TSGT GARY L. CARLSON
19-Sep-79	SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS
13-Mar-82	TSGT DONALD J. PLOUGH
19-Mar-82	MSGT RICHARD A. CROME
27-Aug-85	TSGT CLAUDE F. ARDEN
27-Aug-85	SSGT DESIREE LOY
17-Jun-86	SSGT QUINN L. DEWITT
13-Mar-87	SSGT RODNEY S. ERKS
13-Mar-87	SMSGT PAUL W. HAMILTON
11-Oct-88	A1C ROBERT L. PARHAM
20-Nov-88	MSGT JAMES L. BORLAND
31-Jan-89	CAPT ROBERT LEWELLYN
31-Jan-89	SSGT DAVID VICKERS
20-Sep-89	MSGT CHERYL HELGERMAN
20-Sep-89	MSGT WILLIAM J. MALICO
4-Oct-89	A1C JACK D. CUPP
19-Nov-97	MSGT ROBERT "TUG" MCGRAW
13-Jan-99	TSGT RICHARD D. VISINTAINER
03 May 13	TSGT HERMAN "TRE" MACKEY

ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION:

KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

27-Aug-56	A1C WILLIAM R. DENNIE Jr.
27-Aug-56	A3C RICHARD A. RIDLON

KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

8-Apr-54	A2C FREDERICK L. MARSHALL
8-Apr-54	A2C WAYNE D. WHITSELL

THE BOOMER'S PRAYER

MAY THE WEATHER BE SMOOTH AND THE BOW WAVE SLIGHT,
MAY THE RECEPTACLE BE LARGE AND HAVE A PLETHORA OF LIGHTS.

MAY CARGO AND PAX BE NOT ABOARD,
MAY WE NEVER HAVE TO USE THE PARACHUTE RIPCORDER.

THIS WE ASK FROM THE POWER ABOVE,
JUST LET US DO WHAT ALL BOOMER'S LOVE.
TO DIRECT THE BOOM WITH PRECISION, AND A TOUCH THAT IS SLIGHT,
TO GET THE CUSTOMER ENOUGH GAS TO FINISH THEIR FLIGHT.

OR TO SIMPLY PUT IT,
SO WE CAN JUST ILLUMINATE THE "BOOM ENGAGED LIGHT".

PATRICK QUAID, MSGT, 1997, ILANG RETIRED