



BOOM
SIGNAL
43rd Edition

To My Fellow Boom Operators,

I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering dedication and exceptional efforts throughout this year. Your role as air refueling specialists has not only been crucial but awe-inspiring. Your tireless commitment to ensuring our aircraft are fueled and ready to project global air power is a testament to your professionalism and expertise.

Your contributions go beyond words. By providing seamless air refueling, you've enabled our country to maintain an unparalleled presence on the world stage, showcasing strength, capability, and unity. Your ability to work seamlessly in extremely challenging conditions and under immense pressure is truly remarkable.

In times of uncertainty, your role becomes even more vital, and you've consistently risen to the occasion, exceeding expectations and delivering excellence like no one else. Our camaraderie amongst boom operators and your collaboration with each other within the tanker community exemplifies the synergy that makes our Air Force so effective.

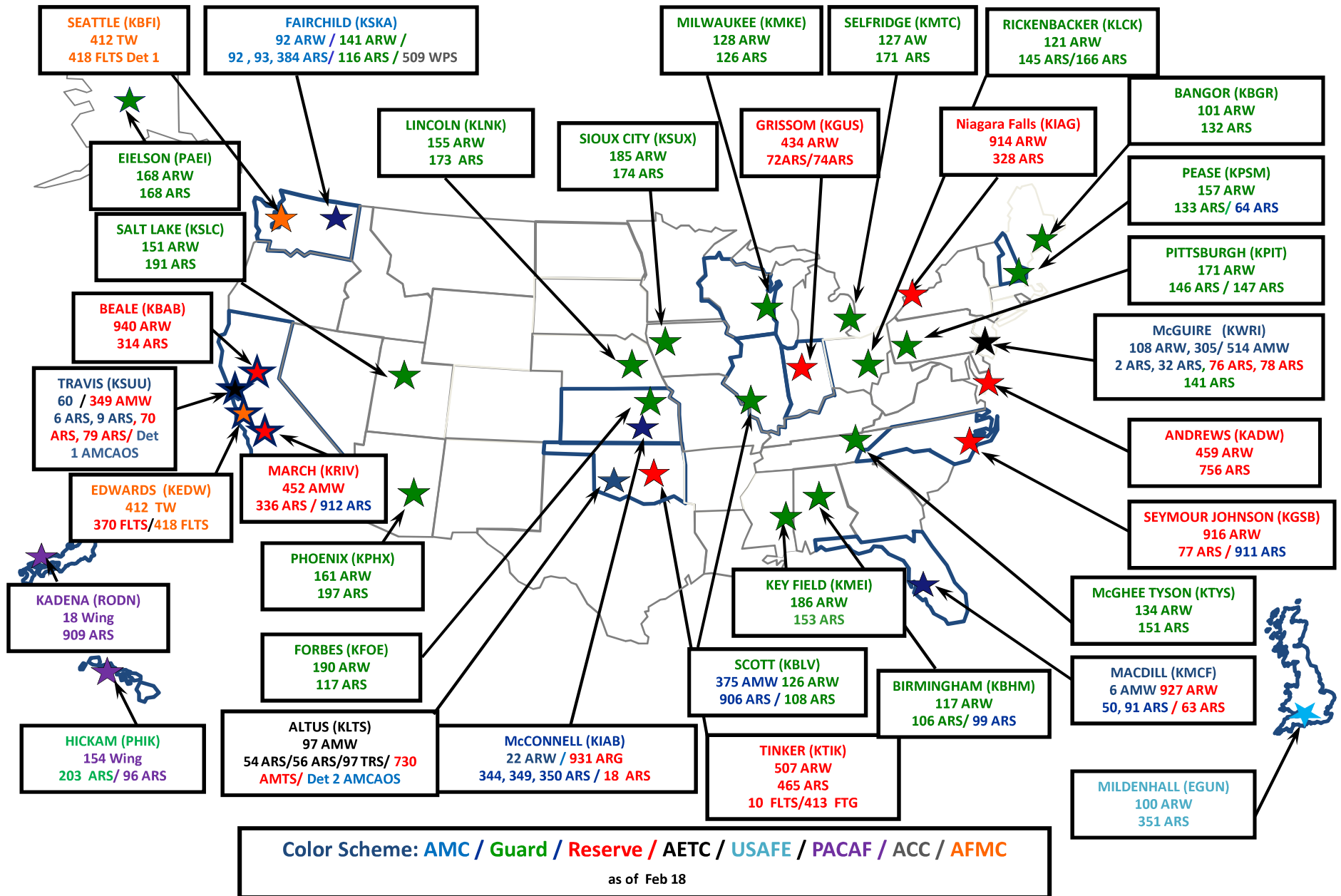
Please accept my sincere gratitude for all that you do. Your diligence, courage, and precision have not gone unnoticed. You are the backbone of our global air power projection, and your contributions resonate far and wide. Thank you for your outstanding service and for embodying the core values of the Air Force.

With utmost appreciation,

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KC-135, KC-10 & KC-46 Locations



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The Boom Signal Editor



ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA
54TH ARS
“Jesters”



54 ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Andrea Inmon: Chief is always running around doing Chief things. Literally. She ran a marathon, watch out she'll leave you in the dust.

MSgt Jenny Cook: Our new resident cop who always carries around a suspicious notebook. Got handed the phone the second she in-processed. You can usually find her sucking on a Blow Pop while choking someone out.

SSgt Arielle Johnson: Handles the hardest job in the squadron by feeding her pet squirrel Julius and taking fireball shots. Manages to fly twice a week and still rep the local Honor Guard on the weekends.

Operations Flight:

MSgt Johnathan Rogers: The man with the plan. Decided to change our entire POI a month before he leaves. One day we will have actual dedicated days/students. The only thing he's not dedicated to is sticking to the flights he's scheduled for. The squadron will never be the same without your dad jokes... try not to forget where you left your phone.

TSgt Alex “Bella” Esquibel: Hey if you haven't heard this guy's an AIC grad and his call sign is “Bella”. He's logged 80 hrs in the jet since he's been here but only 20 of them with a student. Won't upgrade any time soon due to self-imposed CCAF incompleteness.

TSgt Collin Green: He has had a roller coaster of a ride here at Altus. He went from BIQ to CFIC to Evaluator back to CFIC. It's been such a ride in fact that he has decided to leave us for a “Tinder girl” who lives in Alaska. The squadron will be quiet without him, and he will surely be missed!

TSgt Casey McConnell: Has been here for months but still in MCT because he is always DNIF. He might not be current and qualified in the jet but he's overly qualified at foosball and finding the best spot for lunch. Don't let him watch your house for you because he will throw a rager.

SSgt Jeffrey Michal: The Dad you never had but always wanted. Traded in the Winnebago for an X90. Too bad he can't take it to Mildenhall when he leaves. Animals will never be the same without him "LOOOOOOP!"

SSgt A.J. Gac: Let me put this in terms AJ can understand... "Mumble. Mumble. Mumbles." Just upgraded to CFIC but didn't get a real look. He basically just passed an M-10 and got handed the patch. Pretends he's from Alabama but is really from Florida.

SrA Cade Stinson: Knows the most random useless facts. He's the founder, president, and CEO of the E-4 mafia... he's also the only member. Also, the local graffiti artist <3

Student Training Flight:

MSgt Bobby Cash: Started a biker gang but will only commits crimes if it involves a scavenger hunt. He and AJ can be seen measuring each other to see who's tallest. Wanted to be a 46 boom but didn't quite meet the height requirements.

TSgt Sam Hunt: Hosts the best game nights. She has a made-up job but is somehow always the last one at work. Do not stand next to her when playing Rage Cage or you will drink every cup!

TSgt Eric Lucio: Walks around mean mugging people but really, he's a teddy bear. He's apparently the NCOIC of STM but likes to take leave a month at a time.

TSgt Seth "TOGO" Corliss Trying his best to implement tactics here at Altus. Makes the best brisket in town. He's living his best Dad life now, check out his latest Insta post. Apparently, Altus wasn't a small enough town, so he decided to buy a house in Mangum.

TSgt Terrence Pittman: Has an appetite for grasshoppers. If you invite him over, make sure you have everything bolted down or he might "acquire" it.

SSgt Gage Fontenot The Mountaineer of all the hills in Altus. You can either find him at the shooting range or out in the Oklahoma wilderness. He is our new Dilly.

SSgt Justin Pauleon Lowest on the roster for foose ball, owes everyone lunch. He's a great instructor when he's at work but is usually on leave.

SSgt Matthew Baxter Took the second longest to complete MCT. Probably because he was at the shoppette getting Tornados. He might be quite but if you don't watch out, he'll try to steal your leave.

SSgt Kaleb "Coyote" Gent-Bourque Is the quickest to U his students and will convince you to U yours too.

Standardization and Evaluations:

MSgt Lucas Treat: Not only leading the next generation of boom operators, but he also teaches the next generation of ninjas. Instead of driving to OKC stop by his house for your local zoo.

SSgt Russel Molina: Has been here for a year and still no one knows who he is. He traveled all over the world only to get stuck in Altus. Him and his wife just welcomed their first child!

SSgt Carter Russell: Is the best fooseball player in the Squadron, but only in the back. Was an exec but somehow couldn't get his name spelled correctly on any of his awards.

Faculty Training Flight:

MSgt Blake "FURY" Landry: The only day he will go to boom lunch is on Fridays so he can get a steak and whiskey. Wants to go to the 46 so bad that he called the functional directly. "Roll Tide".

TSgt Jameco Edwards "Waasssup baby!" Only consumes fried rice and chicken thighs. Is the first instructor to give students the "Keys to the Game". Just up graded to EB but still trying to make it in the rap game. Have you heard his new mix tape?

SSgt Christian Bande: He is a 80-year-old man in 26-year-old body. He enjoys reading the paper, black and white films and taking pictures of trees. He not only instructs his own students he is usually asked to teach everyone else's too!

TSgt Madison Dolata: "G-Code" Dolata still stands. He's the first male to get selected to speak at a Women's Panel. If he wasn't old and crusty before...being the 54th's facility manager has aged him like fine Wisconsin cheese curds.

Safety/Support and Readiness Flight:

TSgt Darian Bourque: Won the crud tournament, won the weight loss completion, won every quarterly and annual award. This girl's a winner. The only one to win more awards than Carter but has nothing to do with flying.

SSgt Layne Gullede: "He's like never at work. Like he always leaves early and then he like got sick then like had a baby. Then went DINF a-flipping-gain so like this dude hasn't flown or like gone to work in like forever." - Cade

SSgt Riley Noel: THE MACHINE!

Attached/On Loan:

CMSgt Cesar "Speedy" Flores: Not only is he the Wing Chief but he is a current and qualified Instructor Boom. You can see him running around base faster than 335 knots. He's what you call a High Speedy Boom.

SMSgt Jamie Almquist: This man's a legend! You can catch him in the gym at 4am or working out the minds of his students. When he's not working out or flying, he is fearlessly leading the TRS.

SMSgt Orlando Infante: What isn't this guy doing. Whether it is holding down the IG, getting picked up as the WSA SEL or setting up the inaugural A-Staff at Altus. Oh yeah, did I mention he also pushes students on the flightline. Outside of work, he can be found either coaching another kids sporting event or throwing baseballs at his kids getting them ready for their MLB debut.

MSgt Evan Vandermay: Just left the Operations Superintendent position in the 54th and into the Operations Group Training Flight. He spends his days making sure that all KC-135 and C-17 students are in compliance with our accreditation as well as enriching the overall abilities of all instructors through seminars and Comprehensive Readiness for Aircrew Flying (CRAFT) classes.

MSgt Brendan Balko: You better buckle up for this one! Kept Stan/Eval going for the past year.

TSgt Mike Dunn: Single handedly stopped the innovations building from burning down.

SSgt Ashley Upton: Crushing it as an exec at the OG. Just had a baby but still ran the Wg 5k like a champ!

SSgt Joshua Shopp: Its weird, when he took over the PUBs shop all our iPads stopped syncing. “Did you turn it off and back on?”

Gone But Not Forgotten/PCS:

MSgt Jake Jewell

MSgt Terrell Frideger

(M)Sgt Jeffrey Jaskela

TSgt Andrew Valence

TSgt Neil Patras

TSgt Ryan Dillingham

TSgt Nicholas Brod

ALTUS AFB, OK
56 ARS - MAD HATTERS
“NOVI AUT PERI”



56TH ARS Boom Leadership:

SMSgt Joseph “VD” VonDohlen – He’s doing his best as the SEL, but it seems like every boom he has is on a shaving waiver and it always gets him in trouble. VD finally got tired of all our shenanigans and “RIC” rolled every IB on his roster. It’s ok, he’s a fair and generous leader, and gave himself one too. If you can’t fix em, join em.

MSgt Jake “Nemo” Nenneman – Apparently this permanent Altus resident decided to bring his hammer to the Chief Boom job. We can’t decide if he even knows how to give a clean Q1 on an Eval. Nemo’s finally looking at orders for next summer, just in time to get sent to Travis. Good luck in San Francisco, you’ll fit in perfectly.
#YEEYEE

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Ian “NAPS” Sweaney – Poor NAPS got passed over for MSgt...again. The good news is he made the WG/CCC’s radar, and the Chief is always asking if “the guy with the hair and beard” turned his life around, but we all know that will never happen. He’ll be off to McConnell soon where he’ll have another opportunity to finally get it together.

Training Flight:

MSgt Fritz “Goliath” Thompson – He missed his brother so much, he decided to join him out in Altus. He took over Training and crowned himself King of the CAP students. You can’t throw a ‘stone’ around here without hitting a student that he has failed. If he isn’t failing them, he goes out of his way to make them cry.

MSgt [Joshua Chrisman](#) – McPoyle just got here from McGuire, and we haven’t seen much of him. He must be shooting new episodes of Always Sunny in Philadelphia...if he shows up, we’ll try to get more info for next year’s signal.

TSgt Jesse “CAS” Barber – Ended up not getting the callsign of BUS but did earn his “snorkeling cert” after coming down with a nasty case of pink eye...in both eyes. CAS got tired of looking for “love” in Oklahoma, so he decided to spread his wild oats in Texas. He finally found true love at a Dallas strip club; he is nervously awaiting the results from the paternity test.

TSgt Joseph “LOCO” Cadwallader – LOCO earned his callsign by defiling memorials and laying down on the neat looking chalk outlines. Don’t worry, his sweaty hands didn’t wash the chalk away. He did have the first fake

Cargo Fire in flight and decided smoke goggles were optional, didn't Barber teach you anything. When in doubt, goggles on.

SSgt Autin Wilson – Our newest IB, he really grabbed the bull by the horns when it came to instructing. His sticky fingers wouldn't let anything slide with his first student. He really enjoyed the Growth & Professional Education and Development training he was forced to endure. As the Training Flight IB, he will be the lead on all future pro dev events.

Scheduling:

TSgt Carrie Jo “Starbuck” McLaughlin – Recently got married...again, to another boom...again. Good news is, she finally got tired of needing to see the First Shirt, so she became one. Yes, we see the irony too. Soon she will be taking over Stan/Eval, kiddo is growing up so fast.

TSgt Andrew Miller – Just got to us from Edwards and we have a lot of work to do to get that Test stink off him. He is still new enough that everything he does is judged and we are hunting for a new callsign to replace “Junior”, even though his mustache looks like he should stay away from schools.

SSgt Joshua “Uno” Granados – Really took to the Altus life and decided to add another dependent to his family roster. He has spent over a year in scheduling, and he still has no idea what's going on, he just smiles and nods like he's lost in translation.

Support Flight:

SSgt John “DADAB” Levario – Likes to establish dominance by laying it out on the table before waving it around the room. He goes HARD enough at everything to offend our sensitive pilots and earn himself a reward. He did have a life changing moment this year when he almost fell off a cruise ship, good thing he's small enough for that 10-year-old girl to catch him and cradle him like a small child.

Tactics:

TSgt Travis “HODOR” Peirce – As our local tactics SME, everything he does is on the tactical and unseen level, just like his flying schedule. First day at the squadron, he got introduced to the Oklahoma wind when he forgot to watch his door. It was only a few thousand dollars' worth of damage to the Stan/Eval Commander's Tesla. We thought he would pay more attention to doors when he was refueling, but he has been on a hitting streak since he got here and just can't find the receptacle without the help of every receptacle door.

OGV:

SMSgt Christopher “Verizon” Yontz – Old man river is DNIF hard. Thanks for doing all the BOT and FuT Evals while on ROAD status!!! Had to say it loud so he could hear it.

19 AF:

MSgt Luis Noriega – Shows up to fly as often as he can, so we hook him up with the S1's and “problem children” to make his travel worth it. Most folks are excited to have an empty nest as they approach retirement, Luis decided to start all over...congrats?!

Attached:

MSgt Keith “Goose” McLaughlin – Goose got banished to the TRS to run student admin 3 years ago. He got tired of not moving up, so he created his own position as “Ops Sup” and eventually waited till the SEL PCS'd and took his desk. In his free time, he's been watching a lot of Moonshiners, and now he thinks he's a pro. Goose found out the hard way that shine and stairs don't mix.

MSgt Dustin “NIP” Sheldon – NIP likes to teach the SOC students how to do receiver AR and must be reminded that he is not an IP. He also got to spread his “not an instructor” wings on a TDY where he yelled at the Port Dawgs

for not building cargo correctly for our jet. He tried to impress them by saying we're schoolhouse instructors, even if he was the only MB.

MSgt Jonathan "Alexa" Lauterbach – Alexa lived in QA for the remainder of his time here at Altus. He did wonders for the 46 courseware and hopefully he doesn't get tied to another desk in McConnell. If he does, I'm sure he'll find a way to turn it into a kickass beer pong table.

TSgt James "TWEK" Walker – TWEK got to do a cargo and passenger run here recently, where he found out the hard way that a baggage pallet is still cargo and can't be stored behind the passengers. It only took multiple phone calls, and the Chief Boom threatening to come help him, to learn that lesson. He is now in charge QA-ing the FuT courseware, who knows, maybe he'll learn something.

They Gone:

MSgt Nathan "Casper" Gibbs – Retired without a word to anyone and now works at Flight Safety...I guess. No one has seen him.

TSgt Ezekiel "MOPAR" Brito – Retired and picked up cycling to and from work at Flight Safety to tell his retiree stories.

TSgt Grant "Shatter" Villwock – Separated because the Reserves wouldn't hire him. He also joined the Flight Safety team.

TSgt Brian "Mater" Mould – 1 truck, 2 trucks, 3 trucks...none. This man just can't seem to PCS without disaster. He finally made it to Seymour...we hope.

The Replacements:

TSgt Daniel Jakab – He has so many social media followers, there must be one who can teach him how to follow procedures in the jet. Danny will get there one day, until then he's here to Pump, you, up... with fuel.

TSgt Andrew Valence – Finally joined the dark side because we have A/C and cookies. He should finish up BTX soon and hopefully he doesn't disappoint.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

97th TRS

“EAGLES...ALWAYS OUT FRONT”



This Unit did not submit.

ALTUS AFB, OK

97 OSS

“BEST IN THE WEST, OSS!”



The 97th Operations Support Squadron has been killing it at Altus. The loudest, most moral-having, and “pew pew” shouting group of Airmen on base dominated this years OG Combat Dining In with a fortress of orange that couldn’t be breached. We went through a runway designation change, and KLTS is now oriented 18/36 where we supported flying ops for 2,031 student graduates in FY22, a 15-year high! We’ve even started a new weather balloon program where we’re feeding data directly into the National Weather Service to increase forecasting accuracy for the base and community. Our Booms have integrated across the squadron and are becoming more well-rounded working closely with 19 other AFSCs that collectively make up our beloved pOSSe! While still attached to their respective flying squadrons, they proudly don the OSS patch and help fuel the passion of the Airmen that support ops here at Mobility’s Hometown.

97 OSS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Jacob Dieter: As much as the 56 ARS would like to claim him as theirs, he’s not. Currently enjoying Altus here at the OSS as the SEL. Technically a 46 boom on paper but really spends most of his time doing Chief things like sitting in staff meetings and going to every single ALS graduation. I’m not even sure he’s even finished IB upgrade yet. I wouldn’t go as far as to call him a penguin because he does fly sometimes, just in short bursts, so more like a chicken. All joking aside, Chief is much loved amongst the booms here at Altus and we’re happy he’s here.

Wing Current Operations:

TSgt Craig “CJ” Vandenburg: The 54th didn’t like this guy so they pawned him over to the OSS in exchange for a 30 rack of Coors. The OSS doesn’t want him either, so we went ahead and got him orders out of Altus coming Fall of ’23 to the beautiful land of Scott AFB. Currently he’s the fearless Flight Chief of wing scheduling, when he’s not messing up the flying schedule he enjoys falling out of trucks and going DNIF. CJ is one of the lucky ones leaving Altus and I’m sure if you ask him, he’ll tell you how much he’ll miss it here.

SSgt Lacy “Mini” Pickett: Close friend with our fearless AMC leader, General Minihan or at least that’s what she tells people to avoid the embarrassment of almost getting scammed. Currently holds the record for longest complaint filed against an instructor, something about making someone cry? Idk the rumor changes so often. Lacy recently joined the ranks of the pOSSe to help build the Altus flying schedule. Ask her if she likes and she’ll tell you, she absolutely loves it. Good at it? That’s a different question. Contrary

to what others may say, Lacy is one of the more experienced KC-46 booms at Altus and they're lucky have her.

Wing Tactics

TSgt Johnathan Nigl: Altus's newest AIC Outstanding Graduate that can scam with the best of 'em! Holding down the pOSse tactics shop trying to figure out how to teach students what ACE is when they haven't even figured out what down pressure is. Still waiting to see the swarm of drones he's been preparing for China. Should be headed to McConnell in about a year with sights set on the KC-46.

Farewells:

TSgt AJ "HORUS" Velasquez: The Zipper suited sun God himself graced his presence here at Altus for the last 3 years and spent the last year here at the OSS, but like many others his time has come to move on to bigger and better things. HORUS has recently taken his talents to the garden state to join the ranks of the 2nd ARS at McGuire where he hopes to take his AETC experience and promptly forget it. Can't remember actual jet knowledge but seems to know everything that isn't important, some say that's why his head is so big.

SSgt Jacob "thumbs" Magda: Jake left the OSS back in March to enjoy life in the Sunshine state at Beautiful MacDill AFB. During his time here at altus he enjoyed showing off his eagle and various other vehicular machines. Jake is single handedly keeping Marlboro in business, when asked why not switch to the slightly healthier option of vaping? He said that he likes the burning sensation on his lungs that you can only get with real cigarettes. While Jake was here at wing scheduling, he was known for his calm demeanor and he would never freak out, slam the phone down, and proceed to drop every known expletive known to man...never...

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

730th AMTS

“REBELS”



This Unit did not submit.

ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

756 ARS

“Liberators”



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND

National Guard Bureau



This Unit did not submit.

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

36th CRS

“WE BRING THE AIRBASE”



This Unit did not submit.

BANGOR ANGB, MAINE

101 ARW/132 ARS

“THE MAINEiacs”



This Unit did not submit.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN
217th AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS SQUADRON
AIR REFUELING CONTROL TEAM
“FIRST IN THE FIGHT”



This Unit did not submit.

BEALE AFB, CA
314 ARS
“BEALE BANDITS”



Chief Jim Martin – Sam Elliott stunt double, Chief is still saying no to our lunch invites in favor of his daily turkey and cheese sandwich wrapped in a napkin. Retirement is close for him and we can't wait to celebrate with some high quality tequila and stories of the A model.

SMSgt Larry Naso – FBI agent who fights terrorists by day, then comes to the squadron to crush baby boom and co-pilot's feelings by night and complain about how much he hates California. He's on his seventeenth age waiver, and the oldest mission boom in the Air Force.

SMSgt Lindy Campbell – Our resident squadron bully. Absolutely loves when somebody asks her if she's SARM; there might be a thumb tack dart in your back afterwards. Had to deploy for 5 months so she could afford her 3rd dog.

MSgt Kevin Matthews – Refuses to admit it, but he's still pissed Lindy came back and took the Senior strip. Our newest father, his son is already learning how to tighten the sleeves on his flight suit, zip his zippers all the way up, and learn the only way to gain daddy's respect is to 360 no-scope noobs.

TSgt Shawn McConaghy – Shawn's balls still haven't dropped, he's still the Queen of the Claws. Continues to be in denial that he's a redhead. He spent his entire deployment training for his first Half Ironman, then "got sick" the day prior. His son just turned 2, and he's still trying to convince himself that his son likes him. We know it's his, because he's also a ginger.

TSgt Kix Payne – The squadron's handy man. Nobody knows what he does in tactics, but we're all very excited when he tells us what the -135 will be getting... in 6 years. Our newest evaluator.

TSgt Jake McCollum – The squadron Houdini, he hides in Current Ops so much that we forget he's still in the unit because he never fly's. He is also our reigning Fantasy Football champ and commissioner; gatekeeping all the screenshots from the squadron keyboard warriors.

TSgt Ryan Malicki – Ryan seems to have a different job every other month. If you need your gutters cleaned, you know who to call. Finally sold his hobo van so no more sleepovers in the parking lot after night flights.

SrA Cameron "Shrek" Buell – Been sucking on the LTMPA tit and goes TDY when his wife lets him off his leash. Also likes to troll the squadron crybabies on Fantasy Football, he's still waiting to see those screenshots from Jake!

SrA Brendan Ortega – In the last year, Brendan got a girlfriend, went back to college so he could use the GI Bill to buy a house with that Bay Area BAH, got a puppy, lost 40 lbs. and gained 50.

Gains:

SrA Aaron Kempster – Failed Duke University baseball player and oldest SrA in the AF, now is babysitting pilots in the scheduling shop and keeps the squadron running.

A1C Carrie Martinez – Ms. Independent, until she needs a wingman to go to the gym. The squadron's artist, you do not want to see her get hangry, not even Lt's are safe.

A1C Alex Rice – Officially a seasoned war veteran, but his Mom still wants him home before it gets dark out, so that's why you can't find him at work past 1 pm.

Losses:

Ryan "K9" Korhuniak – K9 retired, for the 2nd time, and is living his best life as a bartender near Lake Almanor. Stop by and he'll give a blowjob and a buttery nipple. Also a new father.

Josh "Kru" Kruenegel – Our "loss" is SARM's newest "gain", about 20 feet away from his old desk. His body finally said I give up, but we can still make fun of him for being an A's, Raiders, and Kings fan.

BIRMINGHAM ANGB, AL

117 ARW / 99 ARS

“DIXIE REFUELERS”



MSgt Dustin Clark – goodbye, enjoy working at Starbucks.....

TSgt Cameron Bilyeu – Cam has finally removed all the trees from his driveway and his dog's herpionosyphlis is finally cleared up so he has no excuses not to come to work except on Friday because he is too hungover from his band recital on Thursday nights. His claim to fame is he did get to open for Robert Plant but the word on the street is that there was no one in the crowd.

TSgt Kimber Camper – Camper found yet another way to get out of deploying then found a way to separate out of the Air Force. We have never seen him so motivated to work at getting out than he was at actually being in. Good luck with the new wife and kid.

TSgt Jan Perez – Jan is the go to for anything that leadership wants done. So much so that he is killing it at being a manager but lacks the qualities and knowledge to be a leader (JK). We found a copy of Rosetta Stone English version in his house he claims it is his wife's which may be true because it doesn't seem to be working. If you need help plunging your Deid shower he can teach you how to do it with your hand. Oh by the way he did not graduate.

SSgt Paul Rimar – Formally known as TSgt Paul Rimar. Found the love of his life on a TDY in Vegas at Red Flag. She's not the same "independent entertainer" that Parzych fell in love with. She moved to BHam to be with him. Now if you walk by his office there is always echoes of T-Pains hit song I'm in love with a stripper.

SSgt Patrick Choy – Choy is such the southern gentleman (because he is from Maryland which is a southern state) so much so that he got his girlfriend pregnant and he did the right thing and married her. If you are looking for a quick buck just place a bet with Choy and you are guaranteed to win.

SSgt Dillon Harris – Dillon hasn't done much this year. Let's see he deployed, he had a kid, made rank, and shows up to work. Probably the most outlandish thing he has done was shave Choy's head because Choy made a ridiculous wager on a football game. So we don't have anything to say about the guy. He will be PCSing to Lackland to teach at COE.

SSgt Dmitri McIntosh – Meat finally after over 2300 hours became an IB. He is so dedicated to being a good mentor to all 3 of our airmen that he decided to singlehandedly take them under his wing. We all

feel so sorry for them. Meat has such a disdain for the Air Force but wants to be the next CMSAF. He is so confusing.

SSgt Max Smesny – Max our local tactics professional. He is such a professional that he actively practices his tactical deception of not being noticed at work. Max has worked so hard at trying to stay here in Bham that he got orders to Altus.

SrA Shawn Parzych – Well what can we say about Shawn that will not hurt his feelings. Not sure but here we go. We took him to his first adult club, where he blew his wad...of cash on one independent entertainer working her way through college. He has also been banned from the Bojangles next to his apartment because they are tired of being his personal chef. He finally passed his PFT with a new PR.

SrA Greg Schuetz – Shitz (which is what he is called now) just got to us from Fairchild. Bought a house in not the best part of town and wonders why he is having electrical problems with his house. Which is nothing compared to the house/school that he grew up in.

SrA Eric Volstad – Eric came to us from Mildenhall where he talks about how hard his three deployments to France/Spain were. We also just found out that he has only met one person that can beat him in Mario Kart (humble brag). So you can see the type of douche that we are having to deal with.

EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

370th FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



Greetings from Graceland.

SMSgt Don “DJ” Johnson: DJ just had his fini flight and didn’t invite anybody. With his retirement coming up, DJ can’t decide what he wants to do when he’s all grown up. We’re not worried though, we’re sure HR would love to have him.

SMSgt Colin “MOC” Wernecke: Richest man in the world but all that money can’t buy you a new ass cheek apparently. If you saw Colin from the behind, you’d think you were looking at a half-deflated air mattress.

MSgt Ben “BABS” AKA “The Commissioner” Tressler: As a coach for his kids’ little league team, Ben has shown a “growing” interest in watching minors play with balls. Whether he’s pitching or catching, he really loves a boy in uniform.

MSgt Leroy “Levi” Knepper: Yep. Still DNIF...

MSgt Steve “Salsa” Cantu: Salsa thinks even mayonnaise is too spicy, which is ironic given his nickname. He can be found in the squadron smoking meats or playing Call of Duty. Both of which involve a suspicious amount of dudes. If he’s not at the squadron, he can be found at home breast feeding his children.

MSgt Kevin “OL’ Kev” Slagle: Is he still on our books?

Joseph “Bubbles” Fromm: Bubbles finally had his first legitimate child and spent his baby leave writing a sick ass mix tape. You can probably find it on Napster. Now that he’s back, he’s the busiest guy in the squadron, we just have no idea doing what.

Leslie “Jizz-mo” Davis: She’s the physical embodiment of “the student has surpassed the master”, only she’s the master. If you’re looking for Leslie, she can be found screaming “Jizz-mo” down the hallways but where you won’t find her is showing up for her flights.

Brittany Garland: The only thing Brittany puts less effort into than her ATC career was writing this boom signal, which she made her husband do. We love that guy.

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92ND ARS

“BLACKHAWKS”



SMSgt Evangeline “Eve” Palmer – Eve apparently set up her office for a “6” month “temporary” gig as OG/CEM in the men’s restroom. Everyone is still frightened of her except the ones that like poking the bear.

MSgt Matthew “Grizz” Ohle – Spell my name right!! Currently striving to do everything he can to re-shingle his roof and sitting in the SEL position. Luckily his “6” month seat will be much longer than expected. Matthew is doing great things for all the Airman even though they are afraid of his wrath. Look for a shaved head later to blend in with current leadership... One of us, One of us, One of us!!! Recently, along with two other Blackhawks, he rushed to the aid of a pilot who was practicing cartwheels in the lake with his aircraft. Good thing his shirt was off so he could light the way back to the rescue boat.

MSgt Jesse “Voldemort” Wright – Jesse is the Operations Superintendent fresh from an A3V tour and has a knack for scaring young booms to ORM out before takeoff. He loves his job so much that he refreshes vMPF every 6.9 seconds trying to hit the retirement button. On hot summer days you can find this rescue swimmer screaming KAKAW! as he dives headfirst into a lake to pull a pilot from a downed aircraft. The Commander said it best “Sometimes even Pilots need heroes”.

MSgt Patrick “Pat” Flaherty – This tactician is trying to figure his life out after receiving unwelcome orders at a very unfortunate time, last seen pounding his head into his desk. Pretty sure his election is interfering with flying because nobody has seen him on a jet for the past year. Only IB who flies with other IBs more than the MCT students due to being constantly NMR.

(M)Sgt Blake Soule 2.0 – Our most recent Instructor who came to the Blackhawks and we are still wiping the Mildenhall mold off his wings. Just made Master and we are happy as hell for him, now it’s time to put him behind a desk. Blake is a great addition to the Blackhawks and see him doing great things.

TSgt Nathaniel “Vandal” Perry – Nate is our stan/eval guru but has been out for the past 6 months getting his patch. He was last seen cursing out aircrew/civilians/dogs/pigeons, pointing with his elbows, talking in AIC code and using airplanes on a stick. This recent AIC grad nabbed so many awards he needed another suite case to carry it all home, but you would never know it. I hear he has some weird affinity for peg legs. Perry was another member of

our Coast Guard Rescue Team. This won't be the first time he used his boat for an EPR bullet. Nate just got orders over to Mildenhall and might be missed by a few people...maybe. Honestly, he has been an integral part of our squadron and will be hard to replace.

TSgt Patrick Reynolds – Patrick is our A Flight Chief and we are finally able to upgrade him for all the cush KC10 hours to become an Instructor again but on the “good” airplane this time. Spent the past 6 months jumping on every sortie to get his hours up to par.

TSgt Harley Izaguirre – Izzy currently is our B Flight Chief and is cross training to help the Chaplain in religious affairs, which is a great for the Air Force to keep him. We will miss him as a boom and his supervisory skills. He can be found blasting Faith by George Michael on repeat.

TSgt Matthew Hurless – Matthew is our C Flight Chief and is out about trying to rack up hours for instructor upgrade. Use some of that T2T experience and teach some cargo.... Although it's difficult when he just let trans run over his IPAD.

TSgt Samantha “Miller” “Shelton” “French” – Sam has been working in the Training shop as NCOIC keeping it going. Nobody is sure what her last name actually is...one of those are correct. Works in the training shop trying to keep training folders up to date. Just kicked out a baby (Congrats!!) and she very well may be leaving us for greener pastures. Hmmm wonder if the baby got the Covid vaccine?

(T)Sgt Cameron “PUZR” Miller – Cam currently resides in the training shop, besides getting caught by the Klaxon while wiping he has been touring the Pacific islands on a farewell trip. He will be leaving us soon for the bright lights of Altus to teach the new fledglings. We are all pretty sure Cam chews on the wires on the descent check to make the jet break at every island location.

SSgt Dylan Vu “doo” – Dylan came back to us as a new instructor crushing skulls with insanely difficult “yes” or “no” questions. He is flying as much as possible but also out-processing and will be leaving us very shortly for a tour at Altus. This guy will be a great addition to the FTU and will be missed especially his cat burglar skills and ceiling tile repair.

SSgt Payten Olson – Payten is picking up the slack in Stan/Eval as a one-man shop and killing it, other than forgetting to log in 1522's. Apparently it is frowned upon to tactically acquire an F-35 statue from Alaska, in “General” nothing else was said...after it was returned.

SSgt Christopher Vilmont – Christopher another of our great supervisors...trying to cross to the darkside...or Altus...or anywhere that will get him out of Fairchild...sadly it came as a DSD assignment to become a recruiter! Good luck man and please no more bad apples. He was recognized recently by the Commander for exceptional cargo strap skills...too soon.

SSgt Jeremy Hudson – This guy decided that we didn't like him and rightfully so... took a 6 month GUARD deployment opportunity to the dirty Deid to fly as a crew dog. He will learn a lot but hoping not just bad habits. Learned the hard way that the APU STOP switch is not used to downgrade from Normal to Gen Only... His arms were a little bigger after that flight. Pump it Up!

SSgt Kyle Hunt – Kyle is going to be an Officer...wait not yet....now I am...nope nevermind. Currently just got a gig outside of the squadron in OGX and hopefully will bolster his package for the next time up for OTS. This guy will be an excellent Space Cadet. To Infinity and Beyond!

SSgt Jaden Allen – Jaden is another of our new IB's residing in the training shop, he is so quiet no one really knows he is here. He also likes to add every attachment to his weapons thinking it will make him a better shot... although at the range he found out it takes skill rather than a red dot. Jaden also just graduated from ALS and was selected as the John L. Levitow award winner! Don't worry in case you missed it; you can still catch that 4-hour speech on the ALS Facebook page. We are so proud of him and cannot wait to watch him lead our Airmen.

SSgt Curtis “Greg” Shoemaker – “I AM ABLE TO FLY FINALLY”!!! Curtis got off DNIF and just when we are getting “more” busy. Hurry up and get MCT complete so the squadron can abuse you for ONE Alert. Super happy you can spread those wings again. Curtis is taking care of our awards and decorations shop.

SSgt Brennon Lacy – Lacy has been in OST trying to keep his boss sane, does a bang-up job getting our new booms trained up quick. He should be coming back to be part of the squadron again soon and bring what he has learned back home.

SrA Ryan “Dash” Flores – Ryan’s name was forwarded to be the OG Exec just to watch the heads roll and see how much paperwork he accrues. Living somewhere in Idaho stocking his bunker with ammo when not flying. Plenty of blood on Spokane sidewalks from all his scooter mishaps.

SrA Jordan Watson – Watson just got orders to March and pretty sure that is the happiest I’ve ever seen this guy. Maybe just maybe this guy will start talking to people at his new base. We will all miss your boisterous personality! Good luck man and glad you are flying again!

SrA Victor Menchaca – Victor is another boom heading to the training shop, quietly but efficiently. He has a secret but was told to take it to his grave, little does he know everything always “falls through” after someone is “hoisted up”.

SrA Caleb Leverich – Besides being told on his flight by the Ops Sup not to sleep on the floor with the OG/CC in the jump seat, he is doing great things. Keeps hinting about getting out of the Air Force but just wait until those orders to Mildenhall drop... here’s the carrot!

SrA Collin Lampron – In the past he as been working as a SELE, but since he earns instructor pay he will be moving into OST. This guy loves to sing karaoke over in the Japan and the videos are amazing! Glizzy guzzler anyone?

SrA Torian “Snotz” Mather-Mickens – Ze German Kleenex is apparently his own hand when it just dribbles out unknowingly, cleanup on the van aisle please!

SrA Jose Retana – Jose’s broken back has been his nemesis for a while, probably from all his trips hunting for love in the SARM shops around the world.

SrA Kyler “Chunks” Lacer – Lacer skipped bail and left us to go figure out how to update EFB’s at OGV, this guy loves to fly pattern only flights.

SrA Dawson “Bush” Lapolla – Dawson is holding down the scheduling shop aka has Mr. Bailey on speed dial. His ATM cash advance fees on DTS may have to be monitored, good thing you don’t have to put the locations.

SrA Braydon “Dude Where’s My Car” Kapperman – Recently arrived home from instructor upgrade and found out his car was stolen. After a lovely talk with the police, insurance, towing companies...etc. Braydon was spotted wondering around his apartment parking lot hitting his panic button and finally found his car parked in another spot on the street.

SrA Austin Cullers – Austin is our scheduling guy and recently got parole to be a SELE. He just got cleared to fly again and haven’t seen a smile on a face that big in a while. One of his first flights he learned to act as a fire suppression speaker and scream “FIRE, FIRE, FIRE” on the jet.

SrA Don Turner III – Don is another one of our brand-new booms. Brought his dad to help him show up on time to in-process the Squadron. He is now on a first name basis with all the finance people. Pretty sure they made an office just for his pay issues. Got to go on his first TDY to the Deid for a jet drop off and you guessed it... his DTS is messed up.

SrA James Weale – James started flying again and has volunteered for basically any flight. On his first deployment apparently Turkish pneumonia was a thing. Don’t let PT stand in your way anymore!

SrA Kylie “Air Force 1” Sullivan – Mom loves to volunteer for EVERYTHING under the sun and this made her an obvious choice to earn BTZ... Congrats!! Kylie may be addressed as “Madam President” as she is still the Dorm President even though she moved out months ago. You can find her...well you probably won’t find her since she is always on the road. Get those hours and become an instructor already.

A1C Martin Ocker – Martin apparently has trouble getting through metal detectors now thanks to another booms challenge. While doing air-refueling in a cold boom pod he apparently will leave holes in the pad. His legs don’t fit very well, but we have heard nothing but good things.

A1C Keanu Ferry – Secrets out he is now a civilian and supposedly has been spotted carrying a red back-pack everywhere... are cars an approved storage location?

A1C Ivan Casey – Ivan apparently loves the 801X mission and asks to do it all the time, this guy has been a great addition to the new booms and will do very well here. Just don’t ask him to spell anything phonetically... Xylophone anyone?

A1C Austin “McLovin” Kaiser-Joly – After being here a couple of months Austin finally got a haircut, his bird nest was getting a little out of hand. One of a kind boom and has a slight obsession with light-carts out on the taxiways and loves to try and race anything on the road while documenting all his crimes on Tik-Tok. This guy will be turning 21 (for real this time) during a Nellis TDY. I heard they recently added more hops...

A1C Santiago “Golden Gloves” Duarte – Santiago is on his first TDY to Red Flag Alaska and will surely love it. No stories for this guy yet but I am sure they will come.

A1C Amanda Garcia – Amanda is one of our new booms to the squadron, got a TDY with the 509th to Nellis for MCT. She’s already selected for 25A AIC with less than 100 total hours. We see her doing great things for the squadron.

A1C Justan Stanley – Justan is another new boom that got to go to Nellis for a TDY in MCT. He’s so cowboy that he tried to get Nav Suite training in ropers. Get those fighter contacts done. Other than spelling his name odd we are happy to have him and can’t wait to see how he grows.

A1C Gage Huckaby – Gage is another new boom and he is getting ready for his first flight in MCT. Another one to watch grow and see where he goes.

A1C Ashlen Johnson – Ashlen is yet another new boom currently in MCT and we all look forward to seeing how she progresses.

Booms that have departed the fix.

MSgt Jenny Cook – Hard charging Jenny has left us for lovely Altus, she will be a great addition to the FTU. Get in the airplane and earn those instructor bucks and send us good quality booms.

TSgt Nicolo Daniello – Nicolo took off to the beaches of the CRG and I haven’t heard anything from him sense so I guess he is doing well...? I wonder if he’s sharing all his war stories from his days as PA

SSgt Gage Fontenot – Gage took off to Altus to get more instructor street cred. I am sure he has already made a name for himself and his mustache. I’m sure he’s happy to be living in the land of the free and open carrying all his firearms to the local Walmart.

SrA Constance Cassens – Constance is technically still with us, but she did the smart thing and is currently in the Skillbridge program. We wish her all the luck on the outside and will be missed.

A1C Ariah Berhow - After many trips to Kadena at any cost she finally got her orders she wanted. Kadena has a great boom coming to them. Good luck Ariah!

Retired but not forgotten.

Mr. Jerimiah “Doc” Docken/SMSgt Ret. – Pretty sure Doc is actually clinically dead from all the chainsaw, 4-wheeler, and pool cue mishaps.... But the whiskey keeps him pickled. Still crushes everyone’s hopes and dreams with his Vol. 2 knowledge. Record keeper with the bedazzling popcorn flavors!

Mr. Richard “Reaper” Bailey/SrA Sep – Mr. Bailey is the lifeblood of scheduling and his ice-cold demeanor chills everyone that request a change in G2. Little does anyone know that this guy has a list.... an ONE list!



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DOMINI ARTIS
"Masters of the Art"

SrA Joshua Amos – Indiana native, working in the scheduling shop. Straight off his first deployment and already trying to find a way out of the military.

MSgt Jacob Aufderheide (A-10) – Working in the IG, soon to be Chief Boom for the 384th. Been a boom for 15 years and doesn't know how to check his ITS to see if he's current. Still wouldn't be in the Top Gun sequel if it was about booms.

TSgt Dave "Dodge" Ballmer – Fairchild LEGEND. Living in the vault working for wing tactics. Still drinking Coors and still trying to get back to Kadena, the land of happiness.

A1C Gabriel Bautista – Need a ride to pickle ball/the mall/work or dinner? Call this dude. He's been here for a month and already needs new tires. Always smiling and happily telling folks he's from Brooklyn and that's way better than the Bronx.

SrA Bradley Betts – Dave Ballmer's clone, working in scheduling. Just finished his sentence at Altus and won't stop begging for orders to go back. Still sad that he doesn't meet the minimum height requirements to fly the KC-46 and swears his feet would touch the ground in the seat...okay buddy...okay.

SrA Khalil "Spicy" Brown – Worked in the training shop for a year and counting down the days until he is out of it. Has plans on getting out here soon to drive across country as trucker.

SrA Austin "CHEEKS" Buller – Finishing his stint in readiness and has orders to March. Has been crushing out on the deployment for the last six months while he knife hands pilots and sips on Starbucks.

A1C Jared Castro – Fresh out of MCT and on the road for his first deployment.

SrA Carson Childers – Soon to be married and working in STAN/EVAL. Just got back from his first deployment on the brightest crew in Germany. Voted most likely to succeed by his peers.

A1C Aiden Clark – Spokane native for those who don't know. Instead of collecting BAH, he got married to move out of his parents' house. Spending his days in the scheduling shop fighting Fleming for flights. Using his per diem to purchase night vision goggles so he can play hide and seek on the jet. Fast tracked to AIC but still waiting for his instructor slot in Altus. Next contestant on Forged In Fire.

SMSgt Mike "D-Low" Danilowski – Did so well at avoiding an AMC assignment that he came to us with only 4 certs on his ITS. An SEL that genuinely wants to know how your day is going. Didn't let a brute force disconnect get in the way of him supporting his Airmen. As we're writing this, he can hear us with the satellites attached to his head. Protect at all costs.

TSgt Darrien Edwards – Still a screeching menace consistently making Powell's hearing aids squeal. He snuck his way into the Chief boom position and started complaining immediately. Been in the Air Force for 10 years but looks like he's about to retire. Despite his outward demeanor, he is not a lover or a fighter. Still flaming Maple Leaf fans on reddit.

SrA Jacob "Where's Ellis?" Ellis – Motorcycle enthusiast and an expert at conveniently scheduling himself for flights as a new instructor boom. Found out the hard way you don't season cast iron full of oil. He is fine, but the new kitchen remodel is going to be awesome. Also, worst pickle ball score keeper.

A1C Jordan Esteem – Fresh out of Altus and still in MCT, but we are excited to get him on the road and to see how he grows.

TSgt Christopher Fitzgerald – Been holding down the fort in OGX for us and now off to March here in September.

SrA Shawn Fleming – Scheduling shop troop. TODE SAVANT. Currently on his first deployment in the Deid

SrA Phillip "Doughboy" Fowler – Readiness troop/Mysterious boom. Still not convinced that he is currently deployed, but actually roaming the streets of Spokane. Using his degree in museum curation to open an exhibit on the many rocks of Al Udeid.

SrA Cydney Graves – Working in OGX with Fitzgerald. Requalified just in time to get out the door for the Germany deployment.

TSgt Brandon Harmon – Brand new to the squadron and helping out our new Booms over in OGT. Excited to eventually getting him back to the squadron.

TSgt Chance Italiano – 4th times the charm, Chance got picked up for RPA's. Bummed to downgrade from enlisted aircrew wings to drone wings but hides his tears in all of that per

diem he will collect on the dark side. Father to a new daughter. Trader of coveted Japanese coffees.

TSgt Andrew Keepers – Keepers is a puzzling guy. Looks confused, but then drops some nugget of knowledge. He appears athletic but cant stay on a trampoline to save his life. All that said, he has our vote for Master!

SSgt James Kennedy – Newly appointed NCOIC of safety. He’s the type of guy that makes you wish COVID social distancing standards were still a thing. Was sent to Qatar for deployment but got sent to Shaw because they didn’t want him. Won the 2022 Halloween costume contest after dressing up as Dr. Eggman.

TSgt Wesley “LP” LaPrairie – Readiness NCOIC and cargo savant. Squadron leadership wanted to wave a record braking 500 hours so they can send him to instructor upgrade. His last name does him justice because he has the personality of a prairie dog because he is the sweetest guy you’ll ever meet and will go to bat for his people. Also accrued over 1000 hours on farming simulator.

A1C Zavhary Maszczak – New guy fresh from Altus. 20 hours in the 135 and 4 hours in a car. Spokane winter driving should be interesting. Wallyball savant.

A1C Parker Matriciano – Currently deployed in the Deid and living the Jersey Shore lifestyle and somehow still hasn’t managed to get a tan or swole. Laundry is good to go though.

SrA Chris “Moodster” Moody – A very dependable instructor and currently sitting in the training shop. Has more hours in 2K than the jet but still trash. Broke his pickle ball paddle on his 2nd time playing but hopefully his patience doesn’t run as thin with his students. Skipped a deployment to meet a girl. Still hasn’t met the girl. He catfished himself.

MSgt Lauren “Pow Pow” Powell – Even with a broken back she still carries the squadron. Just had her first child who she named after an object that is close to her. With a son named Jett and a dog named Whiskey she is a true aviator. Was promised that she would stay in Fairchild for 2 more years but was given orders to Korea the next day. Squadron Mom.

SrA Elijah Rias – Resident honor guard extraordinaire. Happy to requalify and start flying again.

SSgt Richard “Dick” Robinson – Chillest dude you’ll ever meet. Down for ANYTHING. Got eye surgery after MCT hasn’t flown since. Now has the best eyesight, but can’t see himself staying in. Supervisor extraordinary, tested daily on how to be a supervisor. Long term DNIF, sits the scheduling desk the same as a flyer. Enjoys DDR so he can get a new hat.

MSgt Steve Saunders – Happy birthday Saunders.....whenever it is. Stepped into the SEL spot like a champ feverishly taking notes and smiling through the pain. Always looking out for his people by either advancing their careers or by giving them candy put through his \$4000 freeze dryer. A fashionista on the jet with his tactical suspenders and ‘stache. Squadron Dad.

A1C Greg Schuetz – PCS'd to Birmingham after sitting in the readiness shop. The only boom you'll meet nowadays that actually had a successful BOP go through. King of refilling the snack shack. If you don't see him playing games at work he's probably on T- Alert or begging new booms to pack his U-Haul for him so his wife doesn't get angry.

SSgt Stephon "BRICC" Sharief – Newest evaluator to the squadron and the NCOIC for STAN/EVAL...for now. Just finished his deployment in Germany as the Chief Boom. Has been known to pass off techniques as actual TOs and has a talent for going on 4 hour tangents that really don't apply to the topic at hand.

A1C Shane "Sleeping Beauty" Silver –Selflessly volunteered to extend on his deployment to Germany. He reminds us daily to thank him for his service. Still mad the Eagles lost the superbowl and even more mad he wasted an airplane ticket to Jersey. Always misses the bus.

SSgt Robert "DART" Soriano – Recently came back from his first ever deployment. Known as a 3rd pilot on the jet, he decided to take his talents to the private sector. It's not clear what he's going to do on the outside as his plans have changed 9 times in the last year. The 93rd wishes him luck as he pursues a career as a California state trooper/pilot/astronaut in space.

SrA Brielle "Gabby" "BAMBI" Springer – New instructor has not flown with a student after 3 months. Currently deployed in Germany where she can check off more travel destinations. She makes fun of other people's laugh because she can't make anyone laugh. If you are looking for her, she is close by to Powell.

SrA Gabrielle "Brielle" Stallings – Next boom going to Altus for instructor upgrade. Has an accent when it benefits her. Convinced North Carolina is the south. Best boom with the worst eyesight. Blames it on her "Stigmatism". Brute force disconnect on her S1 for CFIC blamed it on her student....the SEL. Still driving the cop car full of squadron water jugs.

SSgt Derek Stiles – Currently in exile sitting in Wing Scheduling. Eventually we will get him back over to fly with us.

SrA Benny Trevizo – If you're ever looking for Benny, he's probably on a good deal. Would tell you where he works but he's never in the squadron long enough to find out. Graduated CFIC but loss 10 years off his life. Stepped on a sea urchin in Hawaii and elected to walk it off rather than being seen by a doctor.

A1C David Trulson – If you type in "Air Force Dancing Guy" in any browser, he's likely to show up. Didn't like being called TikTok guy so much he made a TikTok about it. Voted most likely to break out in dance at any moment. @freestylesevern

SrA Carson Wilberg – Deployed in Germany hoping to learn some of his family heritage. He took the DLAB test for German where he received a 0% which he was told was statistically impossible.

SrA Keri “K-Willy” Williams – HIIIIIIIIII SIIIIIIIIII. New to the squadron from Kadena. Knows 3 languages but doesn’t know clockwise and counter-clockwise. Snapped a hoist cable and lived to tell the tale. Well versed in K-Pop.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON 97th ARS
“KICK ASTRA”



SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER:

SMSgt Justin Poteet AKA Elmer Fudd – Senior can be found wandering the halls whispering “it’s no notice season” or sitting in CFIC briefings explaining how the A model burnt water. We recommend to the inbounds start off their initial briefing with him by yelling “BRING BACK SAC”!

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Grant Ringenberg AKA Kyle – Ring came to us from Mildenhall and if you wanted to know what Kyle from high school has been up to, we found him! Not sure what he loves more, his custom Monster Energy rims or telling people he used to be maintenance. Please don’t bother him, he’s super stressed with delegating the building move.

TSgt Andrew DeCrosta AKA Sleepy – Maybe one day he will fly again! Allegedly was going to PCS to Altus, but until then the First Sergeant has his go to stand in. Hands down the most reliable Flight Chief we have... when he wakes up for work.

TSgt Ryan Dillingham – Still decompressing from the culture shock of being back in AMC. Pretty cool dude until he’s in the back of your CFIC systems brief. He does have to be constantly reminded that this isn’t Altus. Who hurt you?

SSgt Nicholas “CHIMP” Belmonte – Good Deal Belmonte can be found in scheduling planning his next extended TDY or delegating what little responsibilities he has. He still poops on the jet and that’s why Altus declined his instructor package.

SSgt Raphael Duncan aka @RedTyrle – Have you heard of the Fairchild KC-135 demo team? When Dunc isn’t leaving SrA in charge of his shop, he’s talking nonstop about how “this is the year I’m getting a Husky.” His favorite pastimes include Rocket League, arguing with total strangers on Facebook and posting awesome airplane pictures. Remember to like and subscribe!

SSgt Dean Lovingood AKA Juggernaut – We’re still amazed that Dean was able to make Staff and keep it for as long as he’s had it. He has this unique ability to say the absolute worst things to the worst people without realizing it. Ask him about the time he called a retired Command Chief just a secretary. We also love gas lighting his gullible ass.

SSgt Robert “CRAB” Kniveton – Have you ever heard of suntan lotion? Bobby sure hasn’t! On another note, have you heard of RTIC? He’s on a race to have more kids than he does stripes, and it’s getting *really* close! Give him two more years and he’s got it down. So desperate to leave the 97th, he even volunteered for AIC?!

SSgt Demian Solis – In 97th fashion, Demian found himself his own A1C to wife up! Denied Altus (we get it) ... but Kadena? Ok dude. Seek help. Unfortunately, he couldn’t deny a 6-month non-flying deployment to the deid. We can’t wait to see you down at the FTU 30 minutes following your re-enlistment!

SSgt Andrew Liddane – The only man in USAF history to apply for a DSD and not get it. He’s trying to get back to Kadena so bad, he’s willing to deport his wife and daughter back to Canada!

SSgt Aaron Salter – It's been over a year and we're still not entirely sure what he does here. Is it safety, RTIC, or wandering? Couldn't tell ya. He's got cool transition lenses, though. He also won't stop talking about being a prior backender. #notrealaircrew

SSgt Charlton Hampton – mysteriously PCS'd from the CRG. Spends more time acting as a squadron therapist... dudes totes OSI agent.

SSgt Alison Sowka AKA Karyn – Retrained into aircrew and it went straight to her head. She thought that since she now is the mission, she should be entitled to 30 days of house hunting. Hurry up and finish MCT so we can stick you with the squadron GPC.

SrA Aziel Alvarado – Watched Roadhouse too many times but forgot to learn how to fight. Dentals favorite frequent flyer. Also somehow made it through Instructor upgrade waited till after Altus to log his BOWSTS.

SrA Alexander Danclar – Apparently, he's married? We found out only recently, but she just goes to a different school. "You wouldn't know her." :o He'll either be an instructor by the time this comes out, or just another really sad MB.

SrA Elijah "Drifter" Drexler – After showing up to his check ride non-current for contacts while in CFIC, Eli did some self-reflecting and realized his true passion is catering to Chiefs! So, he decided to commission. Good luck with that college thing ... traitor!

SrA Sean Ellis – Stiiiiill the Don of the E-4 Mafia. After dodging IB upgrade for the 10th time, Sean unfortunately got put in an ALS class he couldn't snowboard his way out of. Hide yo wife! ...only if she wears the uniform.

SrA Jensen Kokou – Juice holds the record for the longest APU brief, coming in at a brisk 150 minutes! Don't ask what he talked about, we all fell asleep 20 minutes in... if you find a size 11 left foot Yeezy in Paris, give him a call!

SrA Andrew Miller – When he isn't scheduling himself to fly 5 times a week, he's taking classes that he doesn't use. Taking a page out of Ronnie's book, he's trying to stay a SrA IB for 30 years.

SrA Allyson Molloy – She entered the "Waffle Head Society" while deployed, becoming one of our "grate"st assets. After her brain bashed around in her head, she finally decided to go through IB upgrade! We're still writing her Purple Heart package.

SrA Dillon Neal AKA "R-U-SURE" – Did you know he has a PPL? We sure didn't. After years of acting like an IB, he finally went through instructor upgrade! Reach out if you care about the pilot pitot-static system.

SrA Christopher "DICC" Neuman – Much like a chihuahua, Neuman spends most of his time at work yelling at copilots with all bark and no bite. Our sassiest Senior Airman!

SrA Matthew Ronnfeldt – Ronnie finally upgraded to EB this year! Much like Bobby, he has the squadron record for TIG. Stay tuned to see if he's on next year's Boom Signal. He's got one more try, but we'll see.

SrA Noah "Hands" Rutan – Noah has spent most of his time in the 97th figuring out ways to get out. When he's putting his time in, he tends to wander around the shops complaining about not going on sweet deals. Have you seen his airpods?

SrA Sawyer "JG" Wentworth – Still acts like a Nelson you ordered off Wish. Somehow got selected and made it through ALS, immediately after dodging his second deployment by going tactically DNIF. He learned these skills by hanging closely by Sean Ellis.

SrA Harold "Amber" Cheatham – After 6 months of PT (and 12 months off work), his back is finally better! Make sure you call him before you put him on a flight, because he might ORM out 9 hours before showtime! Maybe we'll give him Saadi's waifu bodypillow so he can fall asleep better. When he is at work, you'll find him bonding with his favorite SNCO, MSgt Ringenberg.

SrA Joseph "Micro" Lopez – When he's not at work (which is all the time), you can find him shaking his tushy at the clubs downtown. He spends his 2 hours of PT time driving to and from work.

SrA Anthony Maglione – Mags spends most of his time forgetting that DTS and 791s exist, while attempting to get out

of good deals so he can further his standup comedy career. We're still yet to see his proof, but we can try to believe him. His only redeeming factor is his ability to volunteer for every 801X exercise under the sun.

SrA Lillian "ALIBI" Oliver – You might have seen some of her deployed crews most recent artwork on flight radar. Now that everyone's back you can find her not at work tasked with some random job. Remember rule number 1: Don't make yourself reliable.

SrA Talon Brandel – Self-appointed "Airman in Charge" of mobility, claims to be the most knowledgeable airman. The amount of unearned confidence that radiates from him can only be matched by his Bro-mance for Cullington

SrA David Harris AKA Piggyback – Only boom operator to tell thunderbird one how to fly his plane. "I have a question" If you are ever looking for drugs make sure to check his trunk, but he will say they are not his... Were stopping here because the sheer number of stories and we know Hampton will be reading this.

SrA Nathaniel Bartling - Two years and six flight hours...still hasn't seen a fighter. Simple and short like his flying career.

SrA Brandon Kim – Came to us from the 10's he probably already told you about the Gucci life. He already feels out of place by talking to the pilots. He misses the Gucci life **and** the 135 makes him work too much.

A1C Christopher Rowland- Worlds oldest A1C. Follow on Facebook for all 97th future deployment dates, times, and locations.

A1C Kian Saadi – His AC gets sent home early from deployment and within the first 12 hours had to get the IDMT to give him stitches (Adulting is hard work). At least he has his waifu pillow. Our first 97th Boom to lose his checklist 10 minutes into the deployment.

A1C Julie McNab AKA Mayweather – (No more drama, no more, no more, drama, drama) High school drama in another Sq now she's in the better Sq anyways jokes on them. Rumor has it you don't talk about her accent.

A1C Trae Seithalil – Sold his house to buy his JJJJAAAAAGUAR, don't ask him for help on DTS 0 stars.

A1C Jayden Shines – Known to wear JUICY skinny jeans backwards and don't leave him alone in car garages.

A1C Jacques "JAQ-JAQ" Laurie – Despite spending his childhood in a semi-truck, JAQ-JAQ waited until his 20s to get his driver's license. We wouldn't be surprised if you've seen his face on a milk carton in the mid-2000s.

A1C Kyler Rosinsky – Non-vol'd to the boom career field, Kyler had security forces and services as 1 and 2. Some would say he's the luckiest dude ever, but we'd call him Bobby's future supervisor.

A1C Alexis Burnside AKA Storm Trooper – She's a new arrival here so we don't have too much juice – but after 12 attempts of CATM, she finally learned that we don't shoot guns sideways, and we aim for the head unrepentant lethality.

A1C Nathan Christenson – The reason why Aircrew is briefed on spotters anytime they back up a GOV #FirstTDYGoals . You can find him in initial development asking for a job.

Mr. Jeremy Culliton AKA JTC (Jeremy the Contractor) – Jeremy has tried to quit the squadron several times but somehow comes back to do more of the instructing than any other IB in the squadron. Allegedly he "declines" jobs at every other three letter agency. Still unaware that the -1 changed after he separated.

Attached/On-Loan

OGV:

MSgt Matt Nelson – He got picked up to do big things at the Group! Catch him riding his ~~moped~~ Hog around base and delegating most of his job to the squadrons Stan/Eval shops. We really appreciated him standardizing Mattermost... thanks!

OGT:

MSgt Stephen Doswell AKA Does-well – Not much to say other than he loves it when you copy the entire bee movie transcript and text it to him. He was able to reintegrate BOOM MCT to OGT so he could stay relevant so that's a thing.

SrA Brooke Griffin – Our squadron expert on the hydraulics system... ask her why she's so proficient.

PCS'd to greener pastures

SSgt Zackry Pennington – He was accepted to join the Army and be all he could be. Good luck on helicopter school... or if you fail out, the grunt life.

Retired not expired.

MSgt Tommy "TP" Perry – When given a separation date and your replacement arrived you can get HAMMERED at the squadron Christmas party.

TSgt Casey Weldon aka "Swerve" – the 97th's only Tech Sergeant Select from last year cycle. He recently retired with less hours than the majority of Altus BIQ's. He still rides his bicycle by the squadron occasionally so its like he never left. As a true leader though he waited until he was officially separated to get that spicy ticket. If it was 20 years ago, he would've been recalled and promoted to Master.

TSgt Joshua "WILDKARD" Knepp – Voted worst retirement ceremony (lets be honest it was a roast). Doing awesome things with IT and the FAA so if you thought SPIRIT airlines couldn't get scarier, just watch.

SrA Esther Kim – Sadly flying isn't for everyone and we can respect someone that makes that tough call, congrats on the medical retirement... and now she's flying with Delta.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

384th ARS

“SQUAREPATCHERS”



Greetings from the Pacific Northwest! The 384th has been quite busy this year! We just finished our month-long pre-deployment vacation in Australia and Guam in support of Mobility Guardian. The 384th took lead for Fairchild and our booms were able to see a crocodile or too along with termite mounds the size of an ISU 70...or so I am told. TACC was even kind enough to let a few of our crews hang back and do a fighter drag and a local out of the Pacific before returning home. Now our newer booms are addicted to Chu-His and Co-Cos Curry. We have about a month to prepare for our deployment across the pond. We are excited as this will be our first deployment for many new booms and cross trainees since AFFORGEN has been implemented. If you see a Square Patch on the road, feel free to say hi and have a beer with us!

Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Matt Machala-

Been at the squadron since the beginning of time and even though he finally got orders to Scott, has refused to leave because AFPC ran out of money! Scott still wants him to telework regardless of where he calls "home". When he is not busy not leaving, he is out riding his Harley that he purchased during his midlife crisis. He has been a great SEL to have in the squadron and we are sad to see him leave us!

Ops Superintendent

MSgt Anne Engebretson-

Fresh off her six-month Air Force paid vacation to Europe where I think she visited more countries than the Squadron did combat sorties, Anne transferred over to the Squares. Was hoping that making Senior would cancel her orders to Altus but she wasn't that lucky. Best of luck at the School House!

Assistant to the Ops Superintendent

MSgt Zach Donaraski-

Zach is settling in well now that he has a place that wants him. Poor guy was passed around by so many organizations last year he didn't know where to show up for work. Once he arrived at the 384th he immediately went DNIF and has appointments every week for "physical therapy". But he can still knock

out a cargo check for anyone on base. Spends most of his time fishing or fixing his 100-year-old house which seems to have a new issue every 30 minutes.

Stan Eval

TSgt Charisse Laughery-

Charisse otherwise known by the locals as Sarah- pronounced Zaaaaaruh, spends most of her time with her fur-baby, Nugget the dog. You can find her camping out in her car or getting free hugs or booze from every bartender in a 50 square mile radius. She is friends with everyone but bonus if you are under the age of 24. A closet karaoke master, she likes to play coy but will belt out an amazing rendition of Eminem's "Lose yourself".

A1C Samantha Kurz

Samantha Kurz – The only person that can carry binoculars everywhere and not make it weird. This bird enthusiast uses her time "documenting migration patterns" as a cover for her true obligations as a member of the Japanese Yakuza. A true gangster, she teaches the elders in the Squadron about up-and-coming slang, gets emotional about dinosaurs, and uses female issues to scare off senior leadership. She took 14 weeks to finally find a car and 3 weeks to crash it, nothing her maintainer boyfriend can't fix!

A1C Sydnee Neal-

Sydnee "Squid" Neal – Where Oscar the Grouch and Elle Woods collide. Nothing can stop this hard charger from letting you know how much she hates you with her eyes. A Texas native, the accent is only effective on 4.7 words and used while flirting, talking on the radio, or once a month in random conversation. She's good to have around though, she's spun up as an EMT and can save your life so long as she doesn't have to drag you anywhere (90 pounds soaking wet).

A1C Ashley Betancourt

Goes on her first TDY and loses a few teeth, apparently concrete is unforgiving. Supposedly she had 2 close friends help her through it. Goes to the gym to lift heavy, makes workout videos, and spends 30 mins of her set on her phone "resting".

Training Flight

TSgt Jose Fonseca Cruz-

Fresh out from CFIC, immediately became an evaluator with zero instructor hours (those who can't teach, evaluate). To focused on additional duties... first shirt, DTS reviewer, school, TODE, Superintendent fill in. Super good guy, smart, funny, and good looking. It is an honor to be around him.

SSgt Tyler Espinoza-

Recently arrived from Kadena. He has spent a total of 3 weeks in the shop since he arrived since he takes off on fishing trips so often. Swears he “got a big one” but they all seem to break off.

SSgt KC Boerboom-

Made SSgt and now Joey has to call her “Sarnt”. Heard she is going to buy an engagement ring to present Joey soon.

SSgt Thorne Fritts-

Still trying to commission...Wife recently had their first child and from what we hear you can hear him gag every time he has to change a diaper. He made such a good impression at CFIC he got himself orders this summer. Congrats!

SrA Bailey Walling-

Bailey can finally fly, though supervised. Still hasn’t decided what she wants to do with her life, may be a photographer, may go to school, may ride off into the sunset. Went on a 2-week cruise and had her car stolen, became a private detective to find it. Sits at her computer and stares longingly at the spot her office romance is supposed to be sitting in.

SrA Sage Ledet-

Our resident cougar hunter! He is a hoot to have on TDY and is always there to take one for the team when defending off prowling cougars who need their “TV” looked at. He has been making leaps and bounds this year in many ways like becoming an IB, sticking it out with his desert love, and even getting a pup now.

SrA Arianna Jupiter-

Never see her because she is always hacking the mission, living the dream. When she is around, she is always dodging BERP and providing UBER services for the airman in the dorms.

A1C Aiden Ruehr

Aiden “That poor guy” Ruehr – Took a nap at the bar because he ate too many tacos. Watched 4 girls suggestively eating a rainbow “popsicle” and did nothing about it. The boy has the record number of embarrassing moments from anytime he went out drinking, ever, but he can’t remember. Although he is often referred to as the kid from Polar express, he’s somewhat timid and has been too afraid to ride the train.

Readiness

TSgt Ryan Kemp-

Ryan might just be the quietest person on Earth, even when he is speaking. Spends all his time in his cubical discreetly trying to get the Squadron to do their CBTs. We really have no dirt on Ryan, if we didn’t have a recall roster, I’m not even sure we would have his phone number.

SSgt Ethan Sudtelgte-

Came from the dark side of the KC-10. Rumors have it that back in the day he was a big frat boy and was even convinced to run around a house party in a hotdog suit while having hotdogs thrown at him just to enter the party. His capabilities as a boom are in question as he has found out that in this airframe we actually work, and don't just complain that our system doesn't do it for us.

SrA Gilbert Martinez-

If you have a pair of Yeezys you are looking to sell, talk to this guy. We haven't seen him since his "roommate" Gabe left for Kadena. He had to take a solo vacation to Europe to get his mind off him. He has a tiny turbo charged compact car that you can hear from a mile away...might be compensating for something.

SrA Tyler Jones-

You'll only see Jones once a month in the office and the whole time he's playing ping pong. Jones can be found sleeping upright in the nav seat and only waking up to do Air Refueling.

SrA Legea Howard-

She has a spicy attitude and can usually found playing on her phone while watching Jones get beat at a game of ping pong.

SrA Grace Yoder-

Grace left home to join the Air Force only to be stationed 30 minutes from her home. You don't see her around these parts very much due to her many important tasks in her hometown. The show "Yellowstone" is loosely based off her life as she owns her own horse and is a barrel racer. Good luck speaking with her unless you can squeeze a word in between her photo editing to post on her social media.

A1C Lillian Hixson-

Claims to be married to a Marine, but no one has ever seen him. Already the squadron celebrity as seen on the Amn/NCO page from her dancing TikTok's.

A1C Shen Yeager-

Nobody has figured this guy out yet. Went on a trip to Greece with Nims and came back with some phallic shaped wood pieces... interesting choice. His vertically gifted body can barely fit in the pod, but still manages to make some smooth contacts. Standard radio calls- what are those?

A1C Alex Morales-

Not much dirt on this guy. He manages to go on a trip to Florida during spring break and not talk to a single female. Meanwhile the instructor of the lead jet went to prison. He has an incredible talent of parking GOVs in handicap parking and saying, "can't ticket a GOV".

A1C Anthony Addington-

Big golf guy and has no issues putting a ball in a hole but hasn't quite figured out how to put a pole in a hole. He has very close friend in the squadron...boom relationships never work. Fighting tooth and nail to get on the squadron deployment... while still in MCT.

Scheduling

TSgt Brandon Wright-

Brandon "Dapper Dan" Wright may have the best combover in the Air Force. But all that hair product didn't help him with his HAMR test. Somehow, he managed to fly more than anyone else in the squadron despite living at the scheduling desk. He caught the dreaded Altus orders but was actually happy about it. Though in typical Altus fashion, they turned down his request for delayed reporting.

TSgt Steven Hannah-

Our resident IFBB Pro! Knows a suspicious amount about steroids, but apparently is "natty". His diet remains white rice, carrots, and ground turkey. Was an OG Exec for a year but now is taking charge of the scheduling shop, we are sure he will be in Hawaii or Japan 50% of the time by coincidence.

SSgt Kyle Henninger-

Crossed trained a year ago and still claims to be the FNG. Regularly brings Costco muffins into work to try and charm the schedulers. It must have worked, because he recently broke into the triple digits for flying hours!

SrA Ben Hawley-

Ben has been stationed at Fairchild for four years, and we only know his first name because of the recall roster. The man comes to work, works hard, and then just disappears. Nobody knows anything about his personal life except that his is a huge Green Bay Packers Fan...which nobody cares about! We sent him to be an OG exec to tell the Group Commander about the Green Bay Packers—jokes on us, the Group Commander owns shares in the team!

SrA Dan Harris-

Between smoking cigs, wearing short shorts, and getting a couple tats, he has become one of our newest instructor booms in the squadron. He has been able to hide back in the readiness shop but was finally moved out to the wonderful scheduling shop where he sits and keeps an eye on his office romance working across from him. For those of you that watched The Office, it's like a Jim and Pam situation, except nobody cares.

SrA Dakota Griffis-

Patient Zero for spreading the Nora virus around during deployment. He was once documented gripping the roller system while laying down in the cargo compartment due to trying not to violate the one forbidden rule on the 135...he failed and ended up calling in a code brown. He is probably the smartest red head in the squadron.

SrA Johnny Nevarez-

You can find Johnny passed out at his own party after drinking 2 beers. Lives up to the SrA lifestyle by showing up to work late every day and leaving 3 hours early, says he is “going to the gym”. Although we poke fun, he is a great guy and the life of the party.

A1C Brendan Ohm-

WHO arrived at the squadron and thought it would be a great idea to get a bike even though he has severe credit card debt due to his BMW giving out on him a few months earlier. It would help the situation if he knew how to ride the thing but can't manage to keep the bike up by his own muscle partially due to his muscular-challenged size and weight.

A1C Glenn Pierce-

Sometimes referred to as the squadron stoner because he's always got a light glaze over his face.

A1C Jhaiyear Clayton-

We can all thank Clayton for keeping our blues in perfect condition. Had a rough start but has made huge strides and doing great. Probably the nicest guy you'll ever meet.

Tactics Flight

SSgt Zach Reynolds-

Zach is the 384th newest patch but even with all that learning, he still can't even manage the simplest of tasks such as riding a Lime scooter...The greasy mustache must have impaired his vision. Although SSgts may not make too much money, Zach has cracked the code (just like his tooth) and has been making a substantial amount through the Northern Quest. Zach's leadership skills are developing as his airman are top notch tactic reps. All this said as hard as we all work to find Zach a girl, they all get scared off... can't be the greasy mustache, can it?

SrA Joey Svoboda-

Has spent more money gambling than his whole years' salary, maybe that's why he begs for TDYs. May have Fairchild's best car collection, only to impress the “locals” in Guam rather than his own girlfriend. Just became an instructor, I guess they didn't teach him how to pay off all his credit card debt or stop buying cars that are destroyed. Other than all that Joey is a great boom.

SrA Jake Donaldson-

Our resident drive-thru Ink Master. Although he didn't make the cut for Fast and Furious, he absolutely loves anything on wheels and bought a hellcat at a surprisingly low interest rate of 21%. While deployed he offered his signature back-alley tattoos during crew brief –anything to stay awake during a pilot brief. He has recently moved out of the hood and lives happily with his wife, kid and Joey.

Safety

SSgt Chris Nothstine-

Chris has a unique outlook on fashion and has been spotted in the summer with fur coats and more recently a fox tail swinging behind his motorcycle. He also does unsolicited backflips at parties.

SrA Ethan Parker-

Ethan recently arrived from Kadena and is itching to get on his first deployment. He has a nice truck, was placed in the safety office and is already making changes like he owns the place. We are excited to see what he can bring to the Squares.

Executives

SrA Zach Henderson-

They call him Dale. Danger Dale. And let me tell you he's dangerous. This man will intimidate the strongest man with his mustache. Even on deployment he was able to lead a fighter to contact with nothing more than the glimmer off his polished mustache. He hasn't been around much because he's been busy spending "quality time" with his new wife.

Attached

CMSgt Michael "Penguin" Russell-

Chief couldn't get enough of the Squares so he quick turned at Kadena to come back and attach himself to us again. As all good Chiefs do, he has mastered the art of sublimely making his ideas seem like they are yours. A 1206 wizard he takes more liberties with writing than any person ever, a quick walk by his office and you are sure to hear his favorite phrase "OOOOOOHHHHHH.... that's hot!" as he puts the final touches on a quarterly awards package. Recently decided to jump on a 10-hour flight to stay involved with the mission and experienced some "mild" airsickness, do you think we can send him to Altus to use the centrifuge trainer?

MSgt Michael Garcia-

Mike had finally found his calling at Wing XP. The vault seemed to be his natural habit so that he had an excuse to ignore all phone calls. Was the winner of the lowest flight hours for an IB this year but is making up for it by being selected for Altus.

SSgt Marcus Nims-

Marcus can't decide if he wants to stay in or get out. The sting of being rejected by Beale is still fresh so he extended for another year to try again. He needed to keep a revenue stream going to pay for all his toys and of course his baby girl.

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(S)MSgt Justin “Han” Yow

Sadly, Lord Han made Senior so he is getting taken away from the 509th. Oh well... He can take his Holy War and master plan to somebody else to deal with. However, Han did make plenty of frenemys while expanding the AIC syllabus and management with AFPC, ACC, AMC, CMSAF the list goes on... So poor Cracken gets to bring a box of band aids and a box of nails as he builds new bridges. Han will still be best known for his contribution to the USAFWS, also his great American accent, large chin, love for the 2 for \$5 Burger King breakfast biscuits, and yelling (with love) for no apparent reason. We love you Lord Han, we will miss ya!

(M)Sgt Christopher “Cracken” Shelton

Since the “Cracken” was released last year, everything has been going great for him! He finally made it!!! Cracken has won many battles, most notably the CCAF completion battle. He has been crushing it as the Operations Superintendent of the 509 WPS. Cracken lead one of the most important WSINT vults, by introducing the first-ever Tanker Kill remove, which provides more realistic training for all MDSs! Now, since he is a MSgt select, he will take over as the SEL this fall! All hail the Cracken!

(M)Sgt James “CHAW” Shaffer

CHAW came to the 509th as the ACE master! No one knows Tanker ACE/MCA better than Chaw, so he “says”. None of the less, he has proven his knowledge to all the students and cadre! Leading austere Tanker operations, commercial cargo loading, and training TSA firearm officers at Spokane International (just a reminder, don’t bring weapons to the airport). Now, Chaw’s crusade is over, he made Master! Finally, CHAW has gotten his dream job, he will be the Operations Superintendent of the 509 WPS, God help us!

TSgt Nicholas “PATR” Sowder

Since he was omitted for some reason on last years signal, we have included 2022.

2022: PATR has grown up fast! He went from sleeping under walkways in downtown Spokane to the most feared and dominant Patch in the Weapons School. Students fear PATR and clear the hallway, like Moses parting the Red Sea, when he walks down... But don't be fooled, PATR is soft inside and secretly cries at the ending of each Blippi episode. He is a leader in the Squadron and the MCA world. So, future students pack your camping gear and cold weather gear, PATR is going to have you living out in the wilderness while coordinating your mission!

2023: PATR is still growing. He now has twins, bought a house, and a family car. After his 12-week parental leave and missing almost all 23A class, PATR came back as still the most feared instructor. WAKA and Vandal were shaking in their boots, as PATR walked in the hallways. No matter how scary he is, PATR knows hard work. He is the creator of the first-ever floor mounted crane for the KC-135. PATR is running the experiments so he can get it mass produced to the Tanker fleet in MCA operations. The Air Force leadership will recognize the PATR crane as an innovated step in the future, but the Booms will thank him for saving their backs from lifting all the pilot's unnecessary overweight bags on TDYs.

(M)Sgt Robert “BUCK” MEDIEROS

BUCK is now our 509th WPS southern attachment down at Nellis. He whispers tanker relevance into the Commandant's ear so people remember that we are important. Buck is missed up in 509th North with his slick haircuts and bright smile, but mostly his timely jokes about the students. We still get to see him every 6 months when we go to Vegas. Also, Buck will avoid teaching students in anyway though, unless we have free beer. He is crushing it down in COI (Commander Office of Integration, the first 1A0 job at Nellis) being the ACE team lead and building LFE's for WSINT. *\$#! you Buck send us to Catalina!

(T)Sgt Tristen “Dangle” Lang

Constantly on leave but always seems to “have” use or lose, so he “says” . While traveling Europe for the 6th time this year, he decided the best way to show off is to upload 70 photos to Facebook. He's had multiple weddings to his wife to escape his work duties. Dangle spends most of his time in Montana pretending to be RIP (more like Jimmy) off the TV series Yellowstone. Wearing the boots and a hat just doesn't cut it... Dangle has been the worst SNACKO the Squadron could ever ask for. Furthermore, when not at another Shania Twain concert, you might see him trailing through the office trying to get out of the next Duty/flight/course/TDY/brief/checklist change/really anything that has to do with work. Finally, he is done with wedding planning, so he's in for all the above and more. Dangle, you are killing the additional duties, but you still suck, JK we love you....!

SSgt Megan “Tumbleweed” McGonigal

WELCOME to the 509th! Tumbleweed has joined us from McConnell where they couldn't stand her tactical knowledge and teaching pilots how not to suck at flying the Jet. TO BAD! She will be a front-line instructor once upgrade training is complete, then she will crush the WUG's & BUG's once a little SA is gained! Tumbleweed will be taking over the training shop as well keeping our BMC asses in line. She already is way better than DANGLE so we are glad to have her!

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“KANSAS COYOTES”



Aloha from the Sunflower State where you can hear “We are the Champions” ringing through the great plains as we once again are Super Bowl champs. It’s great to be on top! Speaking of on top; the top of the food chain is out the door at Forbes after 30 plus years of military service! CMSgt Jed Clampitt has had it with the new booms being a pain in his rear and wants to retire, grow a beard, long hair and enjoy his weekends away from drill. We cannot thank Chief enough for everything he has done for us. If you see Ol’ Jed wish him well in retirement and send help to the 117th as the next guy is a piece of work.

Chief Boom

CMSgt Nathan “DOGG” Neidhardt- Well.... well, the little puppy that used to run away with his tail between his legs found his big boy bark. Not only did he become a white board master, but he now is also the chief and gets to run the show. Pray for us all as he begins his supremacy.

Full Timers

SMSgt Wayne Walls (OGV)- Wayne found his way back home after a short stint at Altus then Tinker. The reserves said that he can now qualify for social security so it’s time for him to go, so why not the Guard. Wayne can be most the booms grandfather in the squadron, but he is trying to get more years in the military than the previous Chief. Ask him about his time in Vietnam.

MSgt Mathew “POW” Crawford (ARS Superintendent)- Training, XP and now being the all-knowing super for the ARS commander. You name it, he probably does it or done it. If he’s not working his life away being a know it all, I mean jack of all trades; he’s probably working in his garage or still selling used mattress’s.

MSgt Brandon “BOOBOO” Gray (Tactics)- This guy been so busy you never see him! Guess that’s what happens when you get selected for weapons and tactics for the ever-amazing KC-135 with all those cool tacticool things it can do. Spent 6-9 months at AIC (WIC) becoming one of the first booms to complete the full course. We cannot wait to hear all the crazy things we get to do!

MSgt Chynna “LIZZIE” Tafarielli (OST)- Training shop extraordinaire still salty she can’t be the alert warrior she used to be, but she’s got her hands full with tons of newbies coming back. Finally got married after husband came back from the sandbox, was selected for promotion, and now has a baby on the way! What else could you need?

TSgt Chad “BUCKO” Broome (OST)- Bucko decided he didn’t like OGV anymore and being everyone’s iPad expert, so he traded it in for Training. Thinks it will help him go on more trips so he can teach the new booms all the good places to drink, I mean visit. “Ever seen a Sasquatch? I don’t F*#\$ing think so”.

TSgt Matthew “HUDS” Ferguson (XP)- Was a cop (Civilian and SFS), then decided that guarding jets during generation when its 100+ isn’t fun so came to the dark side. He is nipping on the heels of Wayne being the old guy in the squadron and looking for that Social Security check..... think he is young its just those days as a cop made him age 30 years. Recently moved to XP cause the sun wasn’t good for his skin.

TWO vacant AGR positions- Yes, I said two..... Continue reading. So, to the TRADS bidding for the position us full-timers like Busch, Whiskey, doughnuts and taco Tuesday..... Just saying.

Mr. Mark Sweeney (SMSgt Retired, BOSS Contractor)- This guy has played enough golf he’s getting an invite to the LIV league. However, they wouldn’t work with his season tickets to watch the Chiefs play, so he turned them down and will just stick to his ritual of working the booms in the never broken BOSS.

Mr. Jed Clampitt (CMSgt Retired, BOSS COR)- After 50 years in the military finally decided to make it a full-stop; or was it the title 5 job that finally got funded? Can find him down at the BOSS with Mark talking about the “Good ol’ days”.

Traditional’s

MSgt Collin “NOT TICE” Vaughn- Quit the AGR life to chase his dreams of becoming a pilot on the civilian side. Sold what little he had to fund his schooling and now talks to the pilots more than the booms about the airlines. If you see a super skinny bald-headed pilot one of these days. Say hi!

MSgt Jennifer “JLO” Velazquez- Busy following her AD Chief husband around the US and is now on her way to Guam. While out in Guam and you need a DD give J-Lo a call and she will drive her soccer van to get you from the Viking.

MSgt Jason “BUTTERS” Sebring- Dirt bike racing and alert line sitting is this guy's life. He says he has a civilian job, but with how much alert he pulls we don’t think so.

MSgt Megan “DORA” Trent- Megan traded in her bowie knife, ruck sack and combat boots for gardening tools and farm life. No more Iron People competitions for her. “Hey, has anyone seen my dog he ran off again”.

TSgt Gabe “WIND SHEAR” Ramirez- Windshear is the second NERD on this list that jumped off the AGR train and is going to try to make a living as a pilot. IF you ever encounter a pilot that doesn’t stop talking or tells you he knows this cool bar in Hawaii. It’s probably Gabe.

TSgt Steve “PIZZA STEVE” Zeckser- Fresh off his first time to the Desert as a boom thinks he is ready to take on anything. Pizza killed it as chief boom and then now gets to come back and find more houses that need that PIZZA love and fix them up!

TSgt Sebastian “LOCAL” Adame- When you’re out drinking and think you recognize that one dude across the bar? Yeah, that is LOCAL. Guy fly’s so much he gets confused with all sorts of people who think they went to high school with him or dated their sister.

TSgt Kenny “RAPTOR” Vadakin- In the famous words of TSgt Kenny Vadakin..... Yeah there aren’t any. Most of the new guys don’t even know who he is or if he is even real.

TSgt Adam Gilfillan- He is just being Gilli. No better way to describe him. Traditional boom who attends so many “no name” artist concerts and just living his best life. Guy just loves to travel and is always smiling.

TSgt Drew Jennings- Guy gets qualified and then must resort back to his big boy job making thermostats for Honeywell in KC. We may see him sometimes though if the sun shines just right!

TSgt Nicole Parks- 4th time is a charm at applying for a boom position.... Or maybe she just memorized the questions. New mom of the squadron as she takes care of everyone just like she takes care of her adorable little girls. Great at making sure you arrive at the jet the next day after having a late night out.

TSgt Lindsay “CRASH” Deckinger- Crash has been busy. She rocked out her MEST days and then snuck in a wedding and now she's having a baby!!!! We cannot wait to meet baby Crash.

TSgt Chris Kirk- Definition of GUARD BUM. Guy sits more alert and is probably got a better TAFMS than most AGRs at this point. There is a specific room in the Alert facility with this dude's name on it because he is there 24/7.

SSgt Kelsey “KELSO” Warren- Bum moved to flight attendant and now thinks she likes dishing out drinks and snacks instead of refueling. At least it is more practice for when we carry DV's.

SSgt Jacob “ROD” Fandrich- Guy graduated college with a degree in CSI stuff and now sits in his basement and plays video games all day. Oh, the life. Good thing his wife adores him.

SSgt Ryan “CHIP” Ewing- Give this guy one job of writing this boom signal and he can't even do that right. Us AGRs are so busy trying to keep the lights on that we must fix his mistakes (this, 791, 781 everything). Local firefighter on the side who watches “Backdraft” at least 6-9 times a day and tries to be a hero. What he doesn't know is that the FD thinks he is a “Make A Wish” kid who wants to be a firefighter. Dude got married 6-9 days prior to deploying to get that \$250 sep pay.....what an idiot. Lastly, thinks he can give himself the callsign CHIP when we all know its PEGGY.

SSgt Connor “RAD” Remboldt- The man with the best-looking calves in the squadron. Bikes so much he even had to bring it to the desert with him when he could have just rented one for free. What a loser. Now expecting a baby as well!

SSgt Trevor Dark- There might be something in the water at Forbes because we have the fourth baby on this list making its way to a Space-A seat near you. Dark has been busy with his new house trying to learn all the tricks from Chip, PIZZA, Gains and HUDS.

SSgt Mathew Sumpter- Old Man Rivers, I mean Sumpter is finishing up his very long (most of the squadron wasn't born then) career as a cop. Once then he will be sitting the boom bum life and competing for every trip on the board.

SSgt Olivia Parmentier- In her free time she knits cool stuffed animals. Enjoys triple checking all the work being done on the jet and pulling that sweet alert.

SSgt Caleb “SHIPWRECK” Skrzypek- “Strongest” boom in all the land, future nurse and vacation consultant. Ask him about his gym sesh, he will tell you all about it. Might be so swole he doesn't fit in the boom pod. GTL!!!

SSgt John Rutheford- Was in the Navy and couldn't stand the boat life and joined AFE. Decided that cleaning the chew out of the masks wasn't fun and joined the boom side of Ops. Cleans teeth on the side and then booms on the other side. If he makes contacts as good as he cleans teeth, we'll be just fine.

SrA Kyle “HODOR” Wokutch- Another alert baby so in his downtime he decided to become an electrician on the side. Be careful he's only shocked himself like once.....or twice.

A1C Sarah Vargas- Our youngest boom who has never lived away from home, had bills or anything grown up like. Between learning how to finance money and live the grown-up life she is still learning how to handle military life and the best job the Air Force has to offer. She is like a little fawn.... So innocent but silly.

In Training

SSgt Kortez Kelly (ALTUS)- AGE guy. One of those folks with two first names.....so damn hard. Wanted to become a zipper-suited flight god like the rest of us transfers.

SSgt Joey Caton (ALTUS)- Crew Chief reject. Add him to the list that got smart and moved to the flying the jet life instead of fixing the jet.

A1C Bryce Farris (ALTUS)- Some random guy that showed up wanting a job and we happen to have an opening.

A1C Josiah Chase (ALTUS)- The second of the random dudes off the street thinking they can cut it as booms. He did have some good hair before it was all cut off though, so he might be able to at least look the part.

A1C Tanner Zerger- Former Chief's kid thinks he wants to be a boom. We'll see if it works out.

Recently Departed the Fix

CMSgt David “Jedd” Clampit - Retired	SMSgt Jon Swinney- Retired
SMSgt Jamy Dunbar - Retired	TSgt Michael Tremblay - Retired
MSgt Ben Fulton- Retired	TSgt Sam Wirstrom- Tinker KC135
TSgt Jon Piland- C-130 Unit	SSgt Aaron Laux- Port Dawg

Boom Stowed & Latched

CMSgt Joe Breedlove	CMSgt Steve Stucky	SMSgt Ken Griffen
MSgt Ben Hollingworth	MSgt Tom Cox	MSgt John Roth
MSgt Matt Miltz	TSgt Dan Herklotz	

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Home of the greatest group of booms known to man.
Next time you're in town, swing by and we'll grab a couple two tree beers with ya!
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Fulltime

CMSgt Patrick Sosinski – Program Manager – Who knew you could be receiving social security and still serve! Pat recently took over as Chief and is still flying more than most young booms. When he's not here flying, you can catch him with the rest of the other old hats at the local Chocolate Factory where he can save an extra \$5 bucks on a sandwich! All jokes aside Pat is doing a good job trying to navigate the booms through a building move and upcoming NORI. Soon enough Pat will be golfing his heart out every day at golf courses around the world...not that anyone is waiting.

CMSgt Kurt "Chiggy" Ignasiak- 9G/Stan-Eval/Everything Else – A true jack-of-all-trades, Chiggy can do anything you need and more. Within the last year, Chiggy has taken up the hip new millennial practice of jumping around jobs to build his resume. No one works harder than Chiggy and we all know it. With a quick smile and straight to the point attitude, Chiggy gets sh*t done. That being said... he keeps stealing MPA lines from baby booms so it's time for him to go. If you can't find him running around the squadron working his butt off, you can most likely find him at a campsite leaned back in a camping chair with a beer in hand. Cheers Chiggy!

SMSgt Peter Gauerke -Training – AKA Mr. 300 Pete can now be hailed as a professional bowler. He is also now in the Guinness World Record book for most beers consumed while also bowling your first 300...don't fact check that. If you don't remember him telling you about the experience, it's probably because he told you 13 other stories along with the bowling story. Pete is currently holding down the training office and teaching Lavontae the ropes all the way from Poland...Good luck getting a hold of him as I've heard it's very busy over there in Poland and its definitely not due to the fact that he's just at a local pub slurping down beers and gobbling up pierogis.

SMSgt Brad Love – Stan-Eval – Future Chief in the making. Following in Pat's shoes, Brad likes to spend his time hiding out in Stan-Eval and studying the good book, AFMAN11-2KC-135V2, back to front. KIDDING! Brad is still and always be the squadron's main energy and good vibes supplier. Even though he may not have a soul, Brad still takes the time to check-in on how people are doing and seems to want to make positive changes.

MSgt Bryan Storbeck – XP – Bryan joined the Green New Deal a few years ago after he purchased his Tesla. That may be a contributing factor to why he is still in XP... Or it could just be that he's a bad*ss at his job and no one could do it better...ever. Bryan is going to get us through the upcoming NORI, he must or else we're all fired...So don't let us down, were not rich like you. By the way you should totally let us drive your Tesla.... we pinkie promise not to crash it.

MSgt Troy “Fly-Boy” Johnson – *Scheduling* – Oh Troy please don’t put me on a list for this.... No one takes a tubby quiet like our boy Troy. If you would like a picture, follow his OnlyFans on Facebook. If you thought Pat was old, Troy has him beat in every way. From those weird bone vibration headphones your dad wears to the disgruntled mumblings while he attempts to use his computer, Troy is our token Grumpy Old Grouch. That being said, since he is so old, he has a lot of experience at getting sh*t done. Anything you ask of Troy, he is going to put 110% effort into it. His mind is still quick, and his jokes are sharp, so he probably has like 2 years left or so. No one is quiet like this Combat Vet, and no one ever will be. I am guessing he will add this to his “Harassment List” for his PTSD VA case when he retires soon...please be soon...please be soon...please be soon. Oh...did I say that out loud?

MSgt Karley Holtz – *MPC* – Karley has rounded out her small militia, maybe..., and likes to transport them around in her brand-new Chevy Traverse! She’s the new keeper of the boom trip list and basically holds all the power. Pat and Chiggy have “power” but Karley is the DSGs true sugar mama. Can’t figure out the computers just like Troy, but she’ll get you paid so we let it slide. Karley is always willing to go the extra mile to make sure everyone gets an equal cut of the people’s tax dollars and all of us DSGs truly appreciate that. If you have any questions on the van life, definitely hit her up and she can tell you all about it! I am sure she misses the van life so she might get upset talking about it...

MSgt “Good Deal” Luke Ellis - *MPC* – The squadron’s brand-new full-time technician. Voted most likely to be out playing golf during duty hours and least likely to be around after lunch, Luke still somehow made it to the majors. His first office will be MPC where he can find all the good deals out there to snatch up. Outside of that he has been prepping plans and his liver for EAA. You can catch him this year at show center during EAA where he will be giving the performance of a lifetime. He also added a future ace combat pilot to the fam...who at this point should be up running around and probably has the need for speed!

TSgt Lavontae Harper-*Training* – Tae is the coolest cat at the squadron, hands down. Tae will always hit you with a smile to light up your day and a “What’s up man!” He is currently holding down training and doing his best to keep all the DSGs from going NMR. If you ever show up for an early flight and forgot to grab breakfast, Tae has the hook ups. He has every kind of cereal in his locker and milk in the fridge. Additionally, he’s got chips and treats in the drawers of his desk! He loves sharing so much that you don’t even have to ask permission to snag any of these. Gee thanks TAE! That being said, I heard he is looking for future DJ bookings to help fund new rims to replace the curb chipped rims for the Mercedes.

TSgt Carla Viillaarreeaallee - *Scheduling* – Ehh who knows how to really spell her last name. She’s told me a million times and I always black out halfway through. Carla’s hard work and dedication to doing literally everything around ops has finally paid off and she was hired on as an AGR! Like Troy, Carla is holding down the unit in scheduling and basically runs around helping everyone...everywhere. Pretty sure she is trying to give Troy a heart attack every time she sneezes.

Traditional

MSgt Mat Gryzb-*Fireman* – Training to become jacked out of his mind. Mat is currently on a strict 2 Celsius a day carnivore diet. You thought that the Liver King was juiced.... the Liver King looked up to Mat for inspiration. When he isn’t eating, he may sometimes be found flying but that’s rarer than Mat eating a carb. Make sure you grab next year’s issue of Waukesha’s FD calendar *explicit version!

MSgt Jordan Jungwirth “The Bruce” – *Retired State Trooper* – Jordan may be the nicest person at the unit, besides Alysaa, and also the youngest old guy you’ll ever meet. With a devilishly handsome smile and a shoulder width greater than most doorways, Jordan is the cuddliest intimidating figure you will ever meet. You will no longer catch Jordan sleeping alongside freeways or medians but instead you’ll find him sleeping somewhere on a beach or train while on TDY. Fun fact! It is possible for Jordan to shower, and blow dry his entire body in less than 5 minutes and 32 second...and I mean entire body. He too will be featured in next year’s Wisconsin State Trooper calendar as a special surprise!

MSgt Justin Jung – *Guardman* – Need your home inspected?? Well don’t ask Justin because he’s still working on the certification...That’s probably because he has been crushing the flying line day in and day out. He has been filling in as ADO on MPA and is better at getting crews ready for missions than most of the DOs. Other than that,...he’s probably in the CIA or something and just collecting Intel on all of us to get us all fired. Gotta make it to the top somehow! Oh, and he grew out a gnarly mustache during his deployment...keep this guy away from schools!

MSgt Lynda Daley- Guardsman – Had her 28th birthday and then went to Taylor Swift like a week later! #SWIFTIE #ERASTOUR #CULTLIFE! Lynda won't let anything stop her from flying and that is why we all look up to her. I'd say something smart here but the only thing I can think of is that she probably holds the record for the greatest number of boom re-quals ever. Heaven forbid anything happens to Taylor Swift's singing voice because we'd be probably in for re-qual number 7... Keep being a bad*ss Lynda!

TSgt Zach Pulido - PSI – Want your ducts clean? Well boy do I have a recommendation for you...STANLEY STEAMER does a fantastic job! They're super nice and all their employees have a full head of hair. #NOMUSTACHES Nothing makes Zach happier at the end of the day than sipping on an ice-cold Topo Chico while he plays with his daughter who looks like a spitting image of him.... unfortunately for her. Leadership made the great decision to put him and his creepy mustache in the Command Post closet for a while, but when he reemerged, he didn't have his mustache which was creepier?? Possibly upgrading to instructor soon?? BTW...a littler birdie told me to let you know "Don't forget to take the bladder bag out of the duct." Not sure if it's some weird murderer thing or what but yeah just don't forget to do that Zach.

TSgt Kurtis Strasser – National Cargo Loadmaster – Everyone's bad boy...from Facebook to ops Kurt has found his way on to just about every bad boy/naughty list but how can you be mad at him?! He is too nice, and his contagious laugh makes you forget about all his wrong. Recently got hired at National Cargo Service because he realized that he missed pushing big boxes around like a caveman over being an intellectual boom operator. Kurtis is still the life of any party and is great to have around the unit. By the way Kurtis "Yousa B***** and you know why". This is an inside joke please don't fire me.

TSgt Bryan Groshek – Principal – AKA the hammer as he is known around Waukesha South High School. Bryan bullies the bullies. No one chews gum or does the weed in the bathrooms in his school. At Waukesha South there is judge, jury, and Bryan. When Bryan isn't lighting some kid up for talking back to their teacher, he is most likely being a pleasant instructor boom giving people sims here at base. Bryan also added an additional future principal to his family!

TSgt Donovan Cole - Guardsman – Donovan is flying??!! After years of school, Donovan has found that flying and guard bumming is much better than the going to class day in and day out. When he isn't flying Donovan is usually with his son out on some awesome adventure. Glad to see him in the jet more and looking forward to what he has planned in the future!

TSgt Nick "L-12" Lichtenwalner – Guardsman/SSR – The only one out of the lot of y'all that actually helped at all! That being said...anything bad that was said about y'all was his fault. Please let that be known for the next hiring board. Nick, like others, has been doing above and beyond when it comes to back-filling shops around ops. Another jack-of-all-trades, Nick can do it all and better than most...besides me...my coversheets are wayyyyy better. Kidding aside, Nick knows how great of an opportunity it is to work here at the 128th and he doesn't take that for granted for one second. If not for Nick, our iPads would be paper weights and we'd have to use paper pubs...I can hear the pilot's and baby boom's cries from here. Thank you, Nick, for always being a bad*ss and always doing your best to be as good as me. If you can't find him around here flying or backfilling somewhere, you can probably find him at home with his kids who look so much like him its scary. It literally looks like they walked out of a cloning machine...freaky.

TSgt Alyssa Degner – The Great Outdoors/Guardsmen– Officially the squadron's nicest boom. Alyssa is too nice to the point it is suspicious...Recently married and really enjoying the housewife duties and experience. Alyssa flies the line and when she's not flying, she's probably out traveling the world with her husband. I just want it to be noted that the keyboard was temporarily taken over by a bald boom...He talked about housewife stuff and yeah, he was joking...maybe...it was Zach...please don't be mad at me. A mad Alyssa is probably my greatest fear...

TSgt Nate Walters – Waukesha Airport – Couldn't hack it as an elevator mechanic but does a great job of being a dad of three...probably 4 soon. Nate is a true DSG and is currently working at the Waukesha Airport. Like Karley, he will soon be a soccer dad driving around in a van, he can't wait. We truly miss seeing him around so often though. When he's not flying, being a dad, or working on airplanes, Nate can be found out on the golf course getting a great trucker cap tan on the top of his head. #BELIKENATE #NATEISAWESOME

TSgt Allie Underwood- *Guardsman* – Allie!? Allie?! Allie?! Has anyone seen Allie?? OHHH she’s down in Tinker flirting it up with her new boo. Allie got MCT complete and then *POOF* disappeared. When she is trying to fly.....she’ll most likely cancel somehow. Recently when Allie wasn’t smashing faces with the boyfriend or complaining about cancelling for a flight, she was living the dream locked in the command post closet staring at TV screens. Outside of all that! She is still a crazy cat lady and is a blast to have around the squadron...when she’s here #NOONECANCELSMORETHANALLIE Overall a fantastic hire that we love having around and expect great things from in the future. Oh, also she’s an insane cat lady if you didn’t know...like crazy to the point that she recently got a small bobcat.

TSgt Jake Dunsmore - *Guardsman* – Present. Great hairline and chiseled chin.

SSgt Dana Polzin – *Where do you work again??* – GOT ENGAGED??!! Maybe it’s the hair but Dana always seems a bit fired up about something...and we like that! She too got a new job and has since been ghosting the squadron harder than a bad tinder date...unless a good TDY pops up. The thing we love about Dana is that she rarely talks about airplane work stuff and knows all the gossip around the town. If you ever need a good girl’s night out with a bottle of wine, hit Dana up!

SSgt Austin Berns – *HVAC Mechanic* – High speed...that’s all that can be said about Austin. Wants to know every detail about the plane without looking up a single thing in the book. If he has a question, he’ll ask it. But that’s what we like to see around here at the 128th people who actually care and want to be the best. That’s why Austin put up the deuces to his civilian job and went to Alaska for a few months. But with all that studying about boom stuff how would he find time for fun?? Well Austin somehow found time for fun and is really famous apparently with some of the locals up in Eielson or so I’ve been told...I am sure he will have some good stories when he gets back. Additionally, if he’s not working his butt off at his civilian job or flying at the squadron, he can probably be found paddle boarding the canals and rivers around Milwaukee. Keep kicking butt Austin.

SSgt Conner Reynolds – *Gun Range Defender* – Decided to grow a creepy mustache...Somehow Conner found some sneaky technicians backfill orders and has been so “busy” that he hasn’t been able to come in once to work around the unit! This guy has more excuses than a pilot after a crappy landing. That being said...Conner is the squadrons party animal and can be found at any party’s dance floor twerking it better than 99% of the girls out there. Always one to have a good time and to keep tradition alive, Conner has a bright future here. Also, please thank him for his service for protecting the base with his mad airsoft skills *pew pew! Also, take out the trash you dirt bag airman!!

SSgt Samantha Cardarelle –*VA*– What hasn’t Sam done in the past year?? Bought a house, got a new truck, found a guy to contain her chaos, sat alert in Alaska, flew her butt off locally, started to fix-up her new house, crashed a motorcycle....., Sam is our designated road trip boom and has been kicking butt since she’s gotten here. Just a great fun person that we’re ecstatic to have here at the unit. As long as she quits ripping wheelies and doing burnouts on her motorcycle, she has a great future ahead of her.

Incoming

Recently Selected, Awaiting School Dates:

Jared Nyland – WHO? Guess he is a maintenance guy...woo-hoo....

Cadon “Baby Hardesty” Hardesty – Not sure if this is actually Carson’s son.... Don’t look too similar and their personalities are the direct opposite of each other. Cadon looks like that linebacker from any 2000’s football movie that gives an inspirational speech during the final half to get his team to victory.... but no one can hear him because he talks so softly. Anyways, looking forward to having him for a few years before he goes and becomes a sh*tty pilot...Kidding! Recently went off to basic so I am sure he is using his timeout card right about now because of all the scary MTIs yelling at him.

Outgoing

CMSgt Donald Strickland – “Heroes get remembered, but legends never die”. A true once in a career type of Chief. boom Thank you for your service Don and please please please stop ghosting us so hard...we miss you...please text us back...or just call every once and a while...#WEMISSYOU DON We'll be spying on you from the tree lines of the local golf courses.

CMSgt William Mattered– Retired and hasn't looked back once. We hope all is well!

TSgt Jason Lacher –Like the others above, Jason is off to greener pastures and may actually get to spend a little time with his family! A true boomer for life, Jason can still be found around the Oak Creek Classic Lanes with a big scruffy beard and backwards hat. Seems like the civilian life suits Jason's facial hair very well. From time to time, he still swings by the unit to drop off some cool project he's been working on or to help us out when someone breaks the popcorn machine. Thanks for everything you have done Jason and all the time you gave up with your family. We'll take you off the local flying schedule emails but leave you on the party email distro. Next beer is on us brother!

SSgt Joey Patterson – Been over a year since Joey really converted to the dark side and moved down to Scott...Heard he can't climb a rope and fell 100ft. but his back muscles were so large, and in charge, that it protected his spine...something in that sentence was exaggerated. He'll be out there soon enough flying the 135 with his perfect hairline and roided out muscles. Miss you brother and hope that everything goes well with the rest of your training, and we'll see you on the road soon enough.

Defectors

MSgt Anthony Walter – Anthony is off to bigger and better things. Ops definitely lost a big personality and an experienced boom operator/leader on this one, but vehicle ops scored a great leader and caring individual. From time to time, you can catch Anthony on a forklift or K-Loader wearing a big smile and sunglasses. He'll need those sunglasses because of the bright future ahead of him. Thank you for all of your service and dedication to the mission/crew members Anthony. Next round of whiskey is on us. Cheers!

Lt. Col. Paul Matthews – Still flying more than any crewmember out there and still finds time to take care of the entire maintenance group better than any other prior commander. Paul takes care of all his people and never asks for any recognition. If you're going on a trip with him, you're in for a great time. Paul has already built a legacy here at the unit and were looking forward to him adding to it when he makes full bird soon! KEBABS FOR ALL MY FRIENDS!

Maj. Niko Ilich – Niko, mullet-n-all, recently got back from his “deployment” to Guam where him and Lindi became lifetime Hyatt members. Probably has enough Hyatt points to buy half of Guam. Living that FedEx life and hopping on MPA if he can find the time. Still a boom at heart and could easily keep up with the best of them! If you need to find him, just talk with Lindi and she'll get him for you. *Whipping noise

Cpt Andrew Kueffler – This guy...smh...has more excuses than any other pilot out there and the crazy thing is he used to be a boom! Clearly listens to Joe Rogan too much because he's prepping to go out on some big excursion where he's going to hunt deer and eat their gonads or something...idk ask him about. If you can't find him out hunting deer or loving life in MPC, you can probably find him living it up at an all-inclusive MRA conference or out TDY to Hawaii. He does get work done around here from time to time...just usually in the form of him bossing around some DSGs. Overall, still a good dude that will always have your back and a quick-witted comment to keep morale up.

MSgt Benjamin Casper- Headquarters – Casper swings in from time to time but is usually deep in contracts or something at the headquarter building. Could still probably boom better than most of us though.

1 Lt. William Pelkofer – Technician/Staneval – Oh...this traitor...Will's favorite song is Smoking in the boy's room by Motley Crew. Getting used and abused by the system but he loves it. He has mastered the ability to only want to talk about getting hours. I could trash him all day, but Will can fly a pretty smooth jet. All around good dude who is well on his way to making a lot of money to help him buy drinks for the booms for the rest of his career. He is also always down for a cool hike while TDY!

Stowed and Latched

The list here can get pretty long and I'm sure I've missed a few so I apologize in advance. A few of these last names may look familiar, gotta love legacies.

*To our new Retirees! Thank you for your service. *

Amanda Look	John Famularo	Tom Breier
Tom Orosco	Julie Van Eart	Ralph Ellis
Laurie Hrovatin	Dave Eddy	Robert Kowalski
Dick Harvey	Floyd Polzin	Tom Sroka
Earl Gauerke	Bruce Rintlemann	Dan Schmidt
William'Eche'Evhevarria	George Snamiske	Jerome"Penguin"Schiessl
Don Harvey	George Sweet	Steven Schweiss
Dean Dachenbach	Chris "Pops" Johnson	Mike "Werm" Weimer
Herb Kiefendorf	Ron Puzia	John Magnus
Lee Cornell	Ray Fassett	Tony White
Teckla Thorn	Dave Eddy	Marlin Mosley
Robert Derrick	Jenny Wieland	Don Strickland*
Gerry Nelson	Ray Bazen	William Mattered*

Honorary Booms and retired FE's (KC-97 Flight Engineers)

Yes, we have been in the tanker business a long time. Here are our distinguished honorees...

MSgt Jeffrey Lampe (HARM/SARM)	Col Shawn Gaffney 128ARW Vice CC
LtCol Peter Hoffmann (Ret Pilot)	Lt Col. Gary Tenney (retired pilot)
SMSgt Balinda Kostuch (Ret Finance)	Don Paddock (retired Pilot)
LtCol. George Bacik (Pilot)	Moe Storbeck (retired CMD Post)
Norm Poberezny (retired FE)	Allen Hobbs (retired FE)
Col. Murry Mitten (retired Pilot)	Lon Hansen (retired NAV)
Rod Langford (retired NAV)	John Lessila (retired FE)
Dan Pagel (retired pilot)	
MSgt Jane Timm (HARM/SARM)	

*Respectfully,
TSgt Jake Dunsmore*

P.S. this was written in June. If anything happens after I submitted this on July 1st, please don't be mad at me.

GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

72 ARS

“The Dark Side”



This Unit did not submit.

GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

74th ARS

“Fighting Red Tags”



This Unit did not Submit.

HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA

435 TRS OL-A (fka USAF EOS DET 1)



Greetings from Hurlburt, the land of Retirees, Tanker Planner Instructors, Sensor Ops and AFSOC nerds.

MSgt Kai Bresser: Not sure it's a good idea to let anyone know he's still here, but this is the best kept secret for a Boom Operator. The 435th TRS OL-A is a great place to be if you want to ride into the sunset of retirement. That's exactly what he is doing. Going on his 5th year of instructing all tanker planners employed at AOC's and AMOS's...he'll be retiring soon...maybe...

AFRC:

SMSgt Jason Schultz (AKA Hank): Hank is working in Hurlburt as a Sensor Operator...still. Had hopes of getting hired on as a GS12 employee but has yet to commit to that.

Retired:

Mr. Tyler Stone: Stone(rrr) retired a few years ago and works as an assembly technician at Velocity Restorations. If you're ever in the Panhandle area though...you might catch a glimpse of him cruising around in his Subaru BRZ through the streets of Navarre.

Mr. Blaise Rohan: Blaise initially retired in the local area and worked at the 505th, but he wanted to get back to Texas and do real work. Found a job at a small distro company in New Braunfels and has been enjoying it for a few years now.

Mr. Rich Geraci: Rich is still the man to fix anything computer. Helps where he can in the Tanker room...when he's here...which is from 0930-1100 and 1300-1400. Normal Boom hours at work, right?

Mr. Devan DeBarr: Still a wealth of knowledge when briefing AOC students about Tanker Planning, when he's not fishing...which is his real job!

Mr. Chris Hargett: Working for the 505th as an exercise planner. Still in Florida...moving to Texas soon.

Mrs. Christy "Kilmer" Schultz: Currently working from home, living near Eglin.

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76 ARS

FREEDOM'S SPIRIT



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78th ARS

“FIRST AND FINEST!”



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

305th OSS

“The Rock”



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

2nd Air Refueling Squadron

“Second to None”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Michael Thomas- Senior Thomas took over as the Squadron's SEL and his leadership has already made a lasting impact on the squadron. He will be leaving us in August and taking the reigns as the 9th ARS SEL at Travis AFB. Mike is going to do amazing things at Travis, his leadership (and e-mail's) will be missed greatly.

Operations Superintendent:

(S)MSgt Jason Coffey- MSgt Coffey has had the ops side of the squadron on his back and it is really starting to take a toll. Whether it's from trying to dead lift like he is still 20 or the stress and fatigue from getting everyone to log their BOT's and CBT's, we will never know.

Stan/Eval:

MSgt Justin Schultz- Sgt Schultz was one of our "Initial Cadre" booms and is now wrapping up his tenure as the Flight Chief of Stan/Eval and heading to Seattle to work with Boeing. Schultz is one of six evaluators and most likely to meet you at base ops for a no-notice checkride. Justin's no non-sense approach will be missed in the squadron, and we are losing one of the best KC-46 booms in the Air Force.

SSgt Daquane "DQ" Spikes- Sgt Spikes came to us from McConnell and it was immediately clear he was one of the best instructors in the 305th OG. He was recently certified as an evaluator and were hoping that his ability to give checkrides is better than his ability to pick out shirts to wear. Glad to have Daquane in our squadron, big things are coming for this young man.

SrA Alexander Shultz- Alex recently started skill bridge and is starting his transition to civilian life. Along with his knowledge in the jet, he might be the guy you call when you hear a weird noise coming from under the hood of your car. On a real note, Alex is determined and will do excellent in his new career.

A1C Dominic Just- Dominic is not only well known for his driving skills, but he's also grown to fame from his music career. You can catch his music on Spotify (just search his name), were not sure if it's rap, teen pop, or what? When he's not in his dorm room closet blasting out the hits, he is most likely on the phone with his insurance company explaining yet another fender bender.

Training Flight:

TSgt Richard “Jimbo” Jimenez- We finally had to move Jimmy out of his comfort zone in Stan Eval and put him in charge of Training. We figured this is a great opportunity for him to really rack up those flight hours that he desperately needs. Jimbo is the guy you may see in the office until 1700, but that’s only because he’s waiting for the intramural softball or volleyball game to start. He claims he can cook, but as far as we can tell they are just hot dogs, nothing more...nothing less. Jimmy is a great asset to have in the squadron and he will continue to excel in his new role.

SSgt David Simpler- Sgt Simpler is one of our brand new IB’s and has been a great asset with his knowledge inside and out of the airplane. Whenever we need an instructor for a sim or flight, Simpler is always making time to help anyone sharpen their craft. We don’t want to lose him, but we keep telling him Altus has some wide-open areas for his horses, just saying.

SrA Noah Greiner- SrA Greiner was a baby boom on the KC-10 and transitioned to the -46 a little less than a year ago. If he even has his computer on, you can find him constantly refreshing his email. Some say he even resembles Johnny Bravo well. It’s great having Noah in the squadron and we expect great things.

SrA Hannah Pinchefsky- When Hannah is not administering PT tests or figuring out how to put a BOP in, she is nine times out of ten at the nearest Starbucks trying any new seasonal iced coffee. With Hannah’s coffee addiction comes great leadership, determination and commitment to the fellow booms in which will guide her to do great things in the future. We’re losing Hannah late this summer to Seymour-Johnson, but we can’t wait to see big things from her in the future.

Ops Flight:

TSgt Austin Fowler- Austin recently took over as Flight Chief of Ops, Sgt Fowler is showing no signs of slowing down as he is currently at instructor upgrade. Fowler continues to be a good leader and mentor as he was previously in charge of getting all new squadron members squared away and feeling comfortable in the squadron (jury’s still out). When Austin gets back we’re sure he will be asking to get on the road for the latest “good deal.”

SSgt Nicholas Eddings- You can usually find SSgt Eddings studying for his LSAT in hopes of becoming a lawyer someday. We finally got him comfortable to the idea of staying until 1500 to hang with booms and talk about boom things. Eddings is doing great things and has a very bright future ahead of him.

SrA Chris Miller- Chris is doing a great job in scheduling and flying as much as possible. We do have to work his flying schedule around his intramural sports schedule, but I think we finally have him under control. Chris is doing great things and we know he’s got a bright future ahead of him.

SrA Nia Womack- SrA Womack is our veteran scheduler and will always ensure everything runs smoothly. The sarcasm often shows but she will always make sure you know what is going on and help at any time. We look forward to getting Nia back in the air soon, and believe she has what it takes to be an excellent KC-46 Boom Operator.

SrA Nicolas “Yoshi” Yoshida- Yoshida came to us from the KC-10 and has excelled in every facet of his conversion to a KC-46 Boom Operator. Yoshi has big plans for his future, we just have to figure out who is going to watch his new puppy so we can make that happen. Nic has been a great addition to the Duce family, and we look forward to watching him grow.

A1C Joshua Lovelace- A1C Lovelace is one of our young go getters in the squadron. Lovelace may not know how to use his inside voice yet, and you can hear him talk from anywhere in the squadron. He’s doing a great job in the scheduling shop and always ready to fly when you need him

Readiness:

SSgt Gregory “Old Gregg” Cyr- Your friendly Canadian Boom Operator, SSgt Cyr is currently completing his pre- instructor folder and slotted to leave for upgrade this summer. Leadership is still a little nervous about sending him TDY by himself, only because of his decision-making ability on where to leave his car at the airport and for how long. Greg is another one who is flying his tail off and we can’t wait to see the instructor that he will become.

SrA Sean Cook- SrA Cook has been out of commission for a while, his experience and expertise have been missed greatly. But that’s okay, we know that Mr. Moore keeps him in line and he continues to do great work in mobility regardless. Sean will be starting his transition out of the military shortly, and we know he will do great things in the civilian world.

SrA Daunte Batiz- SrA Batiz might be quiet, but he packs a punch on the airplane. When he is not scrubbing mobility items or flying, you can catch Daunte on the track running at least 3 miles a day. He is doing an excellent job and has a very bright future ahead of him.

SrA Brandon Hieber- SrA Hieber completed a gnarly one-year tour at the scheduling desk and makes sure to remind us that he does not miss being a hero scheduler. Brandon has more education than most of the officers in the squadron, and it shows. He is a mature airman, and he makes an impact everyday in the squadron.

A1C Austin Cowan- A1C Cowan is a veteran readiness troop and continues to help in the aging process of Mr. Moore. We think he finally understands the difference between the KC-46 Vol.1, 2, and 3 but we make sure to ask him every week. Austin loves his good deals, but his abilities in the jet are shining through. When he’s not flying, you can catch him holding down the left side of the infield for our intramural softball team.

Integration:

TSgt Ethan Bowen- TSgt Bowen is the Duce’s Levitow award winner and it’s consistently shown by his leadership and guidance to the younger airman. He is the airshow flyover superstar, and he makes sure everyone knows it. Ethan brings a lot to the table and will be on the short list for instructor upgrade sooner rather than later.

SSgt Danika Vance- Danika came to us with an extensive teaching background in her previous life before the Air Force. I think she thought she was putting that world behind her; little did she know that she still has to utilize those skills to help mold our new airman in integration. We will be losing Danika late this summer for her Altus tour with her husband. She has all the skills necessary to become a great IB, and we look forward to seeing great things from her.

SSgt Michael Aherne- Michael is brand new to the boom community and is currently finishing up MQT. Great having him in the squadron and look forward to what he brings to the team.

SSgt Charles Moore- Charles is another cross-trainee that’s new to the boom career field. He is currently finishing up MQT and on the path to becoming a MB. Awesome having him in the squadron and look forward to seeing what he brings to the team.

SrA Jesse Hill- Jesse is new to the squadron and on his way to becoming our newest MB. Welcome to the squadron and we look forward to what he brings to the team.

A1C Ryan Kinkead- A1C Kinkead just arrived in the Duce and is on path to finish his MQT soon. He is already collecting hardware after winning the 2023 Boom Symposium golf tournament.

A1C Blake Lewis- Blake is one of our new young booms and has done a great job hitting the ground running and is close to finishing MQT. Great having him join the team!

A1C Jackson Massey- Jackson is one of our new young booms and is currently trying to finish up MQT. We look forward to seeing what he brings to the team, and he is a welcome addition.

A1C Emma Norton- We finally got Emma back from Altus, after she spent what seemed like 10 months in training. When she wasn't studying aircraft systems, Emma completed her CCAF degree and has hit the ground running in the Duce. What Emma brings is a valuable addition to the team and we know she has great things ahead of her in the future.

A1C Tyler Crisostomo- Tyler has done a great job in integration while being unable to fly. He looks to make the other young booms around him better every day. He will be starting his transition out of the Air Force soon and we know that he has a bright future ahead of him as a civilian.

Tactics Flight:

SSgt Dominic Baverso- As an MB Dom sure does like to play "stump the IB", my man has more questions in his little book than anyone can imagine. In all seriousness Dom has been great in the squadron and will be transitioning to the civilian world very soon.

SrA Benjamin Varnell- SrA Varnell is always looking for a pat on the back, but always willing to go out and take any sortie or trip that stands in his way. Ben is a great young boom, and we love having him in the squadron. Still trying to understand tactics, but we know he can get there.

SrA Austin Ouellette- Austin is a great young boom that is eager to learn and get better every day. That willingness will carry him far and we look for big things from him.

Safety:

TSgt Christopher Revell- Were trying to warm Chris up to the idea of hanging with booms and not pilots more and more, so we put him in charge of the last Boom Symposium. Luckily for us, he did a great job! Chris is doing great things and keeping busy in the squadron, and we are lucky to have him in the Duce.

SrA Brian Rochette- Brian is the highest paid SrA on base, why? Because his mom doesn't charge him rent, so he's just pocketing that BAH. SrA Rochette is doing a fantastic job and has been flying as much as possible. Another one of our young stud booms, who will excel moving forward.

Commander's Support Flight:

SSgt Justin Draffen- When Justin is not working on his private pilot license you can find him knocking out his pre-IB training. Justin will be heading to upgrade this summer and is one of our best booms in the squadron.

A1C Thanh "Tik Tok" Phan- When he's not searching for "likes" on social media, Phan is holding down the fort in the CSF. Phan is doing good things in the squadron and making sure were raising money for the booster club and Boom Association.

A1C Thomas Zamorski- Thomas thinks he knows basketball, but we question anyone who actually thinks Lebron is better than Jordan (Give me a break!). Zamorski is doing everything right as a young boom and making his path as a young KC-46 Boom Operator.

Attached/On-Loan:

CMSgt Christopher "Bam Bam" Joyce- Our newest Chief! Joyce is our newest CEM after taking over for Chief Lang. We love having Chief at JBMDL, he's consistently helping our folks grow and thinking of ways to make us the best booms in the Air Force.

SMSgt Lonnie Moon- Senior Moon is our resident OGV boom and by all accounts he loves the position he is in. Lonnie brings a ton of KC-46 experience and is always down with helping develop our boom cadre and lay the foundation of what our culture should be.

MSgt Kenneth Essick- Ken is about to retire after serving 20 years as a Boom Operator. He has been a great asset to have around the squadron, calling out folks when they are out of regulation in their uniform. The funny thing is, he's rarely in his. Ken will be missed, and we wish him good luck with his future endeavors.

MSgt Kenneth "Sean" Dell- Sean works in our Wing XP office and brings years of experience and guidance. He is doing amazing things, getting our squadrons ready for exercises coming up, while also flying when he can and developing himself as a KC-46 boom operator.

MSgt Alexander Meeds- Meeds is going to close down the PIO office and take his talents out west to Seattle. He will be leaving us this summer and focus on the acceptance of new KC-46 aircraft. Alex has been a valuable member to the JBMDL community, and we know he will excel in his new role.

TSgt Josiah Harris- Josiah was recently paroled from the squadron training office and placed in the Wing Tactics office. All indications are that he loves his new position as he is laying the groundwork for how we operate in a tactical environment and looking for new ways to develop our booms beyond their normal roles. Also, this gives him some more gym time, which we know he loves.

SSgt Brady Zwick- SSgt Zwick works in our Wing Scheduling office and is doing a great job. He might be quiet, but Brady brings a lot to the team, and we are lucky to have him fill that position and working hard.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

32d Air Refueling Squadron

“PASSING GAS & KICKIN’ ASS”



SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER:

SMSgt Charles “Chuck” Taylor – Still greeting folks with a cheesy smile, Doritos, and two sip waters; he’s also added Girl Scout cookies to his goodies. He finally had to say goodbye to “Big Sexy” because there are physically no more jets to fly at McGuire... He’ll be a KC-46 boom in short order.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Heather Harp – Back from a stint at the CRW and Current Ops, no-one knew what hit them when she showed up. Flying products have never been so clean...

STAN/EVAL:

MSgt Drew McGarrell – Drew will be departing shortly for the sunny beaches of Destin, Fl where he will teach the AOC course. That’s if he hasn’t already left.

SSgt Ryan Edsall – The lone KC-46 EB in the squadron, he keeps mentioning he’d give up a stripe and become an MB again if it meant an assignment to Pease. Things are trending in the wrong direction for that as he just made Tech.

SrA Thomas Robinson – He’s so quiet, it’s hard to tell if he’s even around. I think he’s at KC-46 training.

A1C Elliot MacIntosh – Elliot knows a lot... and he’s not afraid to let you know it. He EQ’d his KC-46 BTX check and was rewarded with BTZ for it.

TRAINING:

TSgt Joe Del Toro – Joe took the position and ran with it. It seems like he’s afraid of being fired as he keeps taking on more responsibility so he’s indispensable, he’ll make a great GS employee one day.

SSgt Nathaniel Cardona – One of the last McGuire booms to go through KC-10 IB school, he's now putting that training to good use in KC-46 conversion.

SSgt Jacob Stahly – Jake is trying to avoid the KC-46 like the plague, so much in fact that he's willing to become a recruiter.

SSgt Jonathan Vermont – Jon has been killing it as an IB. He just won AMC IB of the Year!

SrA Giovanni Castillo – Gio just finished KC-46 conversion and is trying to find his place in this new enterprise. Training is still keeping him gainfully employed.

SrA Jonathon Soo – Training liaison extraordinaire... Soo is making the most of his time waiting for KC-46 conversion by learning the ropes in a new shop.

OPS/SCHEDULING:

TSgt Keifer Bowes – Still walks around with one sheet of paper and a cup of coffee... doesn't he realize that Puckboard is digital.

SSgt Jarrad Montgomery – Just completed KC-46 conversion and learning the ropes in scheduling. Nothing like being thrown to the wolves.

SSgt Elisha Nwaukoni – Elisha completed his PPL and bachelor's this year. I guess it's time to unleash him on the Officer ranks.

SSgt Justin Wood – Pick your own adventure; Justin just showed up in scheduling one day and started training... now he's a scheduler.

SrA Benjamin Gauspohl – Another scheduler, I really don't think there's enough work to go around.

SrA Matthew Zielinski – Matt is on cruise control during his last few months on Active Duty. Though he does have an actual plan to go to college and is still putting in great work.

SrA Lauren Hotaling – Lauren does whatever is asked of her without so much as blinking an eye. That attitude netted her a BTZ stripe... I hope "the Chief" will now allow her to stop giving reporting statements at family meals.

READINESS/MOBILITY:

TSgt Jeremy Becnel – Our in-unit historian, I think Jeremy knows so much about events of the past because he was there to experience them.

SSgt James Balser – Literally has his hands in everything. Somehow, he became the Golf tournament guru for the wing and the Booster club president, and the list goes on...

SrA Daniel Franey – THE mobility shop. When Franey is around, he's the go to for everything mobility.

SrA Daniel Husmann – Converted to the KC-46 to let the AF pay for his Master's... Well played. When he's not around he's doing long distance adventure races.

SrA Abram Harris – He's technically not a Boom anymore since he finished BLM. However, since he had to wait almost a year to attend LIQ, I'll let it slide.

A1C Kevin Caceres – Has had the luxury of spending the majority of his career in training. Hopefully he'll get to do something with it once he's qualified on the KC-46.

SUPPORT:

TSgt Taylor Lucas – When he's not leading Awards & Decs, he's delivering babies on couches.

SSgt Shaina Cox – Don't tell anyone but she's killing it as an enlisted exec. Unfortunately, she'll be departing for Pease in the fall.

SSgt Tyler Kelly – I think he is OSI, hence the reason he moved to the front office. Keep your friends close, keep your enemies...

SrA Alexys Gomez – PT test guru, no one will go overdue while he's around... I hope we don't get behind while he's going through KC-46 conversion.

SrA Jake Distant – Still stuck in the past with the KC-10, you'd think he flew it for 20 years. Eventually he'll realize he's stepping to aircraft with 2 engines, not 3.

A1C Taylor Adams – She is a go-getter. Any task that you give her, she jumps at the opportunity.

INTEGRATION:

SSgt Jorge Hurtadorochal – He's a prior Marine and Army and is old enough to be everyone's dad... need I say more.

SSgt Ezrick Whaley – Doing a great job "Molding" the hearts and minds of our young Lts and Airmen. Also made Tech.

SrA Austin Savage – He's like Facebook, he'll complete a task you talked about with only your phone in the room before you ask for him to do it. He's heading to Pease this summer.

A1C Rivas – One of our BIQs. Being a Red Rope at Altus didn't jade him too much.

A1C Mueller – One of our BIQs, didn't tell the squadron he was showing up so he slept on a friend's couch when he first arrived. He "volunteers" to emcee everything in the group because of his voice.

A1C Lexow – One of our BIQs. I'm pretty sure "Danny Swole" is his idol.

A1C Petruzzi – One of our BIQs. He's from the area so we rarely see him unless it's mandatory.

A1C Fehrman – Our latest BIQ. He's older than most of the TSgts in the squadron.

TACTICS:

TSgt Steven Mertens – Steve came over from the AMOS and hit the ground running with being "tactical", in fact we never really see him.

SrA Tsering Dadul – He's very quiet, tactics is the perfect place for him.

SrA Rosendo Garcia – He finally stopped plugging his Tesla into government buildings. It only took moving out of the dorms to make that a reality.

SAFETY:

SSgt Kyle Agnor – Not the only enlisted safety guy in the house... for now. Every time he walks around the squadron it appears he is performing an inspection.

SrA Jalyn West – So quiet I bet Agnor doesn't even realize he's not the only enlisted guy in Safety anymore. Either way, he'll be departing for Seymour this summer.

ATTACHED/ON-LOAN:

MSgt Kevin Simon – Kevin also said goodbye to "Big Sexy" and is now embracing the RVS life. We think he's "running" the Mission Planning Center but, like last year we still can't talk about this guy...

MSgt Garrett "Keith" Machon – Test & Eval... If he's ever actually there. Manchild is in conversion to the -46, though we aren't sure he'll ever fly for us when he's done.

TSgt Tiffany Irby – She is so good at running events that she got “hand-picked” to be the wing CAG. It has paid off for her as she’s departing this summer for the Nursing Enlisted Commissioning Program.

TSgt Jason Vance – Killing it over at Wing Training. He’s doing such a good job that his number got called for Altus.

TSgt Javier Garcia – Still a Group exec. Either he really pissed someone off or he’s found the hidden gem of a job.

SSgt August Buelmann – Decided at the eleventh hour to stay in the AF. His reward, a move over to Current Ops where he’ll do great.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

141 ARS

“TIGERS”

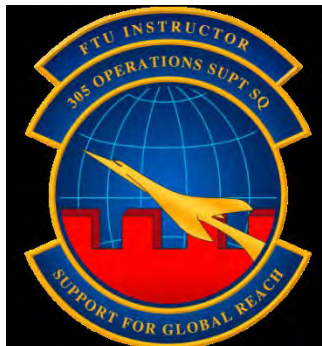


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305 OSS/FTU

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203RD ARS

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613TH AOC

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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS

344 TRS/CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

“SPARTANS”



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HQ AETC/A3FH



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HQ AETC/A3VM



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It is clear from looking back on this year that the 909th Air Refueling Squadron significantly contributed to the successes in the Pacific and around the world. The members of the 909th have continually shown their dedication to excellence in aerial refueling, aeromedical evacuation, cargo loading, and countless other postures with unwavering dedication and unmatched expertise. The squadron's professionalism, precision, and tireless efforts have been instrumental in supporting various operations, from global deployments to humanitarian missions. Furthermore, the 909th ARS has exemplified a strong sense of teamwork and collaboration, working seamlessly with other units and international partners to achieve shared objectives. This year the 909th upheld the highest standards of performance, embodying the Air Force core values of integrity, service, and excellence. Their contributions have been invaluable, and they have set a commendable example for future generations of inflight refuelers.

Your 2022 SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS AWARD Winners!

SMSgt Ben 'Cougar' Davis – Senior Davis is slowly realizing that everything he had planned to change in the squadron, will have to be put on hold because our Ops Tempo is too high to get all of us together in one place. 9-10 Lines w/ 4 to 5 of those being TDY leaves literally no Booms in the squadron. Senior Davis has been working his ass off fighting for us at the Group and Wing to get us recognized, and it shows with the 909th ARS bringing home the Al Evans trophy this year!

MSgt Jason 'Crocs' Duckett – Just started up at OGV and is already laying the hammer. Just ask his pilots who wore crocs...actually, it's probably better to just not bring it up... Jason has been killing it by deleting over 400+ rescinded FCIFs, building plans for an alert facility and trying to get us some air conditioners for the aircraft!

MSgt Michael 'Still Broke Back' Weidman – Waited until the last minute to try to coordinate his orders and ended up getting McGuire to the ARCT. Hopefully this will give his back a break and some much-needed time with his family. He's PCS'ing in August & he'll be missed by all the young Booms, since he gave them the answers to all their AR questions, no matter the time.

MSgt Anthonie 'I'm tired Boss' Owens – Just took over as our First Sergeant. Anthonie made MSgt out here and proceeded to get the old Sgt crump along with it. He's understanding that it's now more than ever, that he's ready to become a civilian. This assignment drains you, and Anthonie is proof of the beating we take out here.

MSgt Katherine Owens – She's been doing her thing up at Wing Safety, investigating failed F-35 tow attempts & Blk 45 autopilot problems, (thanks Boeing). Hopefully she'll be back in the squadron soon, we need some structure round these parts.

(M)Sgt Tiffanie 'Huuunnnny' Ellerbe – Just took over as our Chief Boom. She's got the personality for it but is slowly starting to realize that Weidman has a totally different approach than she did, and it's going to take some getting used too. Best of luck fighting off AMD/TACC with the 9-10 HHQ lines daily.

(M)Sgt Chris 'MTI' Hawkins – Another M.T.I volunteer leaving the 1A0 career field. Apparently, you gotta do what you gotta do to get promoted. Got promoted as he was leaving Kadena but is loving his life in Lackland teaching the new recruits, GOD HELP THEM!

TSgt Jesse Cutright – Jesse moved up to Wing Tactics and it feels like we never saw him again. Between his baby leave, NCOA, and MPCs, he's a hard person to track down. Come back to us Jesse!!

TSgt Spencer Balcom – Spencer is just living his life, cruising the don't wanna do too much work life. He's gotten more hours of tabori tattoos than he does work/EB time.

TSgt Brandon 'BTW' Williams – Worked his orders himself and got Edwards. He's been the golden boy his whole career. How can one person avoid AMC and AETC their entire career? Mildenhall/Kadena/Scott/Travis/Kadena/Edwards...how does that happen? He's looking to retire after Edwards and settle down in California...who does that?


TSgt Tyler 'TJ' Williams – He hasn't flown too much since he's been out here, but he somehow still doesn't ever update his staff meeting slides, or show up to work, but work gets done and that's all that matters.

TSgt Jayson Swift – Just graduated CFIC, leading the mobility flight hooligans. Has a great head on his shoulders but never knows which direction to apply his knowledge. He's been splitting his time between instructing the new Boom Operators and coaching youth soccer but he won't tell us which group of kids is more mature...

TSgt Matthew Henry – Getting ready to head to CFIC. He's the youngest oldest TSgt we have, and he has the attitude and grumpiness to prove it. According to him, if you're a 'promote' and do an average amount of work, you'll get promoted. Maybe next year this formula will work!

SSgt Jordan Barker – He's in Safety doing safety things. Jordan flies under the radar for the most part but has been killing it as an instructor, helping the young booms stay straight and narrow.

SSgt Andrew ‘Still a SSgt’ Chance – Hardest working NCO we have, hell, he’s practically lived through 2 wars and been an NCO the whole time. All joking aside, Andrew has been killing it and his records show it...hopefully AFPC will see that and finally promote him.

SSgt Brandon ‘’ Divins – Left the 1A0 career field to go be a T.I. at Lackland. Voluntarily got vectored because ‘God has a plan for me.’ Best of luck Brandon!

SSgt Joshua Lawson – Got married to a local, had next door neighbor dog problems and coordinated a coup within his housing building to get them evicted. Damn Marines!

SSgt Reinaldo ‘Honored One’ Brown – PCS’d to Fairchild. Ray was our muscle and always kept everyone smiling with his personality. His charisma will seriously be missed! Best of luck! Check out his clothing line @HonoredOnee

SSgt Joshua Rials – PCS’d to March...Josh killed it while he was here, doing whatever it is that he did while he was here... The only time you noticed him was when that gnarly mustache crossed into your field of view. It’s a shame that the Wg/CC put in the execution order and had it exterminated.

SSgt Kalif Richardson – Another hard worker that deserves his promotion statement, AFPC stop promoting the wrong ones! Kalif is killing it as the OG/CCC exec, but we enjoy seeing him when he can step out from his desk to snag some premier TDYs.

SSgt Blake ‘ADHD’ Thomson – Just recently came from MacDill with an expired checkride cause they said they didn’t have enough sorties. We wish we knew what that felt like...Blake may be the only one that takes scheduling serious, mainly because he’s got the youngest Booms in the busiest scheduling shop...Good luck!

SSgt Connor Wilkins – There are no words that we can come up with to describe Connor. We do know that he likes to drink, throw up and then run outta the bar. He just can’t hang like the rest of us.

SSgt Zackery Yamagishi – He’s taken over as the resident muscle head. He’s been destroying the Japanese in all the weight lifting competitions. He is also in the process of remodeling our gym and it’s almost as nice as the PJ gym while they spent \$50k and he’s been scrounging for equipment.

SSgt Abigail Stiles – Just made SSgt and already making the young Amn bow down! She’s over it and is ready to press that button for the civilian life.

SSgt Nick Selly – Recently got out of the AF and joined the Minnesota Guard as a C-130 Loadmaster. One of the nicest guys to be around and will be greatly missed at the local bars by all the local Japanese ladies.

SSgt Alex Workman – Just arrived from MacDill and it took us a few weeks to figure out what he’s saying. After we finally found him a house he started giving driving lessons to the new kids and we’re not sure if we should be concerned or excited.

(S)Sgt Josephus 'Waka' Straka – Recently graduated AIC, which helps us out here at Kadena since we only have one WIC grad. He has no idea what's in store for him!! Getting ready to go to ALS so he can finally pin on SSgt. Also, 1st SrA through AIC and 1st Boom to get his paper published...to say he's sharp is an understatement!

SrA Tyler Acord – Tyler, the 3rd one in our squadron, has quite the perspective for being from West Virginia. He just moved to tactics and went to CATTs/MECOC, *meow*. He's another motivated one that is all thrust but no vector.

SrA Seth Amriott – Graduated from CFIC and seems like a completely new person. Loves instructing and teaching the new Booms. As most know, his whole family are Boom Operators, but Seth is our favorite! *Eye roll*

SrA Duell Arnold – Duell just had a kid...Let that sink in for a second...Duell just had a kid! We were just as surprised as you guys are to find out and had to expediate his move from the dorms to a base house. He needs to work on his communication skills, but we finally got his wife here after a long battle with AFPC and he's enjoying the family life!

SrA Dimagio Carey – Does he ever not complain? Good lord! Went to CFIC and got moved immediately into Training and now realizes he must show up to work since no one else is ever in Training.

SrA Brandon 'Roger Federer' Clement – Getting ready to PCS but AF said...NOT YET! Round two of trying to get orders and he's on his way to March! He's been doing his thing in Stan/Eval as a SELE and we'll be sorry to see him leave in the Spring!

SrA Arick 'Duffster' Duffey – He's finally getting ready to come back as a flyer after a long stint being DNIF. Arick is our old man SrA that takes care and keeps all the youngin's in line. His expertise and maturity level literally holds our squadron together.

SrA Malachai EppsCarpenter – Where the hell has this man been? Is he still here? APB for Malachai!! He's getting his life situated and is preparing to return home to Chicago.

SrA Dave Jan Gabriel – Came to us from Fairchild and is slowly realizing that we are 'THE FREESTYLE!' Welcome to the real Wild West!

SrA Luis Hernandez-Alvarado – Oooooof! Quite cocky with nothing to back it up. He's going places, we don't know where, but places!

SrA Christian 'Daddy' Lawhown – Another transplant from Fairchild, except he's got his head on straight! Christian just returned from CFIC and is already doing amazing things in Training Flight.

SrA McKenna Monnolly – Killing it as our RTIC specialist and is our only Boom Operator to pick up a SSgt stripe this year! Also, she'll quickly volunteer for a TDY but then request to return to Kadena via commercial air because she left her oven on.

SrA Caleb 'I heard you wanted to take a shot' Schoen – Caleb, we don't want to take a shot, and no we didn't say that! Caleb is another Fairchild transplant that is getting hammered by the Kadena Freestyle. He just got put into pre-cfic, so best of luck getting training on all our HHQs.

SrA Bryan Weishaar – Bryan is getting himself ready for OTS but can't decide if he should extend for 2 months or re-enlist for 4 years. He's killed it this year so now he's hoping the AF will do the right thing and make him an Officer!

A1C Aariah Berhow – Another Fairchild transplant, please stop sending us so many. She's realizing that our jets break in good and bad per diem places and loving it.

A1C Jayden Deblieck – FNG. Where do we start though? He's got character and a personality that we can't quite nail down. Hopefully he learns some manners, how to use a paintbrush and how to close a safe...

A1C Landren DeLa Cruz – FNG – We see him all the time but we honestly can't remember actually hearing him speak. He's taking his sweet time with MCT while he fights for sorties with the other FNGs.

A1C Andrew Jimenez-Guzman – This man has his head on his shoulders straight. He's a new guy as well but with a lil more 'sperience. He's also our resident new guy in-processor.

A1C Alton 'Tre-Takashi 69' Martin – Him and Rachel will be having a baby shortly, eeeek! Congrats you two! He never learned about 'Snitches get Stitches' growing up...he gone learn today!

A1C Jacob 'Alaska' Morrison – We finally found someone that wants to take all the Eielson alert lines. Thanks Eielson :-/ Jacob is well, Jacob. He's got a mind of his own and we are hoping that leads him in the right direction, if not, God help us!

A1C Zachary Priest – Resident small young old man. Has been doing great things in Tanker Scheduling! Who knew that he was just as capable behind a desk as he is in the aircraft!

A1C Lahjaniek Ramdene – Just got here from Fairchild, got MCT'd then went TDY and she's been gone ever since with no return date. She's logged more nights TDY than here on Kadena! Rack up that per diem girl!

A1C Rachel Ransier – Just announced she and Tre are having a baby. Congrats youngin's! Rachel has been an all star ever since she's arrived here. We'll see how she does raising her two kids...

A1C Brennan Rodriguez – FNG – Deblieck's painting partner who could use a few art classes. Is doing great in the aircraft and we can't wait to get him through MCT!

A1C Grant Rudolph – FNG – Seems to be the leader of the new kids, which is about the equivalent to winning the gold medal at the Special Olympics...

KEY FIELD ANGB, MISSISSIPPI

153 ARS / 186 ARW

“MAGNOLIA MILITIA”



This Unit did not submit.

LINCOLN ANGB, NEBRASKA

155 ARW / 173 ARS

“HOME OF THE HUSTLIN’ HUSKERS”



This Unit did not submit.

MacDill AFB, Florida

6th Operations Group



Chief Enlisted Manager:

CMSgt Jonny "Take it EZ" Adams – Has been at MacDill for a year and a half and just got popped with the 9G position at Holloman. He was so excited to be in Tampa he made an entire PowerPoint and Excel spreadsheet to convince his wife that they needed a boat... just to turn around and have to sell it. Chief's hair has completely left his head and moved to his upper lip and back. Everyone was super impressed with how amazing his chicken legs look when he showed up in daisy dukes to the Combat Dining Out. He has been an amazing leader and Boom Operator and will be missed.

OGV:

SMSgt Chris Huber: Chris came to us from McConnell and got out of an Altus assignment to become the SEL. That didn't last long when Kenny made Senior, Chris jumped up and said let me retire out of OGV so I can telework most days. He had to buy a BMW that drives itself with all the traffic he sits in all day. He just recently got a shaving waiver and now looks like a homeless guy on the street corner. His new golf cart cost more than most new cars!

TSgt Dan Childress (91 ARS) – You can find Dan hiding in his jeep puffing away at a cigarette or yelling at little kids while coaching little league. Dan is married but has been single parent ops due to his wife finishing school. He was so happy to finally go TDY after 2 years on station that we haven't even heard from him since he left... hope he is still alive.

SrA Chance Egnor (50 ARS) – Jaymie Trimble's little brother and self-proclaimed country boy that just learned how to jump start a car. When he is not at work, you can find him in the gym...not working out. Currently at OG Stan/Eval and killing it!

OG/CCE:

MSgt Shawna Wise (50 ARS) – Re-qual'd after serving her prison sentence as an ALS instructor. The most excited person to become a boom again but got pulled to be the OG exec. She drowns her sorrows in Pokemon Go. Soon to be back in the squadron....soon!

OGT:

TSgt Robert Erickson (50 ARS) – OGT Newest addition to figure out what exactly OGT is supposed to do. Thirsty to produce great boom operators.

SSgt Sam Gulley (50 ARS) – Made Tech hoping that would fix all of his problems...I got news for you bro... it is just the beginning. FYI, he still goes by Fulley if you see him.

SSgt Juan “RC” Ramirez Ceballos (91 ARS) – Dude is a champ and will do anything you ask him to....except fly. He spends more time in FTAC than as a Boom Operator. Just got some eye surgery and gave up the 4 eyes look. If he ever flies we will find out if his new vision improves his atrocious contacts...if you can't find him at FTAC he is at Disney holding hands with some FGO.

SrA Ben Blake (91 ARS) – Got introduced the Tampa lifestyle by going bar hopping wearing a pineapple shirt. Needless to say, a few swinger couples later... Ben knew it was time to go home when the husbands came back from the bathroom and asked, “Are we doing this?” I don't know how someone can live in Tampa for a year and still have zero tan lines and look like a sheet of paper.

OGX:

MSgt Johnnie Creecy (91 ARS) – Not sure who he is or what he does, but it is definitely not being a boom operator. He wears the patch and wings with pride... but doesn't get flight pay or know what a KC-135 looks like. He just pressed the retirement button because like everyone he has been here since Vietnam and wants to end his MSgt career here not Boom Operator.

TSgt Jeff Sieff (50 ARS) – This guy is always busy talking, not anything boom related, but usually about some random stuff. Received orders to Altus and immediately found a problem with his Ankle. He needs a hi-viz orange flag on his knee scooter due to his high speeds.

SSgt Marcus Norman (91 ARS) – Think's he is a Master Chef but has the cooking ability of an Airman cooking steaks in the DFAC. He goes and buys high end steaks from BERNs steakhouse but burns and ruins them every time he cooks them.

Wg/XP:

MSgt Vic Boyd – Our XP expert that we find on literally EVERY flying TDY we got. He is always a menace to our younger booms, but somehow appears to be the most liked. I think our SEL calls him the most! Story is that he made at least 3 candidates cry in the BOWST. Caught orders and will be working at the A-staff up at Scott. Looking to sell his mansion in Tampa and is about to make a grip! Can I borrow 10 Gs bro?

TSgt Joshua Foreman (50 ARS) – Consistently in a heated fight with AFPC getting orders cancelled for EFMP. He is 2-0, tell us the secret Josh!

TSgt Jon Gurley (50 ARS) – He is making his rounds through random OG jobs. Currently in XP...doing what XP does.

SSgt Mathew Mossing (91 ARS) – Will fly whenever you ask him unless it interferes with picking up his kids from school. If you need advice on how to use your kids to get out of work just reach out to him.

Wg/CAG:

(M)Sgt Jeff Benson (91 ARS) – Has found out that his true passion is not flying but writing speeches and awards for the Wing. Did you hear he just got a new car? Cause if you haven't it means he doesn't like you, he tells everyone! Our next future 1st Sergeant? 2nd Lieutenant?

Wg/IG:

TSgt Mike “Prison Mike” Eiland (91 ARS) – Mike has been fixing so many shops that he has become a jack of all trades and a MASTER of none. He has scared every boom operator with his F around and find out scale and rates people on it daily. As soon as he got out of OGT he forgot how to write a TAPR on time and it takes him a month and a half to get it in. Mike plays some pick up ice hockey games... and constantly is with the IDMT getting meds because the only way he knows how to stop is running into the boards.

Wg/Innovation Cell:

SSgt Jamar “GUCCI” Jackson (91 ARS) - The most GUCCI dressed boom in the squadron. Been trying to get him to go to CFIC, but all he wants to do his go to the dark side (OTS).

Wg Scheduling:

MSgt Ashley Watson (6 OSS) – Volunteers for everything except flying. She tried pre-CFIC but is on the level of a BIQ and was so sad that she went long-term DNIF. She used to go out partying all the time before she spent all her money on a new house in South Tampa. Now all Ashley does is sit at home and cry about the orders she got to Birmingham. Unfortunately, the Air Force is losing a superstar.

SrA Cassandra Wesley (91 ARS) – Tried to go through pre-CFIC and backed out because her husband couldn't take it, so she got pregnant instead. Her kid came out already in toddler clothes and is absolutely adorable.

SrA Chad Jones (50 ARS) – Currently working in Wing Scheduling and is often mistaken as a contractor because of his sweet facial hair. Rumor has it he is using all his time off to pursue his dreams of...some kind of dancing? The mystery remains.

SrA Moriah Williams (91 ARS) – Has a fear of going to the doctor so much that she doesn't care about her flight pay and let her PHA expire.

Wg/Tactics:

SrA Casey "Hugh" Janusz (50 ARS) – One of our newest IB's who didn't even know a tow bar could fit on the jet. He has learned a thing or two since and was recently selected for AIC. Fingers crossed you don't get orders while you are there...

MacDill AFB, Florida

50th ARS

“Red Devils”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Charles Adams – Not a Chief, not Chief's Husband, not a boom... Word on the street is he should be around longer than our last 3 SELs.

Operations Superintendent:

TSgt Miguel “Mikey” Perez – Our Chief Boom who still doesn't know how to do cargo. Recently can be seen neglecting his duties to prepare for AIC...as a Tech. Hopefully you don't get orders while you are gone. I GUESS it would be nice to keep you around.

Stan/Eval:

SSgt Dakota Zacot – A one off helicopter pilot, but keeps missing Tech. Still the nicest evaluator we have.

SrA Nick Moser – Not a very graceful one-wheel rider. Giving the Def Leopard drummer a run for his money. Can't tell if he is on convalescent leave or figuring out how to read a clock. We look forward to getting him into Stan Eval...someday.

CSS:

SrA Ellis Fiscus – JSAAD volunteer of the year and told no one he was doing such a task. The wing nailed it when they called him a “tree”. He claims he has better contacts than MSgt Boyd. Definitely a great addition to the Awards and Dec shop.

RA:

TSgt Drake – Pretty hungry TSgt, eagerly took the RA job. Not sure he wanted it. Did a touch-and-go in the 50th as he transitions to the 91st to fix their Flight Chief “problem”. He will be missed.

SSgt Zachary Caldwell – ANOTHER back-ender to become a boom. This makes 4...we think. Rumor has it he steals all the puke bags from the passenger kits. Ready for him to take over TSgt Drake's RA gig.

A1C Amante Allen – Somehow became an RA as an A1C and yet still shows up to work with a smile. Don't ever let him borrow your iPad. You'll never get it back.

Safety:

SSgt Alfred Bonilla – Bobby shakes can often be found at a party but will only say 3 words. Definitely the quietest boom in the squadron.

A-Flight Chief:

TSgt Edward Willis – Became an instructor then stopped showing up to work...like ever. Snagged him back from attached job as he was BEGGING to come back. Vick, what did you do to this guy?

Scheduling:

SSgt Dalton Degeneffe – Never passes up an opportunity to advertise his IG page. Apparently, there is an APU monster on the loose. Somehow, he is still running scheduling. Good news is, by the time this comes out he should be an instructor.

SrA Daryl Penman – AKA Lt Col Williams Sr....now a 41 year old Senior Airman. Don't even get him started on how it was back in his day. Also, don't be his neighbor...you'll end up homeless. Definitely an asset to scheduling!

SrA Liam Kilbane – He FINALLY grew up and became an instructor. Somehow took a month of leave on 2 different sides of the world.

A1C Dakota Gross – Volunteers for EVERYTHING under the sun. He took a Greyhound Bus from NC after he was stranded during his PCS. Finally purchased a car then had to scrap it. Our static display extraordinaire and recent addition to scheduling.

Integration:

SSgt Kylie Strawser – Leaving us for Altus. Don't know how she is supposed to teach the youth when she doesn't know how to walk without going DNIF. She is an excellent mentor and will write the hell out of a 1206 for her Airmen. She will be missed!

SrA Keegan "Hotrod" Salas – Keegan is taking over our integration office. She was so excited to go TDY she fell off a scooter and went DNIF.

A1C Orlando Rodriguez – I don't think anyone has met this kid yet. He finished MCT and went straight to Honor Guard.

A1C Wyatt Shackelford – This guy made his PCS travel voucher unnecessarily complicated. He is adjusting to DNIF life well. He is the newest member to the cripple squad.

A1C Alexa Tracy – Had a such a great time in Misawa she was the DD in Alaska. She is super quiet and turns bright red when she gets embarrassed, like when she harpoons an A-10.

B-Flight Chief:

TSgt Travis Urquhart – Travis came to us from the 91st through a trade for his wife. We thought we were getting the better Urquhart, until she made Master and he didn't. His gain was becoming a Flight Chief and we are stoked to have him!

Readiness:

SSgt Ryan Macadam – He comes to us from the C-5 community and doesn't know how to identify a serious situation. Apparently, he will meow when he gets nervous. Ask him about it. However, he is stepping up nicely as the NCOIC of Readiness.

SrA Ayden Geilinger – He would be a great MB if he would stop complaining about being stuck in Japan and do a Dotsheet. He is key to readiness and will hopefully get moved sometime soon...or not.

A1C Justice Ryan – or Ryan Justice, he might be undercover or something. He came to us from Mildenhall and was on the CENTCOM softball team with Chief Adams. He still doesn't have a car...Welcome back to the States!

A1C Jaylen Joseph – Got into a car accident during a HUREVAC. Just a tad counter-productive but made it out. He is our newest Tweedle-dee and Tweedle-dum combo. Him and Marin were inseparable until Martin got married...he may be filing for a divorce already.

Mobility:

SSgt Blake Adler – Due to an unforeseen circumstance, Blake amplified his bulking season. He took Mobility by the horns as he keeps his AF Honor Guard way in his hip pocket for getting things done.

SrA Zach Bosnjak – Boz became single and joined the *hit house. It was all downhill from there. Next up for instructor.

SrA Zyrie Gravalis-Palmer – Pushes the limits of hair bulk but didn't seem to make waves at Honor Guard. Get back to the squadron already.

A1C Gregory Casey – Our long-term mobility specialists. Definitely the piece of continuity that we need.

SrA Elijah Welch – Finally became a boom again! Just keep him away from E-3s, they trigger his PTSD. Totaled his car on a 4-day weekend, his driving has not yet improved. Frequently walks around the dorms barefoot at night. Though, he is thirsty for work and glad to have you in Mobility.

A1C Martin Garner – Martin is the Tweedle Dum in the relationship. He married the first girl that said hi to him at Altus. He finally moved out of Integration. Got married and moved out of the dorms at the same time as Saldana. Maybe this is some kind of pact to get BAH. Glad to have him back from Honor Guard.

A1C Joseph Saldana-Lopez – Went from going to family BBQs on the first date to getting married at the same time as Garner. He left the dorms with a bang. Finished up Honor Guard and just got to Mobility.

A1C Robert Ripley – He won the last fantasy football league on a technicality, thanks Damar Hamlin. He is a mysterious man. All we know is he is a great addition Mobility.

C-Flight Chief:

(M)Sgt Jeffrey Jaskela – Graced us with his presence from Altus and got selected for Master. Don't know much about the guy yet, except we can often find him on the boat with Nick Brod slingin reels. Interim Ops Sup picking up Mikey's slack.

Training:

SSgt Kadrack Barnes – Satberry Jr. currently working on the movie script for a tanker feature based on his time in Texas.

SrA Mark Moore – Ask him to invest for an entire college class worth of information. He also dressed as "Black Jesus" for Halloween. He always has a positive attitude and has just settled into training.

SrA Cameron "Too Cool" Andrews – Currently growing out his hair and insists on keeping his mustache. He may also be considering future perm solutions. One of our newest instructors and continues crushing it.

A1C Trinity Gonzalez – Got back from deployment in June of '22 and hasn't really been seen since. Congratulations on your baby girl.

Tactics

SSgt Travis "BBL" Nelson – Supposedly has more hours at Dr. Miami than he does in the jet. That boy THICCC! He is a rapid mover from training, to MB, to tactics. Let's see what you got.

SrA Dillan Stewart – Thought he didn't have to practice being GAMA crew. Boy was he wrong!

PCS/Separations

MSgt Paul McIntyre – Got picked up to be an Exec for a SOCOM Sergeant Major. Immediately graduated to the Airborne patch crew and follows the trend of SOCOM, who does NOT wear hats anywhere on base. Hope you are doing well over there.

MSgt Kenny "Archie" Arcibal – Heard the 91st needed a new SEL so off he went.

MSgt Andy Piggott – Did a billion things for the ACE capstone and got picked up for Scott AFB. I'm sure they are putting his skills to use like TACC does....like reading what's on the mission detail to the AC on the other line.

TSgt Craig White – PCS'd to McGuire doing the 621 MOBSTER gig.

TSgt Billy Pflugh – Volunteered for NCORP because he was TERRIFIED to be forced back into MX. Got picked up as a C-130 Load.

SSgt Blake Thomson – PCS'd to Kadena. A slippery one that conveniently never got 801x qual'd because of some additional detail.

SSgt Cory Drummond – PCS'd to Mildenhall

SrA Jarren Sheppard – Separated, doing lineman work in Ohio

SrA Dakota Evans – Separated and moved back to the east coast.

MacDill AFB, Florida

91st ARS

“The Bolts”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

(S)MSgt Kenny Arcibal – Just came over to be part of the Bolt family. He averages 2 hours of sleep M-F and 30 on the weekends. He takes so much pride in his bright red Prius, that he used limo tint so no one would know who is driving it. Kenny likes to take work home with him and has a pet gecko that literally poops all over his work because it is that bad... J/K he does amazing things for the Bolt family and is always putting others before himself. He says he constantly goes to the gym... but you can still see his belly button in his flight suit.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Matt “ICE” Sadler – Makes MSgt and promptly sells his house to live full-time in a RV. Paid about a million dollars for a truck with purple on it...and has more cameras than a KC-46. If he mentions his 4-minute commute and all the gas \$\$ he’s saving again... the tires on his “house” will probably get slashed! Has the best RBF out of all the Booms, but somehow thinks all the booms feel okay going to him for all their problems. One day he’s an Ops Supt, another day, a DO, another day, a Sq/CC. Wing Commander next! Matty does good work in the squadron and will be missed! Altus will have fun with him... maybe he’ll start flying with actual students.

MSgt Alex Orr – He has been trying to get in a Squadron since he got here. Started out in OGT, OGV, and has finally made it back to the Squadron to take over as the Ops Supt with Sadler PCSing. Always everywhere and doing everything as long as his car is working. Just put on Master and still drives his same car from high school that is held together with duct tape.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Nick Brod – Can’t handle his alcohol... while in Canada he walks up to some women asking loudly if they knew the BIG Cactus... they thought he was talking about himself when really it was just a bar. We also had a boom party and his beer caught up to him and spilled it all over the bar. Claims he’s a fishing master but can’t even catch a cold.

SSgt Owen Derksen – If you can find 5 minutes to talk to him, and if he is actually at work and not home with a “sick” kid... he will tell you his grand plan. This plan is if he was a millionaire he would buy all the land, planes, guns, rvs, etc... and yet stuck on SSgt pay eating Ramen and living with his in-laws.

A1C Emily Southwood – Another one of our booms that is from the South, and you can’t understand a word that comes out of her mouth. You would never know it, but she is a powerlifter...she is maybe 100 pounds soaking wet but she can kick Prison Mike’s butt without even breaking a sweat. Typical southern lady, drives a bigger Truck than Prison Mike.

A-Flight Chief:

TSgt Byron "Prison Pat" Patrick – Our newest IB in the Squadron and he got promoted to oversee scheduling and training. Byron is the OG's go to for patch and coin creation. The only person I know that gets their house and car struck by lightning. If you ever need someone to escort someone to a prison... Pat is your guy. He has the worst man cave that we have ever seen... it is covered in Pittsburgh Steelers gear and the only song that is played when you go to his house is Black and Yellow.

Training Flight:

SSgt Jake "THUMBS" Magda- Jake has recently taken control of the pre-CFIC program and is so stressed out you can find him outside smokin an entire pack of Marlboro reds to calm his nerves. He can never sneak up on you cause smoke hits you first from about 100 feet away. He says he is a mechanic but not sure how he fits his thumbs in all the tight spaces.

SrA Bryan Arias – Where's Bryan at? No one ever knows. He has always been the yes man and will do anything you ask of him. He is currently struggling at life deciding whether to be a computer nerd as a civilian or stay as a boom operator. He got super nervous when WIT came up to his jet during his first NORE.... His nervousness was warranted.

Scheduling:

SSgt Tyler Fee – Just got finished with Operation Golden Flow duties for like 12 months. He is super excited to be back to flying and going on TDYs and not watching people pee. Tyler is living off his Harvard Law Graduate's money...He's like why work when my wife makes 6-figures.

SSgt Michael McGuire – Seems like a nice quiet go-to person... but he has a 15-year-old stepchild and is dating a MILF. His focus is now on how to be a dad and not a boom operator. Mike is doing great holding down the fort in scheduling.

SrA Jordan Diaz – Just another penguin in the squadron that keeps to himself. Plans on getting out of the military soon and live off his girlfriend's money who get all the honors working in PA.

SrA Dillon Tucker – Literally runs the scheduling shop. He is walking around looking like Farva from Super Troopers with the stache that has finally filled in after 2 years. Unfortunately, medical gave him the long term DNIF and will be leaving us in August.

SrA Mercedes Austin – Supposedly she's a great Airman and boom operator, but no one can confirm that because she is always on leave or TDY. She works in the scheduling shop but her desk is full of dust from not being used.

A1C Charles "LIT" Dawe –We thought he got lost from Hogwarts since he walks around looking and acting like Harry Potter. When he was with Bowles starting a fire... SF asked for his CAC which they escorted him to his room and they were shocked when they saw an Iranian flag (acquired from the World Cup) needless to say LIT (little Iranian terrorist) is his new callsign and he is on a watch list.

A1C Jacob "One Way" Cassidy – Going through CFIC and realizing that he doesn't like any instructor boom anymore. He has been turned down more times than we can count at bars. He literally could be the last guy on the planet and still couldn't get a date.

B-Flight Chief:

TSgt Andrew Drake – Just crossed trained from POL. He decided that it would be a better time flying to gas up planes rather the sweat on the ramp. He is super quiet and looks like a young Mr. Rogers and he's so unremarkable we don't have anything to say about him. He just finished MCT and doesn't know how to be a boom, but applied to go to the CR and thinks Germany sounds better than Tampa... what he doesn't know is they are looking for instructors not babies.

Mobility:

SSgt Aristides Soto – Recently a dad for the second time. He's so good at it that he brought his wife who was in labor to the Captains Party so he could drink and have a good time with the boys. He kills it at jiu-jitsu even though he has a step stool at all times to reach his computer. Looks like a guy from the movie, Blood In, Blood Out.... Vatos locos for lyfe!

SrA Andrew Bain – Asked to go TDY to Vegas so he could get married. Ever since he became married, he has turned into a different person and is more responsible. He was recently asked to fold a flag at a retirement ceremony, and it looked like his flight suit was painted on... We don't know if he was trying to show off the goods or if he got a female size small.

SrA Damien Bowles – Decided to start a fire while deployed outside D8. He used some pallets that were laying around and hand sanitizer as a starter. When he got called into the commander's office, his face was pale white, which is funny because he is Hispanic. Told our new SEL that he only works 0900-1100 and is proud of it... now he is at Honor Guard working weekends and full days.

A1C Adam Salazar – He walks around thinking he is Jordan in basketball but plays like the guy from Along Came Polly. Thinks he can afford a \$500K one bedroom house by just going on TDYs. Doesn't know what personal space is... you ask him a question and he tries to kiss you while responding. Doesn't know how to control his alcohol and isn't allowed to go to The Patio anymore because he used it as his personal bedroom.

Readiness:

SSgt Caleb Mills – Walks around with the biggest head on his shoulders and tells everyone that he is a SSgt and we better respect his authority. Says he is always busy in the shop, but when you go look for him, he is always at home doing nothing. He needs more practice on putting in overwing hatches because he has to ask the pilots or crew chiefs to install them for him.

SrA Jacob Proctor – Still has yet to get a uniform that fits him. He walks around looking like he is bringing back capris. He went to Japan for 2 weeks and stayed in his room to save money. He has been working out and killing it, but unfortunately, he hasn't found a haircut that makes him attractive yet. We swear he changes his hair style more than his underwear. His parents gifted him a house to save money on rent... but he spends 4 hours in his car daily driving to and from work.

SrA Traymere Jones – Teaching the young mission booms that it's okay to stow downlocks on the ladder... he says 60 seconds to stow them properly is too much time. He has yet to shave his beard and walks around looking like a wanna-be Joe Dirt.

SrA Joseph Slaughter – Joe is a solid Airman but sends his Flight Chief one word bullets and tells him to figure it out. He finally bought a new blues shirt and doesn't look like a busted can of biscuits anymore. A BTZ select!

C-Flight Chief:

(M)Sgt Rachel Urquhart – She is going through pre-CFIC and still is trying to figure out how to make a contact. Her extension rate mirrors the auto retract function of the boom. The only student that has gone through pre-CFIC briefing with questions rather than actual information. If you can't find her in the squadron, she is probably in Chief's office trying to get advice on how to be a boom operator. Taking care of the young Airman in C-Flight comes natural to her since she takes care of her child of a husband at home. She is the most nervous Boom we have.

Integration:

SSgt Jeffery Diggs – Can't seem to stay off DNIF! He is watching all his airmen in integration surpass him on flying hours sitting there killin it with his penguin wings. He is doing a good job running the booster club even though he isn't even a member of it.

SSgt Shawn Golembieski – Just arrived here from being an AMMO troop. He swears up and down that he has never seen the movie Mean Girls... yet all he does it quote the movie all day. Enjoys wearing tennis shoes in uniform and calls them boots just because they are the same color.

A1C Nate Zelasko – The only boom who works 9-5...but all he does is play ping-pong all day. Nate tries his hardest to pick up the college girls around the Tampa area but can't avoid all the single moms. He can only afford ramen noodles and they laugh when he asks them to his dorm room. He even gets the single mom's kids to call him Dad on the first night! He needs to find SSgt McGuire as his mentor!

A1C JJ "DOWNLOCK" Montgomery – This dude barely has 100 hours in the jet and already throws downlocks on the ladder to consider them stowed. His face lit up when he was asked by Chief where they were supposed to be stowed for a cocked-on jet.

A1C Jackson Gotta – Jackson is a spitting image of Paul Walker and is featured in Fast and Furious 10. His first interaction with the new SEL was "Hey I am your SEL... Guess what, you're going to Honor Guard" He took it like a champ and is excited.

A1C Mia Sonnenberg – A little firecracker and has fit in with everyone super quick. She will tell you how much fun long-distance relationships are. She planned a wedding to marry another boom... she just hasn't told him yet. She enjoys sending snapchat showcasing her ability to push a massive offload prior to stepping to the jet.

A1C Charles Bijesse – Dude doesn't know how to talk to girls, so he decided to make a tinder profile. He has yet to get any matches due to his profile picture looking like he is 12. We are trying to get him on farmers only.

A1C Bernardo Valiente – Man has deep Cuban roots, but you would never know by looking at him... he looks like Ronald McDonald! Just got here from BIQ. You can hear him from a mile away and won't stop talking... you'll be stuck with him for hours talking about absolutely nothing and needing a hearing test after.

Tactics:

SrA Trevor Busby – Trevor is the greatest instructor boom candidate that doesn't want it and is getting out and going to the civilian pilot world. He recently went to his first ever strip club and his mind was blown. He didn't understand how to fold a dollar bill at first, but when he figured it out, he was at the stage until 6 am and walked out with multiple stripper's numbers.

Resource Advisor:

SSgt Alex Diego - Quiet little fellow... has 3 jobs and still is the happiest person in the squadron. He runs the PT program like a champ and is one of the most fit members of the squadron yet is completely winded going up the stairs.

SrA Tristan Shannon – Has a great attitude about everything and puts leave in years out to make every NASCAR race that is in Florida. This old soul is fun to have around calling all of us KINGS.

A1C Kevin Garrett – Thinks that he is gods greatest gift to this earth and yet has no idea about anything going on. He has the worst GK of any boom we have ever met. All he talks about is working out and not being at work. He is always smoking and joking and when asked something serious, he stumbles all over the place and giggles like a schoolgirl. He's never at work so much that he went non-current and blamed it on MX because nothing is ever his fault.

CCS:

SSgt Michael Ryan – Dude has 3 first names and his paperwork is always messed up. We call him Bad Money because he plays dominos like a child setting them up and watching them fall.

SSgt Jacqueline Gross – Being in RA she has figured out that the best way to save money is just not drive to work and telework daily. We found out and switched her over to the CSS where she has to come into work. Prior Marine so we find half eaten crayons sitting on her desk.

SrA Mackenzie Rodgers – Likes to complain about not going TDY but doesn't understand why TACC doesn't work around her personal schedule. She takes more leave and has more appointments than anyone in the squadron combined. Another BTZ winner!

Safety:

SSgt Bet Davis- He has taken safety to a whole new level. He drives a F-250 and realizes it's unsafe to make it to base so he just doesn't come to work. It became so unsafe that he finally stepped up his game and bought a Chevy. Bet is our inhouse mechanic and will sit outside in 100 degree weather changing out ball joints in the parking lot. If he eats anything with any type of spice on it... he better be planning his route to the bathroom to drop some fire-diarrhea since his insides are messed up.

Mission Planning Cell:

SrA Parker Poole - Just like Workman you can't understand a word that comes out of his mouth. He has been struggling with getting though MCT due to going to SERE and on his way there he visited his cousin in the deep south and ended up getting quarantined instead.

Departed the 91st:

A1C Luca Destefano – No matter what you tell this kid it is like talking to a wall. He takes a lot of pride in the squadron with setting up pies in the face and the snack bar. He saved a lot of money by not buying laundry detergent, or deodorant. If you can find him as a civilian now you can ask him which type of gummies are his favorite.

MSgt Paul “The People’s Champ, PD, Paul Bunyon” Dhall – Dude just retired and gave himself a brand-new baby to take care of instead of enjoying life. Paul tried to extend a year to get that baby leave... but unfortunately, we were overmanned in Masters and AFPC shot that down. He was a great leader and killed it in the 91st.

TSgt Travis Urquhart – Had to send Travis over to the 50th to get him spoon fed everything. Not only does his wife spoon feed him eggs in the morning, but she also writes his EPRs and Awards to get him through his career. Travis has been trying to grow his mustache for 3 years and you still can't see it. Travis says he is a great fisherman, yet he only has one picture of him actually catching something. He just shows that every time he goes out. His boat is full of leaves sitting next to his house.

SrA Paul Rietveld – Can't talk to Paul anymore. He is a snitch now.

SrA Jonathan Ross –. Was another one of our Airman that said he was getting out until he got his assignment to Mildenhall. After that he was super excited, re-enlisted and is traveling Europe looking for the girl of his dreams, but he only goes after girls that are less than 100 lbs.

MSgt Justin "VD" Van Dusen – Just retired and did it while drinking 120 proof bourbon on the stage. When it was his time to talk, he was rocking back and forth on the stage and crying like a little baby. Justin killed it while in the unit and put everyone else in front of himself. He was a great leader, mentor and friend. He will be missed greatly!

MSgt William "A-A-Ron" Widener -- Forced into one last move by AFPC but there are far worse places for a sunset tour! He took on the SEL role and once Huber PCS'd in, he immediately started his retirement while on active duty. We haven't seen Aaron in months while he's at home fixing his house up and washing his new truck.

SSgt Alex "SMASH" Workman- Don't understand what his is saying 90% of the time. What else is 90%..? the percentage of Alex going DNIF while TDY. If you don't know who he is.... Just go to "New" Mexico and every girl there will know exactly who it is. He has completed seeing all the women in the U.S. and now is moving on to Japan to see what they have to offer. If you are ever in need of cranberry juice, just stop by Alex's desk and he's guaranteed to have some on standby.

Honoray Boom Operators:

Lt Col Ivan Blackwell - He has taken being an honorary boom operator to a whole new level by wearing his combat crocs in uniform. If you don't see him in the office fixing all the OG's problems, you can find him with some Coors light or brown water in his cup.

Lt Col Mike "The Voice" Vilven – DJ Mikey V is always walking around acting like a boom operator and not doing any actual work. He constantly keeps randomly adding beer to the boom pod fridge and partakes in activities including brown water meetings. If you spend any time with the 91ARS/CC there is no doubt he fits seamlessly into the boom operator community.

MACDILL AFB, FL
63rd ARS
“Pirates”



63 ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Phillip Costine: Our Superintendent, He somehow manages all of us while also managing to never lose his temper or the hope that the Gators will one day return to win a National Championship.

SMSgt John Fill: Retiring Chief Boom, while doing laundry at work, he waits for a young lieutenant to show up to ask them if they want to go fly his plane so they can gas it up for him and then talk about his upcoming airline gigs.

MSgt Matthew Janson: The next Chief Boom, Matt can do an impression of anyone, all while talking out of the side of his mouth. Do not ask him how to install a bidet.

AGRs/ARTs:

SMSgt Vincent “Stuy” Stulginski: The master of tele-work, Our Stan/Eval Chief will hammer you about your iPad while also hammering you with his son’s baseball escapades.

MSgt Tom Wicks: Tom is retiring, with his thousand-yard stare and move away from Tampa, he’ll no longer be able to tell all the young booms they make him sick, and they don’t know what its like to be in the real military. Definition of, “Old and Crusty Boom” (with back problems)

MSgt Joshua “Taco” Ortega: Scheduler who hates flying, a true match made in heaven. The biggest die-hard Bucs fan who lets everyone know he was a fan before Tom Brady showed up but is also in denial that the Bucs will still be good post TB12.

MSgt James Kyper: The only AGR known to man to complain about being too poor that he decided to start up his own “Handy-Man” business, hope the local massage parlors don’t mind the competition.

TSgt Jake Coll: After being bullied for the last 6 years for looking like Ellen DeGeneres and giving himself his own nickname, he decided to take up weightlifting, MMA, and cycling to physically assault SNCOs.(allegedly)

TSgt Luke Yates: Our newest AGR! Luke is a former homeschool and sheltered kid who finally moved away from home and is living his life like he’s on Rumspringa in South Tampa.

TRs:

SMSgt Nate Hooper: Senior TR boom who also is an aeronautical engineer. The pilots are pissed he is much smarter than all of them. He races cars too.

MSgt Caleb Daulton: One of the quietist Booms in the squadron, he was able to find his way to becoming a civilian boom operator, soon to be retired.

MSgt Joel Hildebrand: Hildebrand is an RTIC specialist and now Utah commuter. What he lacks in hairline he makes up for in Delta Air Lines drink cart specials.

TSgt Megan Hatch : When you can’t find love at home, you can find love on the road while TDY...with a guy from home.

TSgt Tyler Berthelot-Meres: Tyler is a solid commuter TR that also enjoys unapproved travel while on orders.

TSgt Jackie Brown: Jackie was so proud of her former boomer operator husband becoming a pilot that she decided to become the First Sergeant, weird flex.

TSgt Clayton Shiver: A real man, guy has keys for every piece of heavy machinery in existence. He will out-work all of us and just stare in silence behind his Oakley sunglasses.

TSgt Jeff Urbaniak: Another cop, Another guy that tells great stories and has a shaving waiver. The world doesn’t deserve Jeff Urbaniak.

SSgt Ben Barlow : A soon to be departing member, loves to skateboard and swipe right across the world. Just don’t ask to borrow his phone in Ybor.

SSgt Rob Huesgen: If you’re able to get through a conversation with him and he doesn’t talk about becoming a full timer or promoting, consider yourself lucky.

SSgt Teresa Hoffman: She may have changed her name, but she will always be the NardDawg to all of us.

SSgt Rodolfo “Rudy” Mirabal: New Boom, Old cop. We all really wonder what his actual confirmed kill count is.

SSgt Tyler “Peter” North: really brings the “Boom” to the 63rd. Legend says he has the AF record for longest endurance sortie.

SSgt Haley Stevens: Haley like her jets like she likes her men... Ancient!

SrA Mackenzie Macklin: Too smart for her own good, she once asked an IB the most off the wall question based off a scenario you’d only encounter in the BOWST...on the IBs checkride...with the FAM present.

SrA Derek Zona: Zona is a 26 y/o stay-at-home son who can’t read a calendar and needs to ask his mom for permission before he goes on TDY.

Newbies

TSgt Wayne Reid: Just left the -46 to come back to the -135.

A1C Kolby Spurlock: I would say nepotism at it's finest but his uncle definitely didn't do him any favors during his application process but somehow was still hired.

MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

912 ARS

“Vipers...Fear the Venom”



SMSgt Myron Somero:

Didn't he just get here? His position was downgraded to an E-7 role so, unfortunately, he must leave us soon. He decided that the housing market in California was too rich for his blood and instead opted to keep the whole family in the RV at FamCamp. You can find him on his folding bicycle enjoying his commute. We're sure he has no problem maxing out his TSP with all of that BAH he's been banking. The only boom not to get orders to Altus who volunteered to go, instead he was diverted to Fairchild to probably be an SEL, though we're pretty sure he'd prefer a less tasking position in OGV to coast out to retirement.

TSgt Travis Burnett:

Travis is now an even more "seasoned" TSgt after volunteering to work in the squadron's front office as an exec. The learning curve has been steep for a career boom used to avoiding responsibility. After this peek behind the curtain, he has a new-found respect for "nonners" and might be second-guessing whether he wants to try make MSgt. Making up for lost time, he has also covering down for Stan/Eval, Training, and the Chief Boom. He better get used to it...the unit is losing nearly all of our NCO booms in the next six months. Looks like he won't be able to take a break after that exec life, he'll be filling in as Chief Boom yet again until the next one gets here.

TSgt Jacob Kime:

Only took him 9 years to finally get a job in the Air Force he loves. He even started winning awards for it, but the Air Force has different plans for him. Remember Kime, keep those knife hands holstered and no cussing at the new Air Force trainees! Ask him to give you his TI stare, it is surprisingly believable. Don't ask him for Christmas gifts. Note to instructor booms: be sure not to GK this man. He's almost always off the correct answer by 0.1 or he'll lead the conversation into a completely different aircraft system.

TSgt Garret Peirce:

When he's not doing the Heimlich on our squadron weapons officer, he's being "Chiefed" by his fellow WIT members for his out-of-regulation mustache. At least he got a decoration for his life-saving action. His other reward is a 6-month deployment to the 'Deid to do OGV things...or just hang out at the Fox and check out the local landscape. Fortunately for him, he gets to cut his trip short due to his PCS to the Center of Excellence at Lackland. We are sure his mustache will fare well there. Peirce recently found out that he was selected for Master Sergeant and he...oh wait, that was his brother, the Golden Child of the family.

SSgt Conor Brown:

SSgt Brown was hoping that the flight schedulers had forgotten he existed while he was hiding away in current ops, but after 3 months they found him and put him on a flight. He's planning on getting out, so he was productive with all that time not flying and got certified as an EMT. Something about shooting for med school?

SSgt Alex Vaughn:

Still not an IB. SSgt Vaughn decided to cross train to become a Load Master on C-130s, but after receiving orders to Pope he decided to decline retainability. Now he plans to join the California Sheriff's Office to eventually fly helicopters for them...wait...no. We think it's Aerial Gunner on helicopters...wait that's still not correct, he is joining the reserves for the 336 ARS, probably with an agreement to finally upgrade. So, his overall goal of avoiding a PCS to Altus has been secured, but he will still be there soon, even if just for a short period. Throw in commercial pilot to the mix and it sounds like Vaughn has lots of plans for his future. We wish him the best! He's still working (if you can call it that) in current operations, so he's snagged about three fini-TDYs so far. At the March Air Show he handed out beers to aircrew at the airshow and somehow got a dec for it. Guess we should hand out decorations at every golf course across the US now.

SSgt Ryan Hortman:

Our resident mayonnaise expert. Ask him about his sharp recipe. He's the only one we know who has gone DNIF while making mayo. Ryan finished his degree and has been so busy lining up interviews for ANG or AFRC pilot positions that he nearly forgot he was still deploying as a boom. What annual beans?! He just passed his PPL check ride, so he's pretty much already qualified to fly the KC-135 and expects all our MBs to be on his level. He's one of our best worker bees and will do anything you ask of him. Just be ready to hear the long list of complaints he has prepared for you.

SSgt Taylor Manz:

Turns out taking his Air Force career seriously was just a short-lived surge. At least it got him a promotion recommendation and promotion to SSgt. Experiencing what the NCO rank comes with, he decided it was too much work and liked his "just-in-case I don't make SSgt" separation plan better. Headed back to Florida to try his hand at a commercial pilot program. Recently got married, but almost had to FaceTime into his own wedding due to the Air Force accidentally voiding his civilian passport. Couldn't get an appointment anywhere in the U.S. at a passport office in time, but thankfully, all you have to do is call up multiple U.S. Senator's Offices with your story and they will hook you up. Got his passport just in time and had a great time in Ireland.

SSgt Jonathan Meshaw:

Did a better job in 2022 of getting on some of those sweet TDYs, just look for him on March ARB's social media, he's the guy in uniform at an airshow in Canada wearing an orange hat. Finally learning what it is like to get married. Mr. ThreePeat says he's at the gym everyday for about 2 hours but is the only boom we have who can fit his arms between 2 baggage bins. Not sure those gains are working for him, but if he spends as much time with his Pre-CFIC training as he does at the gym we may actually be able to send him to Altus for upgrade this time. (Try #3). Unless he fakes another heart-attack. (Try#2).

SrA Dvante Wells:

Spends more time refining his volleyball skills than he does reviewing training folders. We all wish we could have his duty hours. Surprised all of us with a new baby, we didn't know until he went on maternity leave. Senior Airman of the Air Force Wells had to turn down his orders to Mildenhall because he didn't have the retainability with his impending HYT. Found out we were going to deploy him instead, so he went and got eye surgery to make sure he didn't have to go. We're hoping he makes rank this last chance, otherwise it'll probably be the reserve life for him...maybe they'll decide to promote him.

SrA Aaron Frerichs:

SrA Frerichs is super DNIF! We mean really, really DNIF! Coming up on 1 year so we are working to get him requalified to avoid the board. Let's see if he still remembers how to be a boom. Either way, we're pretty sure his checklist & EFB still have the old Safety Supplements posted. Ask him about his fantastic neighbors. Many nights of little sleep have made him to decide to change apartments. Hopefully far enough away to get some quality rest.

SrA David Liu:

Made it through Altus and is our newest IB. If pre-CFIC is any indicator, we will soon see him shooting information at his students with the accuracy of a Storm Trooper. Even the squadron commander hasn't escaped his aim. Finally, trying to put this chatterbox to good use by making him use his mouth to spit instruction rather than words, words, words. Hoping some of the noise he makes will be useful information now. Big life events, he got married and got a new dog! The dog part is definitely true, we could tell by all the hair transferred from his uniform to the Wing Commander's chair.

New Arrivals**SrA Caelan Beardsley:**

This guy and Budget-Rent-a-Car were best buds after his car took way too long to get to SoCal. Fortunately, a fellow boom helped him out and loaned him a vehicle so he could break off that relationship. We sent him on his first deployment to CENTCOM as soon as we could, so he shouldn't have any problems refilling the bank account with that \$3.50 a day. Grew his first combat 'stache...probably should be his last.

SrA Marco Gutierrez-Benitez:

Still shell-shocked by so many officers walking around and actually talking to him, it has been a drastic shift from Security Forces. His first solo flight out of MCT will be in CENTCOM, so he will get a taste of the way things used to be...MCT complete, deploy! His stability since moving to SoCal has been about as smooth as an S-1 copilot's landing, but we're sure he will settle into the boom lifestyle quickly.

SrA Nasia Harris:

Yet another overseas arrival to March. She's quickly made an impression with the local base population...despite being assigned to training, she's already correcting O-5's on scheduling priorities. We were going to deploy her so she could be a real boom with real combat time, but she has avoided the 'Deid... for now. We're thinking she paid the dentist to make her non-deployable.

Departures**TSgt Alberto Ayala:**

"The Ghost" faded away via PCS, left his litho, two TAPRs, and a decoration for someone else to take care of. Somehow stumbled into the best gig at Altus, so hopefully he can hang on to Det 1. We hear he needs a new tire after that drive to Oklahoma.

SSgt Kevin Haggith:

This marks the final chapter of the Haggith Saga. He somehow made it all the way to the end of his contract. He's working to join the ANG or Reserves, whoever will hire him to work CE. Hopefully we can soon call him for all of the rodent infestation problems in our building. If all else fails, he can use that CDL he got and drive for Amazon.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

18 ARS

“CAN DO!”



Greetings from the FRG of the 18th ARS!

If you are around McConnell, stop by. The coffee's on in the mornings, the "daycare" and boom pod is open in the afternoon, and the fridge is cold and stocked. Don't mind the dust of the almost completed Heritage Room. Who says pilots aren't handy?

CMSgt James "Jay" Guldjard(ART): CMSgt Guldjard is the only Chief in the Air Force with a better KD in warzone than the zoomers he supervises. We take pride in our boss dominating the 905th's SEL in Call of Duty. If you forget about accelerated timecards you will feel his wrath!

SMSgt Aaron "T-800" McLaughlin(TR): After his accident Aaron became more machine than man which is noticeable in his complete lack of emotions. Don't get in trouble unless you want a long talk with the cyborg first shirt. It can't be bargained with. It can't be reasoned with...and it absolutely will not stop, ever...until all uniform issues are terminated.

MSgt James "Jim" Yokom(ART): Yim Jokom is like the reserve avatar, there's nothing he doesn't know how to do or fix, he also has enough belongings in random drawers in every building on MAFB to open his very own DAV that consists of obsolete computer parts and random steam gauges.

MSgt Waino "Y+9" Yrjanainen(AGR): Waino finally escaped Training shop!!! Mr Yrgamenjensen is a frozen AGR soon to be trougher with nothing left to lose, he can be found punch dancing out his rage in the local frisbee golf range. He recently got a new 5 panel hat and a hybrid truck so he's doing much better now.

MSgt Giani "Giuseppe" Dossman(ART): G Man drives his luxury car to his ivory palace in OGV and eats gourmet lamb chops. He's been working on his fitness regimen this year with regular fist fights with maintenance leadership and jumping in the into the ocean from boardwalks.

SSgt Isaiah "Qui-Gon Zyn" Dark(TR): We sent Isaiah on the road with TACC for a year and he came back an old man. He can be found hanging out in the snack bar saying "when I was an airmen". The amount of nicotine pouches he consumes we can only assume he has stock in "ZYN".

SSgt Madison “Malibu” Doherty(ART): Returned from her extended tour in the 924th for an ART job. Madison is quiet but if you mess up a 781 it's gonna be curtains for your kneecaps. Hating everyone around you is the only way to survive the training shop so she will be fine. Will shotgun an entire tallboy for money, ask us how we know.

SSgt Robert “Weeb” Richey(ART): Richey is currently on the ART work release program from the 905th. He recently took the reigns in scheduling. While he is no Erik Lake, Richey's shirtless selfies have amassed him a respectable Instagram following (587 followers). Also don't ask him about anime or Manga unless you've got an hour to burn.

SrA Stephen “Zach” Perry(TR): “sO yOuR tELLiNg mE” Perry can be found in readiness after Richey completed his hostile takeover of Scheduling. When he isn't showing flights that he scheduled himself for, he can be found walking to finance to get yet another leave number.

SrA Aiden “Aiden” Allenbach(TR): Aiden is working in mission planning and is our best troubler. Who said someone with social anxiety couldn't thrive as a boom? He's prone to turning red when spoken to and Aiden is just strange enough to mix in with the WIC grads. He's a recent CATS/MECOC grad and is on the way to becoming a nicer and quieter version of Walsh.

SrA Luke “Lucas” “Gibbles” Gibbs: “Lucious Gibanthy” is our newest airman, we've pulled enough 341s from him to build our own FCOM. Aside from scaring away every single fighter and breaking every jet he touches, he's alright, I guess.

Departed the Fix (Dead to us)

MSgt Warren “Bear” Bearup(TR): Bear was recently moved to the 924th for their SMSgt stripe so now he and Chief Wallman can terrorize young airman and LTs. He can be found in flight safety purgatory, which is doing GX01Y 90 times a week forever, he's smiling more now...Just not from happiness, but at least it pays well.

TSgt Wyatt “Lt Billy” Witt(TR): Wyatt don't talk so good but is now a Lt. in the USAF. He is currently on CAP at pilot training for threatening to burn the sim building to the ground.

Nine-oh-fifth'ed

MSgt Justin “Angry Institutionalized Celt” Walsh(ART): since becoming an AIC grad he has taken on the persona of Kenny Powers. Best, most tactical, and most handsome boom in the USAF. Parking in front of the building is usually reserved for generals, unless you are Walsh.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

22 ARW



22d OPERATIONS GROUP

Red Raiders

Operations Superintendent

CMSgt A-A-Ron Tessmann – Good lawd this dude has been here forever. After doing the OG SEL and CEM job for 7 months, he has taken months of leave. Between his shoulder surgery, breaking a rib and high blood pressure he hasn't seen a jet in almost half a year. It is fitting though; it gives him more time to yell about manning and spreadsheets. While his time her may be short lived, he will always be remembered as (insert something nice...).

OGV

MSgt Stephen "Carl" Wentz- Steve has been killing it in OGV since he got in the seat. He replaced Clay Wonders, so it's odd having someone who isn't angry at everything all day in the office. He recently bought a 74 ft motor home that he likes driving everywhere but the gas station. The closer he gets to his retirement day, the happier he gets. Truly an outstanding Evaluator, exactly what the KC-46 community needs.

MSgt Clay Wonders – Clay moved to greener pastures (mainly due to all the crap) and PCS'd to Travis AFB, CA. He saw Altus orders in his future and decided this would be less worse?!?! Nothing like moving to a place that doesn't have a jet to fly...Clay did outstanding in OGV and is missed by everyone he didn't give a checkride to.

OGT

TSgt Killian Stone The only replacement for Targos was Killian. She has hit the ground running ensuring that the Group is prepping the KC-46 to be employable and she's doing a great job. Soon to be and IB, she will put all her experience into our new peeps.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

344th Air Refueling Squadron

“ANYTIME – ANYWHERE, RAVENS RULE THE AIR”



SMSgt Bruce Berglund (Senior Enlisted Leader)

The SMSgt formally known as “Juicy Brucey” has taken over as the SEL for the 344th. This past year he upgraded to “IB” and has given the young Airman opportunities to see different AFSCs... er I mean aspects of the Air Force. Whatever it takes to make the team, umm multi-capable?

MSgt Derik Melson (Operations Superintendent)

Derik “Meep Moop” Melson just became our chief boom. Loves to preach boom seasoning to the older guys, but somehow hops on all the good TDYs. Currently crushing it and slowly working his way through instructor upgrade despite not knowing what plane he flies on.

MSgt Russ Hobbs

Hobbs is our NCOIC of STANEVAL, but he hasn’t let that stop him from not working. He’s a few months out from retiring so he has a ton of “appointments”. If you need your TAPR’s in on time, don’t count on it (The squadrons most frequent offender). Funny how his Facebook upload for those days are always him and his wife out on new adventures.

MSgt Andrew Lavender

Our KC-46 SOAR guy. Lav is the squadron’s go to on anything SEL related on TDY’s... Always working hard and always ready to give a good old school systems brief to the baby booms. Has hit the ground running since he arrived to the 344th, We are lucky to have him on the team.

MSgt Derik Lyles

Hiding out in the sim building always, I think he works for AMC or maybe us, we are not sure... Has more trades on cars than anyone in the squadron. Occasionally appears in the squadron, intimidating the new booms.

MSgt Christopher Plunkett

Appointment and DNIF GOD!! Flight chief??? Who really knows where he works, lets the new airmen know to go home whenever he’s around. Most time on station but still dodged Altus orders... Good to have him in the fight.

MSgt Kyle VanderWagen

Like Granger, please don't give this guy the mic on Friday, PLEASE! Rumor on the street is this the guy to check with for an EQ, we upgraded him, now all he gives out is Q3's or EQ's, I like those odds. Stationed in Seattle but somehow is always in the squadron terrorizing our baby booms.

MSgt Stephen Wentz

Wentz still spends his days reminiscing about his day in Australia. He quickly went from MB, to IB, and then to OGV. The squadron didn't give him time to breathe in between upgrades but he took it all in stride. If you're looking to pass a check ride from Wentz, just ask how the 330 is better than the 46.

MSgt Clay Wonders

Clay has been milking this "I've got orders" for about 6 months now. Moving the whole family into an RV, not sure how he is managing but he's Travis's problem now. We will miss him dearly and his office drive-byes just to give you the bird.

MSgt Patrick Murray

You can catch Patrick "Blurry" Murray blazing through the streets on his tricked-out road bike. Fully equipped with all the fixings and sporting a skintight leotard. He spends his off hours racing V6 Mustangs in the "hills" of Wichita. You can't catch him once he's on that bike, but you also can't catch him not looking out for the airmen and being a great SNCO ← Clearly added by himself.

(M)Sgt Robert Fuller

(M)Sgt Fuller was introduced to me as "the guy who blew his back out pole dancing TDY". Always down to party, and mold new instructors. You can catch Fuller walking the halls with the beard of 25yr old Greek deity and the posture of ancient seer. Not sure if it's from the "back blow out" or the new stripe he's preparing to carry around. Molding new IB's daily in the ATD (the real student producing machine).

TSgt Nicholas Gidaly

Our local squadron NEW YORKER... recently dodged good ole' Altus orders in exchange for McGuire, we are still scratching our heads on how he did it. Hoping his gaining unit knows how great of a worker he is. Or maybe how great of a tactician he is.

TSgt Devaughn Granger

Has moved on to Edwards... Please don't give him the mic on a Friday afternoon, unless you plan on staying late. Still comes around often to spout off what's new with the jet...in 2025.

TSgt Daniel Hernandez

Hernandez is currently counting down days until his retirement.....3 years from now. Keeps the Mobility door closed, so we're not real sure he even works there. If questioned, he always seems to have an Optometry appointment. He must have X-ray vision by now.

TSgt Mark Hurd

Hurd is our resident MCA. He's an instructor boom, financial counselor, entrepreneur, and "pro" top golfer. He keeps growing his family to spend as little time at work as possible, but when he is here you can catch him talking tactics and giving smoldering looks with his freshly shaped up beard.

TSgt Jacob Zahn

Scheduler extraordinaire! He won't call you, or check the appointment book, but he will schedule you to fly. Likes to shoot guns and shoot down your hopes of hopping on that good trip. He maniacally laughs in his jeep while putting you on that Friday second half ERCC.

TSgt Johnathan Zimmer

If you're looking for your fighter cert, don't fly with him. Zimmer is the head of Boom training and treats your ITS as his. Sends strongly worded emails about the importance of knowing the RTM and doing BOT CBTs (Boo). I'm sure that before he leaves for his new assignment we will all be CC'd into compliance.

TSgt Challis Landsbreg

Fresh from the Tanker Barrel, Challis has hit the ground running. Taking on the NCOIC role, she's made sure every new Boom has received their official feedback. Always down to help anyone who needs it, we're looking forward to having her back from BTX.

TSgt Jacob Spencer

Our resident 46 expert in XP, not sure what he does over there but was willing to take the "good deal" I offered up. Went through IB upgrade last year and took it so serious he can now give the Boeing engineers a run for their money at putting any student to sleep while exploring the worlds of our 11 teen step checklist.

TSgt Killian Stone

Killian holds down something in OGT though I have heard it is not a chair. When she is not on all the good TDYs you can find her volunteering for just about anything to avoid the office. She has taken full control of our MCA program, cant wait to get my "forklift certified" hat soon.

(T)Sgt Mitchell Lambrecht

Mitch is a 46 expert. So good that we sent him to be the Group Chief exec! Standing at about 6'2, his Kia Soul definitely doesn't seem out of place. His older brother is a pilot in the squadron, so we're all wondering what went wrong to make Mitch the way he is. Awesome boom but lacking the intangibles a Lambrecht man should have.

SSgt Rodel Ubungen

Just arrived at the squadron from TACC. Pretty quiet in the office but will run up walls during boom PT. Pretty sure he fights crime after work.

SSgt Daniel Collier

When he's not searching for a new roommate, he's looking for volunteer opportunities to make rank. Dan can be found scouring the Mattermost channels making sure everyone filled out their forms correctly and didn't take a photo of the ARO Station. Hey, get a hobby.

SSgt Cornelius Frazier

One of the most knowledgeable -46 Booms we have, just need to figure out where he's hiding so he can come impart that knowledge on the baby booms.

SrA Spencer "Glizzy" Vick

Vick "works" in our local Stan/Eval shop. Can't drink a cup of coffee without going to the ER.. Somehow gets coined every TDY he partakes in, sometimes even twice. Always stealing good deal trips from our baby booms as well. Sadly, losing him to the reserves this summer... I think he'll fit right in.

SrA Juan "Whatever's Clever" Boykin

Always in the freshest pair of J's, he's also fresh out of instructor upgrade. Juan always has a good attitude and a good idea. Needs to be reminded that he can no longer go on the road alone.

SrA Jordan Brown

Not much is really known about Jordan. He's always on the road, even when not TDY. If you try to get to know him, he'll reply to every question with "I just be chillin". Somehow managed to convince a girl to marry him. Currently on baby leave so we assume it's going well.

SrA Mya Jackson

Mya is your typical Gen Z girl. Considers anyone over 25 "old", thinks her husband's squatted Tahoe is actually cool, and probably vapes. Mya is holding down the mobility shop and helping all of us go on missions that seem eerily like deployments.

SrA Carlos Lampon-Torres

Carlos is probably the most helpful guy you'll ever meet. Probably developed that trait from his time as a schoolteacher.... or his time in construction.....or his time on Discovery Channels Deadliest Catch. After exhausting all his plans to better the world, he finally found his place in the military. At the ripe old age of 42, Carlos is equipped with a wealth of life experience and enough "back in my day" stories to take the boom world by storm!

SrA Evan Olsen

Thank the higher powers for Olsen. He holds down boom scheduling and if it wasn't for him, I'm not sure any booms would get their quarterly's accomplished. He'll be leaving the squadron at some point, or at least that's what we're told.

SrA Krystal VanHoose

Our only resident boom who was also a cop. I am sure she would love to that me and the Air Force for the once in a lifetime opportunity to stand for 12 hours checking ID vice flying around the world sipping mai tai's. Now back from that she will be transitioning out of the AF and onto nursing school.

A1C Conner Achztehn

Conner already has the demeanor of an 8-year SrA. If he didn't greet you over the phone, you'd swear your talking to a Sq superintendent. Young, yet crusty.... Salty yet...saltier. At least he fly's. Also leading all the booms in contacts and hours, squadron hero.

A1C Bayden Stoltenburg-Wills

Affectionately known as "S10" "Stoneburg" "Slim Jesus" (a man of many names), Bayden gets it done. Fashion heavily influenced by Macklemore's background extras. One of our more experienced Mission Boom, And possibly our next instructor. God help us.

A1C Jasmine Miller

Jasmine is very "GO" oriented. She's more than happy to "GO" back to school, "GO" on a 3 weeklong TDY, or "GO" ask to be submitted for awards for all the work she's put in. Just be sure not to ask her to "GO" fly a local. Jasmine is currently an MB racking up her hours with the hopes to go and be a bum....I meant load master.

A1C Thomas Bright

New to the squadron, on his 8th attempt at getting his fighter cert...? Only thing he's been on time for is his arrival day to McConnell. Looking to become an MB soon, our hopes for him are as high as his hair.

A1C Carson Delano

Carson is one of our new booms. After taking 3 months to in process (Squadron Record BTW) he hit the ground running. Now that he's finished MCT he spends his time looking for chicks in his sweet mini van "thanks Mom". Has a side job being Naka's mouth-piece/chauffeur.

A1C Nicole Kleymentov

Nicole just got to McConnell and is already trying to move off base. Built like a Russian super soldier and visits her for family "vacays", I'm sure she joined due to a sense of patriotism. Her security clearance checked out so I guess we're good.....Right?

A1C Brandon "McNugget" McDowell

Brandon has the drive of a powerlifter, the body of a teenage girl, and the eyesight of Stevie Wonder. With glasses as thick as his calves, he somehow managed to pass his PHA. Now he's here hacking the "Mish" and thinking he's hot shit because he got an EQ from our resident Teddy Bear.

A1C James "Chief A1C" Mejchar

Mejchar is one of our new Mission booms, and already trying to pursue an instructor position.... High hopes... For some reason he walks around with a tourniquet on hand, maybe he knows something we don't... still learning how to be a boom.

A1C Peyton Moeggenberg

Peyton is one of our new booms and full of life. Don't let the bald head fool you. Still in his mid 20s, he's the definition of don't judge a book by his cover (even if its bare). Loves to hit the gym, because women would see his muscles before his head, and don't worry he's not being snarky, he just talks like that.

A1C Cord Nakaahiki

Naka-uh-he-Kee (you're welcome) remains in the boom pod consuming his body weight in Sour Patch Kids and Takis. With about four fighters' sorties, Naka has the squadron record of most fighter contacts without receiving his cert... At this point we're not sure if it's him or the instructors. Almost qualified to operate a multimillion-dollar platform, but can't operate a motor vehicle.

A1C Orion Tyra

Thought his name was Onion for a few months. Tyra "Banks" came in hot and hasn't slowed down. MPC...Check. Handpick for exercise staff jobs.....Check. Motivational speaker.... kind of. When he's not imitating motivational speakers, he's looking into surgery free height enhancements. "To walk tall, you've gotta be tall."

A1C Jacob Witt

Newest boom in the squadron. Get that ticket to fly done.

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349th Air Refueling Squadron “BANDITS”



Senior Enlisted Leader

SMSgt Michael Fulton

Arrived at McConnell expecting to learn a new aircraft but got thrown to the SEL seat in the 349th, but this was not his first rodeo. If you want mentorship or a way to find free money, he is HIM. He finally decided to put things in his office, so now it looks like someone actually works there. Surprisingly usually in a good mood even though all his sports teams are in the dumps, even his fantasy one.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Justin “Champagne” Miller

Justin finds himself as the Chief Boom for the unit. His team continues to create products that are deemed the “1ST” for the KC-46. He’s definitely enjoying his non-supervisor role in the organization with a cozy and beer nearby. He preparing to be a Senior, you find him in every article or news clipping about the KC-46, now if we can only get him to do things that matter for promotion.

Scheduling:

TSgt Nathaniel Forrider (NCOIC)

Nat just arrived from Travis AFB. He’s spent more time on the golf course down at Altus during BTX than he has in the unit so far but, he finally finished training and we are looking forward to getting some actual work out of him.

SrA Jesus Payes

Cares more about his fitness and followers on his fitness page on Instagram than his actual work (680 followers strong). Some may say he’s a “fit-fluencer”, although he’s leaving the active-duty side due to becoming a new dad the reserve unit will be in the best shape of their lives. Payes will be missed throughout the squadron. You can find him at the 905 ARS.

SrA Austin “Kid” Amarri

The Box cut is going strong! He has spent most of the year deployed babysitting locals. When he came back, he started the conversion to the KC-46. He hasn't been around much, but you can usually find him in the boom pod secretly handing out durags to normalize the look and bring awareness to his culture.

SrA Edwin "Anaconda" Perez

The guy is as quiet as a mouse, but don't mess with him. He told a story once that he had to wrestle an anaconda, my guess was that it was just a baby. Either way, I'm not going to risk it.

A1C Karla "Strapped" Biehl

One of our first pipeline 46 booms. She really came in guns blazing. Told the wrong IB that our instructors were not intimidating and then proceeded to be humbled on her next flight. She's all bark and no bite. The only Cali native I know that loves spending her free time at the gun range.

Doug Boren (Retired)

One of our contractors running the scheduling office. Not much has changed. Still thinks Texas is the best country in American and bourbon was sent from heaven.

Tactics:

SSgt Brad "Crumple-Shieldskin" Magee (NCOIC)

As the tactics NCOIC, his main job is to convince everyone that tanker tactics is a real thing. Also, one of our newest IB's, I think? I've never seen him instruct anything yet. Even if he did, it's hard to understand anything with that Mississippi accent. Best of luck at Altus.

SrA Andrew "Kuzco" Hare

Hare became a new dad this year, so, with the new leave policy he has been on baby leave for the past three months.

SrA Paul "The Rock" Johnson

This is a guy when you see him walking around the unit he seems to be always stressed and high strung, almost like the world is ending. We don't know if he has actual work or training to stress about or is just trying to look busy to not get tasked with anything else.

DOT:

TSgt Logan "I'm Retiring" Berry (NCOIC)

Logan is constantly reminding everyone of how much he runs and how much he loves the organ. In fact, there's a lot Logan will remind you of. He will remind you that he is retiring...he's excited! He will also brag about how excited he is to take one more PT test just to go get another 100. Finally, he LOVES to remind people that he has the most hours of any active-duty boom on base. It's 5000 hours by the way...

SrA Tanner Todd

Another new IB, he's been on the road a lot this year. Still cant figure out that if you are the only one in the shop, you are the one that needs to go to the meeting. I wouldn't let him barrow your car either unless, you want your side mirrors taken off.

SrA Andrew Dawes

Dawes is getting ready to start IB upgrade. This is a guy that not even a year ago got into a fight with a refrigerator and lost hurting his shoulder landing him on the DNIF board for a bit. Although he lost that fight, he is 1-0 against B-MAC in a wrestling match.

Pat Haney (Retired)

One of our contractors running the training office. When you see him, he's either watching Netflix or taking a little nap although he will deny that he was ever asleep. Always talking about to old days when he was in, you'd think you were sitting at the local VFW and not the training office.

Bandit Flight:

MSgt Brandon “BMAC” McAnally (Flight Chief)

B-Mac has an interesting place in the unit. He spends most of his day just babysitting new LTs and airmen. Every now and then, Senior lets him act like a SNCO and lets him fill in as SEL or Ops Sup. He also loves getting a ton of compliments about his mustache.

SSgt Matthew “Red Headed Stepchild” Fitzgerald

This guy is like a bad fart he just keeps lingering around. First the Vaccine almost got him, Air Force decided to keep him around. He then PCA'd to the 350th, they didn't seem to want him either so now he has PCA'd back as a 46 boom.

SrA Bravdon “SC-AR” Scarborough (Flight Supervisor)

SCAR is the only IB that can figure out a way onto any nice trip. He even gets trips with 2 MB's. Reason behind it was good training for a Pre IB-Candidate who didn't even have a folder. The truth behind it all is SCAR has a goal to drink in every country. He continued the legacy of the Bandit Booms of sweeping the awards at ALS.

SrA Eli “WHAP” Jackson

Eli is currently working in Bandit Flight. When he's not spending time trading crypto and watching Netflix, you can catch him riding around in his ridiculous Carolina squatted taHOE attending particularly questionable house parties.

A1C Vincent Massie

When he's not out at Sams Club on a snack bar run you can probably find him mowing his lawn with a glass of Everclear in his hand or running up his credit card bill for stuff for his backyard. He also makes more money than senior captains with his coffee business.

A1C Ryan Terry

Don't even know where to start with this guy. He is the definition of a walking meme. Also don't ask him to introduce himself he will just say “I'm Terry and I'm a boom operator.”. This guy will do anything that his peers tell him even attempt to drink an entire bottle of Jim Beam Vanilla.

A1C Caleb Heistermann

New to the AF and 46, this is a guy that hasn't said more than 30 words in his time here. But catch him after work with a Zyn and Michelob Ultra and he will tell you all about his successful tinder dates.

Readiness:

MSgt Jon Lauterbach (Flight Chief)

The new guy from Altus. He decided to come up to McConnell for some actual operational experience. It wasn't a hard sell, as soon as he heard that Wichita has more than just an Applebee's, he was all in.

TSgt Jeremy “Recluse” Robinson

Jeremy is a fantastic member of the unit. He does his job and then he goes home. One would think that is his main hobby, being home. He doesn't really like to associate around the squadron much. He is as friendly as they come when, you can find him anyway. This made him the perfect candidate for the ATD.

Mobility:

SSgt Jesse “Majestic” Adams (NCOIC)

Sgt Adams must think he is still working his 12-hour days at TACC or its PTSD not sure which one. This seems to be all he talks about, he either loved it so much that's where he wants to PCS next, or he completely despised it. All jokes aside Sgt Adams is a great boom, and we are glad we have him in our unit.

SrA Conner Brode

Hardest I've seen him work is on the basketball court. Otherwise, you can find him roaming around the squadron bitching about something. Another boom that complains about not going on trips, but he's always got leave or tickets to a concert to go to.

SrA Jude "Rum" Springer

With Kuhman leaving Security Forces it obviously left a vacancy needing to be filled, this guy got selected and has just recently got engaged. I guess you can say Ben gave him a great gift!

Emergency Management:

SSgt Benjamin "Spice" Kuhman (NCOIC)

Ben recently got back from his tour with Security Forces for six months, must have been rough since he is currently going through TAPS. I guess working 12's will change a man.

SrA Tony "Magic" Mason

Tony is a bright spot in the unit. He is routinely smiling and looking forward to finishing up his service to go work side by side with his dad. When he isn't flying, you can hear him talking about anime and challenging Robert Purnell to a Magic the Gathering battle.

SrA James "Wine Bag" Karlson

If James isn't at work, you can catch him at Home Depot buying stuff to renovate his house. When he does show up to work, he doesn't skip his coffee showing up a few hours into the day. When at work he complains about his crazy ex-girlfriend. Make sure you keep him on a leash when TDY...he's a runner!

Awards and Decs:

TSgt Bruce Freed (NCOIC)

Bruce is new to the unit but has already made an impact. He is seen relentlessly hounding NCOs and the like to grade awards packages. He is also known famously for being ranked globally in Splatoon. If you don't know anything about it, this is the guy to mentor you to success.

SSgt Austin "Angry Elf" Blodgett

Austin recently received orders to Pease he was the happiest guy in the squadron. Many thought he was going to buy a new car since he seems to go through more cars than a used car lot. Many go to Austin for career advice, but they fail to realize he is only 24 but the bald head and scraggly mustache make people think he's about 20 years in and still going strong.

SrA Tyler "Shooter" McPherson

McPherson is another one that is always on leave, who knows where he gets it all. When he's not on leave no one truly knows where he is or what he is working on, when he is at work you can primarily catch him in the boom pod instead of his office. This is a guy that will go on a TDY to earn some extra money just to go on leave and spend it on vapes and door dash.

CCE:

SrA Natalia Berry

Nat recently got orders to Pease and upgraded to Instructor. She has been killing it around the squadron and loves yelling at the local NCOs to update SrA EPRs and get them turned in. She's a great positive person to have but trust me, you won't like her when she's angry.

Safety:

TSgt Jessica Harell (NCOIC)

Jess has more additional duties than the rest of the squadron combined. When she's not letting her hair down and Jeepin you can find her in the safety shop or TDY. She's probably one of the busiest people in the squadron.

SrA Robert "Wizard" Purnell

One of the most experienced guys on the 46 currently going through pre IB so when you talk to him its either about that or his barbershop quartet. He is also known for taking Ziplock bags TDY with him to get some lobby cereal. We aren't talking about the sandwich bags we are talking about the gallon sized bags full of cereal, so he doesn't have to spend money at BX for the flight.

SrA Brandon "Sandman" VanDyke

Brandon must have the record for the most missed training events. He even missed a flight with our SEL while on TDY. When he's not sleeping, he is usually talking about his elbow he was DNIF for. Although being on a waiver completed a PT test without telling the PTL about it then complained about his pushup score. All these great things is was got him selected for Base Honor Guard duty.

Stan/Eval:

Jonathan "IDIOT" Sanders (NCOIC)

AKA SCAB-1. If you ask him, he's one of the smartest 46 booms in the universe...and co-pilot. He's like when people ask you if you like beer and you respond with "it's an acquired taste". But seriously, he's a great dude. Ask him about his 1.6.

SrA Tyler "IRIS" Adkins

Even though he works in STAN/EVAL, if you ask him, I'm sure he won't know what the Vol2 is. He's usually in the boom pod playing on his trying to talk shit. Another boom that is always TDY, also another boom that you don't want to let barrow your car.

Ralph "Hurricane" Hoffman (Retired)

Ralph is another retired boom who is a contractor in STAN/EVAL. Even when there are no check rides to be accomplished, he is always worked up about something.

On-Loan:

SrA Connor "Chunks" Myers

"OH DEAR GOD!" Connor is the type of boom that complains about not going on trips then, when he gets trips he complains about the location. No matter the task Connor will try to find a way out, he knows every loophole in the squadron OI and AFI's. I think the past year he has went on more leave and to more concerts than most people do in a lifetime.

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"RED FALCONS"



Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Anthony Montani - This Crop-Dusting SOB has definitely changed the culture of the squadron. The squadron went from a unit that emphasized being a "good boom" to one that grooms a more well-rounded Airman. For example, since the regime change, we are a lot better at ping-pong, golf, and corn hole. He's loved by all the enlisted, but he will crap a bloody brick if he sees Wilson post 1 more Addam's Family Meme!

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Jeremiah "Blue" Ibarra – Blue broke our hearts a month ago by pushing the button so he could avoid orders to Korea. We wish we could say we were joking, but the 135 is losing one of the best dudes to do it. He's not leaving Wichita though, so maybe we'll still see him around on St Pattys day! Who else am I supposed to beat in ping pong 4 times a day?

Stan Eval:

MSgt Shon "Don't Call Me" Shirley – Despite the fact that he is actually at work everyday, we aren't 100% sure what he does. If he's not at work, you can easily find him at the gym locker room walking around after "just finishing up" his laps in the pool. Dude, the pool closed 2 hours ago, and you don't even have trunks on.

TSgt Neil Patras (SKOA) - He's working in Stan Eval now as the NCOIC. SKOA (Sighing King of Altus) is a fully qualified Evaluator now and is already giving out Q3s on his first checkride "I don't give them, they earn them". He misses Altus but Wichita will do for the time being.

SrA Chance "Monkey" Hackenburg - Just upgraded to Evaluator but is too busy stealing good deal TDYs to ever give a checkride. He loves eating peanut butter by the ounce for lunch, wearing jorts on the weekends, and perusing garage sales for NASCAR memorabilia in his spare time. He recently got orders to Mildenhall so he's about to be England's problem soon.

SrA Tanner "Dema" Redmon - He's been DNIF so long people have forgotten that he ever was a boom. Strolls in around 0930, puts on a movie, and cracks a monster. Recently he decided that this was too hard for him and decided he is going to leave the Air Force and take a nice relaxing job at a steel mill in Indiana. Good luck buddy.

SrA Gabriel Padilla - It's hard to describe an Airman that I've only seen a couple times. I hear he's a nice guy,

I'd love to meet him someday. He has orders to Mildenhall and spends his days "out-processing". He is a very knowledgeable instructor and we're sure that he'll be giving systems briefs that even Boeing engineers couldn't follow soon.

SrA Gabby Martinez - She was able to go a full year without doing a single 801X class before anyone noticed (it's almost impressive). Currently at Altus CFIC making everyone uncomfortable with how nervous she constantly is. She recently bought a car without test-driving it, had it delivery, then realized it was a manual (which she can't drive), and had to have another boom drive it back to the dealership for her (who hasn't made that mistake before?)

Training Flight:

MSgt Antoine Nguyen – MMMMkay. The Asian version of Mr Mackey really cleaned up our DOT (with Marcelo's assistance). He came here from Altus and was super excited to get back into the Ops side of the tanker world. We couldn't ask for a better SNCO and is an unofficial PTL, calling certain NCOs "fatso" to help shame them into a slimmer waistline.

TSgt Sam Martinez - Sam was so bored that he begged for a job to ride his time to retirement. Well, congratulations! You are now the NOIC of DOT!

SrA Joseph Dopart - Ever heard of the Tanker_meme_Stream Instagram page? If you have and are following the page, you most likely have seen a meme from Joey, as he is their number 1 content creator! He doesn't do shit else though.

SrA Kelsi Steadman - Formerly known as Kelsi Cox. She got engaged and tied the knot with her new husband as soon as she found out she was headed to Kadena. Congrats on the new couple! The softball team she coaches can now begin their long process of healing from all of the mental torment.

SrA Kevin Long - Long came back from CFIC in December of 2022... did not officially become an IB until April of 2023. Something about going straight into baby leave and not being able to R&C. I'm not sure. Sounds like laziness to me.

SrA Kaleb Brewer - Kaleb is our newest instructor. If you ask him, Pre-CFIC was great... other than the heart attack he had, caused by Marcelo...

SrA Alexander Bengel - Did you know that writing 801X traffic messages during an exercise is optional for Alex. OR maybe, he really loved 801X initial so much that he had to make up a reason to go through a second time.

A-Flight:

TSgt Russhope "Darla" Marcelo - When he's not cosplaying as a beloved 'Fiding Nemo' character, you can find him at the Med Clinic getting his blood pressure taken. It's like golf Russ, lower is better, maybe you can just lie about your BP like you do your golf score?

TSgt Korey "Cranium" Gibson - In spite of that cranium of a forehead, the previous A Flight Chief hated being a boom so much that he volunteered for a DSD assignment as an ALS instructor. Putting jokes aside, Korey is doing well as an ALS instructor, teaching the likes of SrA Marston and SrA Scarborough. I feel bad for them.

SSgt Erick Guiteierrez - After being U'd by Korey for his contacts and radio etiquette, Erick finally completed MCT. He is currently the NCOIC of A Flight, where he can be found in the Flight Chief's room between 0900 and 1430 working diligently.

SSgt Austin "Buff" Buresh - Cross-trained into the Boom career field from MX. Finished MCT, deployed immediately, and returned with a sick beard (I hear SMSgt Montani loves it). Despite Buff's desire to become an instructor, he must stop breaking cautions in the jet first...

SSgt Ave Liaiga - You can usually find her in either CPI or Stan/Eval gossiping with Tollinchi and Tillotson instead of running her Tactics Shop when she isn't busy making TikTok videos to promote her future career as a Property Manager. Get that patch working, Ave!

SSgt Ben Fedrick - KC-135 maintainers hate this man. When he's not pooping on jets and pissing off our maintainers, you can find Fedrick in Qatar where he is currently deployed as an OCN supervising Marcelo's people cleaning Cadillac's.

SrA Ariel Golbeck - Ariel just got back from her 2 month deployment where we heard she killed it out there, so now other booms can stop picking on her for going "DNIF" and missing the last deployment. She just found out she's going to SOAR Shop...how fitting. I guess they send anyone there. Please be a better replacement for Lackie for MSgt Lavender's sake.

SrA Timothy McCastle - MSgt Landry banished Tim from the squadron to Current Ops for failing Pre-CFIC twice. In his 1 year stint in Current Ops, Tim made sure everyone knew how much he disliked Donati for writing him a LOC (Psst, Tim, maybe he wouldn't have given you the LOC if you hadn't given him only 3 bullets for your EPR). Despite the jokes, Tim is back in the squadron thanks to SMSgt Montani.

SrA Jersey Tomm - The majority of Jersey's training was spent puking during patterns because she got pregnant while in MCT. She couldn't be used for anything, so we sent her to Command Post, where she excelled so much that she won BTZ.

A1C Sidney Ferguson - Sidney is a rockstar! She finished MCT in under 8 flights and is now deployed. She's one of the SAPR facilitators and PTLs in the squadron, but if it were up to me, I think she could be a better PTL. Rumor has it she screwed up someone's waist measurement so badly that her bosses had to fix it.

B-Flight:

TSgt Amanda Skidmore - Based on what she wrote about her flight below, there is a LOT of anger below the surface that we didn't know about. I guess that's what happens when you have to babysit Tessmann and Cobb at the group for 18 months, and then come back to the Squadron only to be given Donati as an NCOIC. Don't hurt me Amanda, I'm emotionally fragile!!

SSgt Chris Nesbit AKA "Donni Donati" - Has been an NCO for over 2 years and still uses the excuse "I didn't know" as to why he doesn't do simple NCO tasks. He was put in for a DSD and didn't bother to look up any details or information on it until he was selected and tried to figure out ways to get out of the gig. Donni will be the first boom operator turned MTI who has a command voice higher than a munchkins.

SSgt Hector Agosto Rivera - Decided to save up mounds of leave and have a kid so he skipped out of work for months on end. Can't understand anything he says but is a hard worker.

SrA Darious Burse - Is from Tennessee but convinces everyone he meets that his last name is French and should be said with an accent. He wasted no time leaving the USAF Honor Guard to grow an out of regs goatee and he'll use any and all excuses as to why it took him almost a year to complete MCT.

SrA Ethan Jasinski - Didn't know that showing up to work was a Monday-Friday commitment but when he does come in, he draws the cast of Spongebob on post-it notes in high-def quality. He is considering switching over to guard to be closer to his girlfriend and to bully innocent weekend warriors as an IB.

SrA Charles Cornett - Starts sentences off with "I'm not dumb I swear..." and then continues to string together the most outrageous combination of southern slang. Quickly realized after a no-notice evaluation that he has to actually update his pubs and checklist. Outkicked his coverage with his girlfriend, but it makes sense because she's into horses and he's got chompers like Mr. Ed.

SrA James Plourde - The squadron's newest instructor who definitely waited until the day before he left to knock out every Pre-CFIC requirement. For some unknown reason he rolls his stocking cap up above his ears like he's one of the Village People. Dude is an ok golfer though.

A1C Eli Amiott - Never actually seen this guy working because he takes every off-station opportunity. He can hoop a little bit, whenever his 53 year old back isn't acting up.

A1C Korbin McNeil - Gets coined by CCC's on TDYs and was adamant to not to take any credit for anything more than being a pax monitor. Is getting married to his BIQ sweetheart because he thinks he'll get orders out of McConnell.

C-Flight:

TSgt Zach Austin – This one came to us from Scott in the coronet shop, and boy has he grown since he was an Amn 2 years ago! Sadly he's only grown laterally. He's super mid at pong, but he could probably leg sweep a third of the squadron. Zach has done a great job of keeping the new guys in line and making sure they are mentally tough.

SSgt Joeseeph "Peep" Kastendieck - No joke, for his first 6 months in the squadron I thought this guy was mute. He saw a poster that said "Move in Silence" and took it as his personal motto. He has been tasked with wrangling cats at the NCOIC of Scheduling, and I haven't heard any complaints yet. But even if he did have a complaint, he wouldn't say anything.

SrA Jacob "Pretty Boy" Denker - Jake just returned from an honorable 6 month tour of service working the gate for security forces. For some reason while he was there, gate inspections of single moms increased 300%, so I guess he was keeping us safe. Hopefully he can go the next year without pissing off Sgt Montani, or else he's going to end up as an EOD Test Dummy next.

SrA Dan "Pocket IB" Demma - Little Dan has been killing it teaching our young MCT booms! We have been working on getting the squadron to pay for his booster seat for the cockpit, but no luck yet. During a recent deployment, he decided to grow himself a little moustache. Now instead of being mistaken for a kindergartener, he won't be allowed within 100 feet of them!

SrA Remington "Hot" Garl - I almost forgot to write Garl's because I wasn't aware he was supposed to be working in scheduling. If you need something done sometime in the next 6ish months, you can count on Garl. He found out he was going to CFIC and finally fixed his haircut, maybe he's turning over a new leaf! Or maybe he just got confused and forgot to ask for the "Toupee" look at the barber this time.

(S)Sgt/(2)Lt Jon Covey - Will he or won't he? The rumor is that he got accepted to OTS last year, but we haven't seen any proof. Somehow every time he's supposed to leave "His class gets pushed back". I don't know, sounds fishy to me. He's recently been embracing the E4 Mafia life and somehow managed to get people to show up for a 6am tee time on Tuesdays. If you need squadron party/swag ideas, find Covey!

SrA Trissa "Slasher" Bennett - Trissa is a flying machine, and just got back from her second deployment! She's got more hours than some of our instructors! She will be up for CFIC this fall, hopefully somewhere in the program they talk about not missing 18 months of vault classes....

A1C Darien Brooks - Brooks is one of our new guys around here. If you can't find him, you can count on him wandering around the squadron lost with his backpack on. Seriously, I think someone told him the backpack is part of his mandatory uniform. What is in that thing? Maybe it's better if we don't know...

D-Flight:

TSgt Tanner "Elf" Niggli - Tanner came to us last fall, and has been working on being the most knowledgeable Boom to go through BIQ. He has had 9 months to get ready for CAE, and if we find out that he didn't ace every test, it will be a failure. You can usually find him embarrassing Montani at ping pong and winning games with his signature "between the legs" shot. We look forward to getting him back from Altus so we can send him back in a month for CFIC!

TSgt Nasia Tollinchi - T is another newcomer to the career field! She has wasted no time finding an office to hide in and disappearing! She has already proven to be a better boom with 9.5 fingers than most with 10. She spends most of her time doing.....I don't know probably something productive. Rumor has it that when Blue goes to the barber, he just brings a picture of T.

SSgt Anthony Feist – Came back from his deployment with a shaving waiver, which really helps out his hair to skin ratio on his nugget. Sadly, the beard is as patchy as his scalp. Keep trying buddy, maybe that unibrow will grow in next!

SrA Devin Olmedo – Has taken the most leave of anyone who hasn't had a baby this year. And if he's not on leave, he's taking his new wife to "immigration" appointments. Sounds fishy dude, we won't tell though, just fill up the beer fridge please!

SrA Stephanie Peraza – Big time BZ winner after her 1st deployment. We stuck her in awards and decs to cover for Feist while he pursues hair growth treatment and tests new beard oil.

A1C Martin Hekking - Hekking is our airman that nobody would guess is an airman, this “kid” looks 18, but is older than 90% of our NCOs. He is usually just hanging out giving the “disappointed dad” look to all the other airman’s shenanigans.

Amn Eli Wilson - Eli decided to mix it up this year, going from punching other airman to punching up to the SEL! How did that go for ya? He is still trying to find his place in the squadron, and by that I mean trying to find a place to put that giant head.

On-Loan 135 (Real) Booms:

CMSgt Aaron Tessmann – Spend an awful lot of time over here for someone who hasn’t flow yet this FY. He did an awesome job filling in as the Group SEL, mainly because Skidmore spoonfed him all his work and schedule. Can’t wait for him to come off DNIF for his “shoulder” injury so he can fly again!

TSgt David Peck – Dave is getting out pretty soon. We tried really hard to bring him to the Squadron for a farewell tour, but he worked his own PCA to the Safety office. Good for you buddy!

TSgt Casey Lackie – A newish IB who was banished to SOAR by the 349th and to be honest we forgot he was over there until he begged to come back to the Squadron, so we traded him straight up for a SrA MB. I think SOAR won this trade.

TSgt Nicole Lodermeier – Nicole recently moved down to the OSS to work in Short Range. We figure this way she’ll actually show up to work every day.

SSgt Jesse Lee – We’re told he works over in XP, but not once has he taught an 801X class, or has anyone seen him over there when we go for Quarterly training. Good gig if you can get it I guess.

SSgt Madison Sibinski – The hardest working boom on base as the Command Chief’s personal serv...errr umm, Executive Assistant. We miss he in the Squadron a ton, but sadly she’ll be off for the Bloody Hundredth here in a few months!

SrA Dallas Marston – If Confucius had that mustaches, no one would take any of his advice. Dallas just graduated from ALS, and his kid stole the show multiple times throughout the night. He’s out of the Squadron but he still manages to fly more than any other EB we have.

Moved on to Greener Pastures:

MSgt Bobby Jones

(M)Sgt Kyle Jackson

TSgt Bruce “Batman” Freed

A1C Jared Castleman

SSgt Anthony Hornbuckle

SrA Isaac Carney

A1C Lah Ramdene

MSgt Danny Jordan

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

905 ARS

“REVEL IN CHAOS”



Another year down in the 905th. Faces have come and gone, positions have been shuffled, Booms have been upgraded, and sorties have been tackled. Our Boom force has grown exponentially and is continuing to grow monthly. We continue to strive to be a premier Air Refueling Squadron for anybody to be welcomed with open arms. So, feel free to stop by! Our coffee is always hot, and the beer is always cold. War stories are welcome, and jokes are always being told.

CMSgt Chris Norris (ART): Promoted to Chief since the last signal! Since promotion, Norris has officially retired from being a rugby player to taking on less-physical hobbies. All of those endorphins are now used to play Call of Duty with CMSgt Guldjard. When he's not "Chiefing" Airman, he's a world class barbecue competition participant and found strolling his neighborhood in his clapped-out golf cart.

SMSgt Mike Stahl (TR): Mike is still the epitome of being a TR. Minus the facts of shoddy post-mission paperwork, a questionable hairline, last-minute check rides, and his 1206 writing ability. Those things aside, he really been a great asset on the last couple LFE's. We are all just surprised he sacrificed all that time being away from building his RV-8.

MSgt Sarajo Danis (ART): Our full-time NCOIC of Boom Training. She is finally off the hook with AFRC medical, so hopefully we get her back in the sky soon. It's been a long and rigorous road to recovery for her. Between dealing with medical, bold airmen, physical therapy, and all of the post-mission paperwork mistakes, we applaud her persistence. We thought she might've been a goner.

MSgt Sam Aguirre (AGR): Sam's off the project so this will be short. When he didn't invite his boom bros to his bachelor party or his wedding, that was enough to make someone cry. He also had to take out a 3rd mortgage to pay for his new boat so he can hang with the O's more. But between being a new evaluator and husband, his hairline will pay the price and launch him to fame in the next Steven Segal film.

MSgt Patrick "Sling Blade" Bartosavage (TR): Barto had himself quite a year since the last Boom Signal. Essentially got a second wind; got a new civilian job and a joined a flying club! When he's not utilizing his A&P certifications, Ol' Sling Blade has been roughin' it trouging on TACC MPA orders, feeding his body on nothing but black coffee and nicotine while on the road. What a unit.

MSgt Nick Snyder (TR): Snyder came to us from the Active Duty this past year. Which is weird, since he left them and went right back into working for the Active Duty as a TR. Since coming to us, he's been breaking his back (literally) working for the ATD teaching kids how to do all things KC-46. Out of academic situations, you can find Nick writing EPR's or managing his multiple AirBnB properties across Wichita. A real slum lord millionaire that one.

MSgt Justin Walsh (ART): Attached Boom from the OSS. Tries to go by the callsign SPARE, who the hell cares? Got moved from the MPC to Current Ops in the past year so hopefully that alleviated some of his anger. Justin is still our sole Boom AIC grad, but you already knew that if you've seen his signature block via email. We'll see how he handles his upcoming Pre-CFIC syllabus, some of the IB's may have to reinforce their patience.

TSgt Tanner Clovis (AGR): Maybe one of the luckiest dudes we've had join since standing up the squadron at McConnell. Tanner got hired a while back off Active Duty, finished BIQ, and then applied for an AGR job and got it day one! Some people are still surprised he got hired, solely on the fact that he's a Dallas Cowboys fan. He is now our full-time Boom Scheduler and seems to be picking it up quickly. Hopefully he can handle working with his counterparts Richey and FEHRENBACH.

TSgt Dustin Confer (TR): Still on the manning document but we really haven't seen Dustin much this past year. We assume he's still peddling his sign business up in Kansas City, but nobody knows. Maybe he'll come around the squadron again soon.

TSgt Levi Helman (TR): Levi is currently in BIQ at Altus. However, while awaiting training dates he remained kind of a mystery. Between him coming from FSS, randomly asking questions about flight characteristics of an Embraer-175, or just being completely silent in the corner, the jury is still out. Speculation aside, he helps around the squadron when he's asked to and probably doesn't have a mean bone in his body. We'll see if Altus got him to be more outspoken (probably not).

SSgt Bill "Boneyard" Baker (TR): Still about as broken as the KC-135 autopilot. However, that didn't stop Bill from utilizing his skillset to come in and lay flooring for our day care office space. We knew he'd be up to the task because our lieutenants wouldn't be. It turned out great and he only told a few war stories in the process, so it was finished in a timely manner.

SrA Colten McKeown (TR): Muppy, cap, rizz, goated, jit... Did any of that make sense to you? Didn't think so. Colten recently graduated BIQ from Altus and finished his MQT. Don't be fooled by this one, he may say some of the most off the wall shit; but turns out his work ethic is stellar. You can find him flying his ass off, or on the road flexing his "drip" to literally nobody who cares. Periodt.

SrA Heath Overmyer (TR): Our sole boom who did the whole KC-46 small group tryout program at Altus. In which he finished as well as local MQT. We found out Heath is a left-handed boom so we are still not sure if he can be trusted by us or the receiver for that matter. When he's not flying, he can be found in the prison gym slinging heavy objects and drinking questionable protein shakes in the day care.

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SSgt Robert "Meme Lord" Richey III

DEPARTED THE FIX

MSgt Clay "DCAS" Dotson

SrA Lillian Amos

McCONNELL AFB, KS

924th ARS

“Where it Counts”



CMSgt John Wallman (ART): Yup, he's still here! Contrary to popular belief, Chief did NOT take part in the Question Mark flight, although he was the next SNCO in line for the attempt. He can't check Sheets from his Jitterbug, so he can frequently be found in scheds inquiring about his show time. Chief is the last enlisted OG of the 931st, and still enjoys terrifying finance, medical, and Forrest when they're out of line.

SMSgt Bryan Fehrenbach (ART): Bach is still in scheds, and hasn't shot the place up yet, so there's that. He has, however, caused significant hearing damage to the pilot scheduler. Good thing he keeps a fresh pad of Hurt Feelings Reports on his desk. Bach is always grumbling about lack of bids, Current Ops, and "Second Schedule."

MSgt Warren "Bear" Bearup (TR): Bear gave up his ART job for the greener pastures of Flight Safety. You can hear him chuckling throughout the building as he messes with new booms in the BOT. He just got a new boat, so if you're looking for him between May and September, check the lake.

MSgt Ben Rausch (TR): Rausch carries his leather diary and sketchpad around with him everywhere he goes. He has 6-9 different projects partially completed in The Keep but can't get them finished properly without Sed's guidance. He is currently working scheds in the ATD flying his face off since he can't get anyone else to.

MSgt Ben Sedlacek (ART): Ben moved to Stan/Eval after McCrillis left. He has a new hobby of telling Rausch all the things he is doing wrong on his construction projects in The Keep. We're all excited about the potential giant-fight that's brewing between these two BENhemoths.

MSgt Aaron Cuadra (TR): Aaron is living the TR life, working at Spirit and staying a slightly-above-below-average boom. He has become an AE expert, and incredibly (to date) has zero SAPR complaints filed on him. He's still looking for the sunglasses and wallet that he left in his Daisy Dukes while in Guam.

MSgt Dan McCrillis (TR): Dan is taking after his idol Tom Brady . . . will he retire, or won't he? He can often be found in a brightly colored 737, jamming to Meatloaf and arguing about which airline is best. At least he doesn't have to wear a hat anymore. Still wishes he was Swinson.

TSgt Alex Mark (AGR): Alex has taken over the training shop since Sed left for Stan/Eval. The power in the building struggles to keep up with all his electronic devices. Wait until CE finds the ham radio he's planning to install in the squadron.

TSgt Eileen Ahlers (TR): Imagine if Martha Stewart and Ellen Ripley had a baby . . . Eileen used to be a gunner, then she was ammo, now she's a boom. Her favorite pastimes include terrifying Lt's, breaking spines, and flying. She's going to fit right in!

TSgt Corey Targos (TR): We hired Corey as a pilot but at the time of this writing, he has no school dates, no CAC, and isn't qualified in the aircraft. He is currently being trained to be Snack-O by the Lt's. At least he brought whiskey!

SrA Bryce STUD Forrest (TR): Bryce has been really trying hard to give Chief an ulcer. I think K-State is ruining him. He spends most of his free time at Claire's in the mall trying to find new studs to update his bling. He finally found his red pen but still wishes he could grow a mustache like Menrath.

SrA Andy Anderson (TR): Will fly for food . . . literally! Andy is doing her best to catch Chief in flying hours before he retires. She has been on the road so much that our FNG's wonder who the new girl is.

SrA Blake Menrath (TR): Blake shows flashes of genius from time to time; like when he slides into second with shorts on at the annual softball game. His mustache has taken a life of its own. We believe that it thrives on a steady diet of chicken fingers and anything from Texas.

A1C Davis Cragun (TR): Fresh back from Altus, so we'll see.

FNGs:

SrA Conner Wedel (TR): Conner's BIQ grad date has been kicked down the road more times than the federal budget. With any luck, he'll be back to us before RVS 2.0 comes online.

A1C Logan Grindstaff (TR): Casualty of the Altus pipeline logjam. We hope to get him back here to McConnell before he makes MSgt.

A1C Oliver Hughes (TR): Behind Grindstaff in the training queue, soooo . . .

DEPARTED THE FIX:

SMSgt Jerod Norden: Nordo got tired of being pee watcher and quarterly award package judge over UTAs, so he decided to hang up his flight suit for good. He will be missed; especially by the SNCO's that now have to judge quarterly award packages.

SMSgt Travis Swinson: Trav decided to retire this year and took a job flying corporate fat cats around the planet with FlexJet. Still wishes he was McCrillis.

SSgt Madison MJ Doherty: Unfortunately for us, MJ defected to the 18th for an ART job. We're happy for her, but she still looks weird in blue patches!

MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, TENNESSEE

134th ARW / 151st ARS

“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



This Unit did not submit.

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, New York
914th ARW / 328th ARS



This Unit did not submit.

OSAN AB, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

607 Air Operations Center

SABRES

“Fight Tonight”



Welcome back we missed you!



JAYE MORTON

PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

64th ARS / 157th ARW



This Unit did not submit.

PEASE ANG, NEW HAMPSHIRE

157TH ARW

“SABERCATS”



TSGT ACEVEDO, HECTOR - Probably NMR. Works for some defense contractor and makes Gucci money.

SRA ALCOCER, ROBERT - Buffalo Rob. Ask him about his foreign dirt collection and the difference between a bubbler and a bidet. Apparently, a musical genius on the guitar but no one has heard him play.

SRA ALLEN, JOSHUA - Who is Josh Allen? If you find out let us know.

MSGT AVERY, SEAN - Living the Lima life. All TDY Lime scooter crashes are somehow tied to Sean. Less angry than last year...

SMSGT BEAULIEU, ALAN - Our longest tenured technician Boom. Don't use folding tables around him on the airplane. He gets frightened.

MSGT BELONGIE, NATALIE - New queen of training. Great boom, horrible driver. Mom to our wing dog Pack.

SSGT BERRY, SHANTELE - Still living the traditional life. Still a vegan, if she hasn't told you yet. Still can't find her water bottle.

TSGT BERTELL, NICHOLAS - Flight safety instructor. Getting paid way too much money to do FUT stuff.

SSGT BETTCHER, ALEXANDER - Been around aviation his whole life. These days, he's usually in civilian clothes doing LIMA Planning. Not sure if he's a Pilot or Boom, but could probably do either.

SSGT CABANA, JACOB - Finally decided to jump ship from Maintenance and join the Ops crew force. Is never looking back.

MSGT CARR, DIANA - D the enforcer. About to take a three year leave of absense. Recently made the jump to TTF.

A1C CASTRIGNO, KYLE - Full time college student studying computers or something. He's making the most of the traditional life.

SSGT DAWLEY, MATTHEW - Turns out Pack isn't the only golden retriever in the squadron. Sounds like a surfer bro but is actually brilliant.

TSGT DELHAY, EVAN - Currently, current-opping as a new technical sergeant. someday he'll get a flight suit and school dates.

TSGT DERRY, BRANDON - You can't miss him. Best hair in the Boom force. Stays busy with GE and the family daycare but still manages to sneak in a night flight every once in while.

A1C DESROSIERS, ADDISON - New boom finishing up MCT and resident crossfit guru. Can probably outlift everyone here.

SMSGT DOYLE, JAMES - A true national treasure on the registry of historic sights. He must be protected at all costs. His liver is frozen for preservation with Ted Williams head. "This is why I stay in!"

CMSGT GIROUARD, MICHAEL - The new enlisted pinnacle of operations. Ask him about your PME.

SSGT GOSSELIN, LEAH - Currently working on pilot training with her other half, we think. Seldom seen around these parts.

SSGT GRIBAUSKAS, WILLIAM - Rarely seen during the day.... Loves that night flying. Congrats on SSGT.

TSGT GUERRIER, KENDRICK - Kenny G somehow escaped from Pubs after many years of service but still gets texts asking for iPad help. Grows a mean 'stache every once in a while that resembles Ron Swanson's.

TSGT HAYES, DAREN - Current Ops scheduler and recently upgraded to instructor. Is always shouting for some reason. Look busy or he will make you take out the trash. Always willing to tell you when you're messing up.

TSGT HORNE, FREDERICK - Pronounced /hörn/. Although not flying at the moment after a tragic pedal bike accident he's still giving the world two thumbs up.

MSGT INGLIS, JASON - Newly minted instructor. If only he was here to instruct. He doesn't have time for work with a constantly growing family.

MSGT JOHNSON, KEVIN - Just returned from a 3 year leave of absence. Swapped spots with D to become the enlisted exec.

SSGT LONDOFF, SHENNA - Year 2021, wait what? 2022, wait what? 2023.....you get the idea.

CMSGT LUTER, DANIEL - Our traditional Chief Boom. Knows everything about the plane and will try to explain it all to you, sometimes unsuccessfully.

TSGT LUX, MARY - One of our newest IBs. When she's not working with people as a physical trainer, she can be seen around the squadron. Comes to life around high noon.

TSGT MADAHAR, RAVI - A DSG still working it with flight safety. Hey Ravi is the sim ready yet?

MSGT MCPHEE, DARYL - This guy is "legitly" our UDM. He can't retire because then someone would have to do his job. Thanks for hanging around Daryl.

SSGT MOORE, JORDAN - Newly RNC'ed instructor Boom. Got to be an Altus IB program guinea pig. Certified "Mainer" with the worst mustache in the squadron.

SRA PARKER, BRYCE - Pease long drive champion. Recently tied the knot with his fiancé and is living his best traditional Boom life.

SMSGT PETERSON, BRETT - Chief Master Sergeant in training. Already has the mustache to prove it. Likes to work out and randomly give people Bang energy drinks.

MSGT PROCHASKA, KEITH - Die hard Packers fan that likes to spend his time fishing and lecturing young Booms. Ask him how do alternate fuel loads for APT at least once a month. He loves it.

SRA REID, KEITH - Recently dropped everything and went to Pilot Training. He's the star of our Pax Brief video and can be heard laughing from anywhere on base. Highly enthusiastic boom.

TSGT ROGERS, MATTHEW - Former Navy guy. When he isn't working on one of his many jeeps or fixing an Officer's refrigerator, he can be found in the MPC labeling things.

TSGT RUTTER, SAMANTHA - Works full time as a Contracting Officer in flight safety. Not sure what that means. Still does Boom stuff sometimes.

SRA SATOW, ETHAN - Simulator punctuality is poor but makes up for it by bringing pizza and beer into your red flag debrief.

A1C SCHMIDT, EMMA - One of our bright new booms and contrary to popular belief, she is not MSgt Nataline Belongie. Definitely a different person. Might end up a pilot.

SRA SHATTUCK, WILLEM - A man of few words. Night flight king. Lady killer. Need we say more?

SSGT SHAUGHNESSY, RICKY - Ricky bobby 'oshack hennesy. Nobody can spell his name so we don't use it. He's been on LIMA so long that none of the HVAC at Hanscom works anymore.

SMSGT STARKWEATHER, GLEN - Recently finished up his terminal leave and is finally going to take it easy after almost 40 years in. Congrats on your retirement Glen!

MSGT STORM, CHRISTOPHER - Our resident state trooper. His name can be used to get out of speeding tickets, even if you haven't met him. Shows up in the cruiser occasionally for some reason.

SRA STROUP, ABBY - Affectionately known as "Wednesday" around the squadron. Likes heavy metal and rarely smiles, but that doesn't mean she doesn't like you. Recent Airman of the Quarter!

MSGT TARLETON, NATHAN - Resident FCOM specialist. Go ahead and try and fool him. Likes to eat food that makes him gassy before being around other people.

TSGT TAYLOR, DANIEL - Slated for IB school. When he's not flying, you can find him under a pile of bricked iPads in Pubs. Where are all the stratus pucks?

SMSGT TAYLOR, RICK - Recent acquisition from McGuire. Looks like Arthur from Peaky Blinders and does a pretty solid impression too. Welcome to Pease!

TSGT WHITE, DAVID - Still doing secret stuff at the wing level. Stays busy as a new father and can occasionally be seen in a hard hat conducting inspections on our Ops building construction project.

MSGT WINDY, MICHAEL - Mike spends his days trying to get our tactics program running. At least that's what we're told. 9 deployments under his belt and counting (once we start deploying). When he's not drinking coffee, he's making coffee.

PHOENIX ANG, ARIZONA

197 ARS

COPPERHEADS



This Unit did not submit.

PITTSBURGH IAP, PENNSYLVANIA

171st ARW



This Unit did not submit.

RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY



This Unit did not submit.

RICKENBACKER IAP, OHIO

121 ARW/145 ARS

“TAZZ”



This Unit did not submit.

RICKENBACKER ANGB, OHIO

166 ARS



This Unit did not submit.

ROLAND R. WRIGHT ANG BASE, SLC, UTAH

191 ARS

Home of SLARCO



This Unit did not submit.

RAF MILDENHALL, UNITED KINGDOM

100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS

THE BLOODY BOOMERS...HYB!



The 2022 General Carl A. Spaatz Trophy Winning Squadron! The 351st provides EUCOM, AFRICOM and NATO with Air-to-Air Refueling, Aeromedical Evacuation, and cargo support capabilities while being the sole tanker support for USAFE-AFAFRICA with only 15 primary assigned KC-135s and 42 assigned boom operators. The squadron continues to fly record breaking numbers, logging an impressive 8,064 total hours, surpassing 2021 by 11%. They were the first unit to respond to the Ukraine-Russia conflict and finished the year closing KC-135 operations out of Moron AB. This unit is made up of some rock star boom operators. See details below:

351 ARS:

SMSgt Chris Staton, Sq SEL - Our Senior Enlisted Leader, he would rather be behind a desk or in a meeting than flying! (sarcasm), but somebody has to take care of the squadron. He is an Outstanding SEL/mentor...and an ok-ish boom!

MSgt Marcus Hudson, Chief Boom - Our Chief Boom, Marcus loves Cargo! So much so that some of us wonder if he missed his calling as a load master...or a Patch. Marcus has brought his breadth of experience into the Chief Boom position and is doing an amazing job.

TSgt Randy Miller, First Sergeant - Our Squadron First Sergeant. Randy is a man of few words but always gets the job done. He's also getting ready to take over as A-Flight, Flight Chief and has been on the road quite a bit trying to defend NATO with a team of rookie booms.

B Flt Leadership:

MSgt Brandon "GATM" Roberts - Our Flight Chief of B Flight, "Warning"- "Do not engage in conversation" He will discuss his sports memorabilia hobby with you even if you aren't interested in it! Quite the bowler..had a perfect game going until the 9th frame, then we put the bumpers down.

DOT:

TSgt Kaylene Garcia - Our NCOIC of Training, Kaylene once got an entire squadron to leave work to search for her lost cat named Fish. A very impressive feat and we all thank you Kaylene. FYI we never found the cat...he came back on his own.

SSgt Tyler Young - Just got here from McConnell, Young is a quiet guy who is keeping a low profile and just doing his job in Training. So far...the only boom that was forgotten about by leadership stepping off the Patriot Express...I think they are still apologizing to him.

SSgt Jacob Bitter – Jake arrived from the CRW and just finished MCT and is on his second tour at RAFM. He may have been the last SSgt in the AF to sign his EPR...just a week ago. Cheers Jake.

SrA Anthony “Tolly” Toliver - Tolly is a good Boom Operator, we just need to teach him what exactly a Brute Force disconnect is. For some reason he’s still trying to solve the hydro issue on the boom sighting window..News Flash..maintenance doesn’t care.

SrA Jordan Carr – Our newest Instructor and front runner for the Lt Col Ferdinandsen (our old Squadron CC) look alike contest winner. Carr has a bright future! He looks mean, but he’s a big teddy bear.

SrA Jeffrey Mayfield - One of our young and upcoming stars. Mayfield looks like he should still be in high school. So much so that he continuously gets carded in England. He won BTZ but contrary to popular opinion it wasn’t because of his Marshalling skills.

DOS:

TSgt Tyler Loeslein - “Girl Power!” She loves being a part of all the Female flights, so much so that they made her NCOIC of scheduling so that she could schedule herself for more. She is a Great Leader who is constantly leading and developing our younger members. Hungry for hours and IB upgrade. Keep up the great work Tyler!

SSgt Cory “Emer” Drummond - Our Scheduling guru, he has single-handedly discovered how to PCS and owe the government money for it! He will be addressed as “AMC Instructor of the Year”. Cory is a kickass boom operator and a hell of a mentor for our younger booms.

SSgt Juan “JC” Morales – Is her still stationed here? He takes so much leave to Spain, we think that he’s just TDY here at RAF Mildenhall. JC is a super positive guy and will make an excellent addition to March AFB.

SrA Jesse Santiago - Jesse has been holding down the scheduling shop and learning how to BBQ from SSgt Satberry. He’s in line for IB upgrade and will make an excellent instructor.

DOV:

TSgt Fernando “Bromie” Brome - Our Chief of Stan/Eval and Newest MSgt! He is friendly, boisterous, and you can always tell when Brome is at work when he laughs as it is heard throughout the entire building, albeit he is a bit misguided when it comes to the Green Bay Packers.

SSgt Daniel Zopfi -There is always that one IB that scares all of the baby booms and that is Zopfi! For some reason all the young Booms always ask “is there anyone else?”

SrA Dan “DJ” Crump - Our resident DJ for Squadron parties and events. Always one to participate in Squadron Sports, but he needs to work on those Bowling and softball skills! Stay in the books DJ Crump.

SrA Robert Elsea - Elsea swears that he has put his online dating life on hold for CFIC but so far we are only seeing adequate results! Headed to CFIC after the Independence Day break...watch out for those “techniques”

Awards and Decs:

SSgt Kevin Satberry - Kevin is our NCOIC of Awards and Decs, however you will never find him there, as our resident Squadron BBQ extraordinaire, he has been keeping the Squadron fat and happy at all of the squadron events although he new callsign may be “Achilles”

SrA Kacey Dickey - Dickey is a quiet guy and found himself a local souvenir. Here before too long he’ll have a British accent and be sipping tea. Luckily, he has a good dental plan. Keep up the great work Dickey! Upgrade coming soon...

Tactics:

SSgt Alex Garcia - Alex enjoys hiding in the vault and pretending to be busy so that he doesn't have to do any real work, wait he's tactics. Never mind that is his job!

Safety:

SrA Nick McGurk - Nick is one of our young Instructors, but he is looking to cross over to greener pastures and become an officer, which seems fitting since he thinks that he is just an enlisted Officer now. On most days, he can be found lifting heavy things and putting them back down across the parking lot at the gym.

A-Flight:

MSgt Mark Smith Flight Chief: Mark loves Altus AFB! He was an MTL there and then cross trained to be a boom so that he could go back there and wouldn't you know it, he is going back. Mark is headed to an AGR position. Well done!

SSgt Marissa Tooze-Johnson – A Flight NCOIC, Marissa is a hard worker who volunteers and takes on everything...and we mean EVERYTHING! She's doing amazing things and is a fantastic mentor to our younger booms.

A1C Max Richards - Max is a young and talented boom operator who is never one to shy away from work or his responsibilities. He is like a giant Teddy Bear. Max flew the majority of his MCT flights defending NATO from Russian aggression and accrued over 500 hours in his first 15 months of flying. IB coming up real quick like!

A1C Kyle Stumphauzer - Stump is the only boom operator who takes a gallon of milk on his flights in an attempt to gain weight. Bro eat some protein!

A1C Morrigan "MO MO" Denman - Being the Luckiest Boom Operator in the world, Denman always seems to launch within hours of assuming Alert! Once on a TDY she set off the fire alarm by somehow taking too hot of a shower.

A1C Zachary Donato - Donato is one of our young smart and very talented boom operators that is going to go far...now if we could just teach him how to clean his dorm room!

100 OSS:

Wing Execution:

MSgt Nelson Germer - If "Where's Waldo" was a person then it would be Germ. Luckily you do not have to look too hard to find him...just check your Instagram!

TSgt Jamar Campbell - Jamar finally found a place to maintain a low profile in current Ops after the release of his look alike Brittany Spears video. Jamar just returned from NCOA and is ready to reemphasize standards within the unit...all joking aside, Jamar is a solid boom operator and NCO.

SSgt Miles Humphries – Miles came here from the CRW using his skills to expertly and sometimes questionably accomplish the mission. Although he ghosted his sponsor, we still love the guy. Miles, pick up your phone!

Wing Tactics:

TSgt Eric "Stroke" Severs – Eric is our special "W" coded BO and is the NCOIC of Tactics. He is so tactical that you can't even find him half the time. He just took the reigns on RTIC, now if only we had a system that worked. AIC Grad...figure it out!

100 OG:

OGT:

MSgt Terrell Frideger – Our Superintendent of OGT, he arrived from Altus a few months ago, but seems to be TDY all the time. Seems like he is making up for all that Altus time. Also its called a “MEME” not a “ME-ME” Fridge. Fridge has been “booming” for longer than most of our TSgt’s have been alive.

SSgt Katlin Hubbard-Allen - She seemed so sweet when she was in A-Flight caring for all of the booms, but since becoming an IB, the Squadrons budget for tissues has risen from the amount of tears that our candidates produce. She’s done a great job with our CFIC program. Yes...you’ll get more manning soon.

OG Exec:

SSgt Justin Elliott – As the Group Chiefs exec he likes to challenge his peers by releasing the awards board packages at the very last minute (like literally at the board). He also has mad basketball skills that are so sick he broke his own leg. However, Justin just found out today he made TSgt...you are no longer the oldest Staff Sergeant in the AF 😊

OGV:

SMSgt Chad Holloway - Our newest SMSgt that takes all of the good TDY’s! Paired with the SEL, they are undefeated in cornhole and Chad smokes a brisket like no other. Since you only work half days in OGV, go work on that golf game.

FNG’s:

TSgt Cheyenne White – Recent retrainee, but already discovering the perks of being aircrew. One of our new MSgt selects. Welcome to RAF Mildenhall. Cheyenne just finished up a DSD as an MTL at Hurlbert Field. Looking for great things out of her this year.

SrA Jonathan Ross – Another new arrival, Ross comes to us from MacDill and has already hit the ground running. He’ll be a great addition to our scheduling job in a few weeks.

SrA Gabriel Padilla – Just arrived from McConnell AFB. Sponsor likes him so much he failed to get his name tags. Expecting some great things from Padilla.

A1C Aidan Hilty – Hilty is another new member who just came to us from Altus. Welcome to the Show. He may have a photographic memory and is typically smarter than our IB candidates.

A1C Reece Carman – Reece just got here from Altus, and leadership’s first words to him were “we are going to need to see that shaving waiver!” Dude came off the Patriot Express sporting purple crocs, bringing the PNW to RAFM. Welcome to the Team.

A1C Alex Robinson – One of the newest editions to the 351st. Alex is still going through MCT. .Struggling to get that Night Fighter Cert with only 5 hours of darkness. Good luck kid!

A1C Edgar Lopez – New baby boom from BIQ. Welcome to RAFM.

PCS’d/Separated/Retired (Dead to Us)

MSgt Dillon Poole – MSgt Dillon Poole – Thank you for your 22 Years of Service! Dillon is retiring soon and headed back to the civilian world. Hopefully that skill bridge works out but if it does not at least you know how to pump gas.

MSgt Joel Bradley – Joel chose to go back to his original AFSC because he missed CE so much. We will miss you Joel, enjoy those beautiful skies and warm weather in Minot.

TSgt Alex Govan – Took his talents to be a MTL at Lackland AFB! Congrats on (M)Sgt! His misses being a boom EVERYDAY!

TSgt Blake Soule – Took his talents to Fairchild AFB, WA. Congrats on (M)Sgt!

TSgt Juan Upegui – Couldn't cut it as a Boom anymore, is now serving fries to Generals and Senators as a FA. Miss you Bud!

TSgt Derek Peifer – Found a sweet gig as Guard Bum working as a planner in Florida. Enjoy the sunshine.

SSgt Brendan Smith – Can now be found trying to entice new Airmen into the Air Force as a Recruiter in New York.

SSgt Brayan Ramirez-Santiago – Another one that couldn't cut it as a boom anymore, is now an AE Medic in Florida.

SrA Eric Volstad – Living the old southern country life at Birmingham, Al.

SrA David Rodriguez – Old man Dave decided he had enough and took his talents back to the civilian world. Best of luck buddy!

TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA

601 AOC / 101 AOG

“AMERICA’S AIR OPERATIONS CENTER”



Florida Air National Guard

MSgt Austin “Rude” Arnold (AGR): *c. 2005*, You will figure out why his callsign is “Rude” if you decide to get into a debate. Unfortunately, he is normally right and everyone sure loves that. He always talks about buying a boat, but never actually gets one. Never stops working on a new project either at work or at home and will tell you about it whether you asked to hear about it or not. Did I mention he likes to talk?

TSgt Derek “Rogue” Peifer (AGR): *c. 2015*, He made it from England...and “Peif’d” it up the entire way. Day 1, he spent a fortune on shipping his cat, lost his luggage, picked an Airbnb that only took organs as compensation, and his car flooded. Day 2, he promoted to TSgt! He is a work horse; in his first 6 months he built more mission than he has made contacts! He wants to be a real estate “Master Investor”, just needs to find duplexes without septic issues. Despite being a “painfully average” West Virginian and owning to much Gucci, we are glad to have him on the team!

MSgt Ryan Seifert (DSG): *c. 2004*, Is in the 101 ACOMS as a traditional Guardsman. Stop by and see us when you come in for drill.

Colonel John “Boom Boom” Erickson (AGR): *c. 1992*, He is the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) for the 601 AOC.



SCOTT AIR FORCE BASE, ILLINOIS

HQ AMC/A3CC

“Theater Command & Control”



Mr. Greg Conrad (SMSgt ret. 1981-2003; Mather, Loring, Castle, Altus, Scott) – Greg and his wife Angie are doing great with their youngest daughter Kristen graduating from high school and heading to Vegas to transition from a competitive dancer to professional dancer. His oldest son Bryan is in Peoria and his daughter Miranda and son Justin live in the local area. Greg is the resident A3 historian with 28 years in the directorate! Look us up if you are in town and want to talk old boom stories!

Mr. Tony “T-Nick” Nicholson (MSgt ret. 1986-2006; Offutt, Castle, Altus, Scott) – Tony and his wife Fran have their Wisconsin property move in ready now, last August they built a 14 x 40 cabin with a 9 x 22 bonus room, (Touch And Go Lodge). Still on the move, enjoying their new RV, (Breakaway) and a new Polaris Ranger, (Badger)! Just moved out of the rental and into their RV, full time for the next few months. Always active with the Road Warriors, just finished up a Team Relay in the Colorado Rockies, at Snowmass Village. They are planning to be at more Boom Operator events in the future, and look forward to seeing everyone!

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906th ARS

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127th WG / 171st ARS

“SIX PACK”



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**77th ARS
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC**

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"

2023



A Giant "Hello Y'all" from the Booms here in the 77th, Home of the "TOTIN' TIGERS". We have just welcomed back the 911th to Shady J. It will take a while for them to be fully manned; until then we will wait to see what trips they bring to table. For now, they will be jumping on the reserve TDY's & wondering how we have so many great deals. We are already benefiting from their arrival on the hiring side of the Boom House, one hire & a second in the works.

We picked up our last KC-46 tail number 6077 this past winter. Boom manning has increased; the hiring will continue as we figure out our Final manning and school slots. We always say, "WHEN you decide to leave active duty or want to come to the BEST Reserve unit, give us a call". We have a variety of positions ARTS, AGR & TR's; we will have a large turnover of fulltime positions over the next few years with some of our younger Booms becoming Pilots & many of our senior Booms retiring. We have some great schools here, NC State, UNC, Wake Forrest, East Carolina, Campbell University, Methodist, Duke, and Meredith all within 1-2 hours of the unit; this is a great way to go to school and still be a Boom Operator. Stop by & say Hi. If you have enough time, we'll take you out for some Carolina BBQ & sweeeeet tea!

Carolina Blue Skies,
SMSgt Barry Bradley
916 OGV Superintendent

MSgt Jeremy "Tin Man" Bennett MB- Apr 07 - Present

Flying History KC-135R 2207.2 Hrs – KC-46A 288.3 Hrs. - Total 2504.5 Hrs.

He's still at Cherry Point Depot making the F-35's GREAT AGAIN & better to fly, he loves a challenge. Hasn't made SMSgt yet but he has his eyes on it, to be continued!! Still loving life on the beach with his wife, kids & ski boat, still not enough time with 2 kids! He's always looking for friends to ski with, and help watch his kids, not in that order. Give him a call if you're on the NC coast.

CMSgt Gregory "Scottie" Benton MB – Jul 17 – Present

Flying History C-130 1980.7 Hrs. – KC135R 572.3 Hrs. - KC-46A 226.9 Hrs. – Total 2862 Hrs.

Now a Chief with a new job, he's our new OG Superintendent. Obviously still making things happen & getting things done, don't ask questions! He has a cool job at Bragg & once a year looking for people to play in the woods with his Bragg students, best thing is you can get put on orders to do it. Still on the farm and giving us double yoke eggs, Hmm!

SMSgt Barry "Stan Evil" Bradley EB – (Joined Aug 93) Nov 93 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H 3431.8 Hrs. - KC-10 843.1 Hrs. – KC-135R/T 6738.9 Hrs. - KC-46A 887.8 Hrs. - Total 11907.6 Hrs.

Barry is still our group Stan/Eval "The Hammer" Boom. He was our first fully qualified KC-46 IB/EB/Initial Cadre Boom and still flying more than his share. He's not going TDY as much as he would like, he can't get out of the office because no-one will do his job, so he says! He's still hoping to deploy in the KC-46 before he retires. Still screaming about GTIMS, he's now allowed to go back to PEX but he says NOT going to happen. He bought a new 2022 Road Glide for him & Tammy to travel the world on. He still has 60 more years in the unit, so he'll be around for a while NOT, 2 years & we are all counting.

SrA Jalen Cottle MB- Nov 21 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 34.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 344.4 Hrs. – Total 385.9 Hrs.

One of many new Booms & one that had to go to KC-135 school to become an experienced Boom before going to KC-46 training. He's grateful to finally be back at SJ after surviving years at all the schoolhouse, training & all the troubles that come with it! He's learning the AF way & all the fun we have as Booms, let's see next as he writes his next chapter.

MSgt Christopher Davis IB – Aug 14 - Present

Flying History C-5A/B 1048.5 Hrs. - KC-135R 423.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 537.9 Hrs. - Total 2024.4 Hrs.

Our new KC-46 Boom training flight NCOIC. He still seems like one of our newest old Baby Booms, his job in training flight might age him a little, time will tell. He's not doing as many TDY's now that he's landed an ART job. He's still working his way up the ladder in the Squadron now as a full timer he's eyeing his next job, Stan Eval or maybe Commander, Shhh, be very, very quiet, just thinking.

SMSgt Keny "Dammit" Fallin MB - Aug 06 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 7010.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 651.9 Hrs. – Total 7665.5 Hrs.

Keny "Every day is a Training Day" Fallin. Keny still can't make up his mind on a job- or what he wants to be when he grows up, he's now the Boom NCOIC & still the Building Manager now sitting in his own office in the scheduling shop. He's still the real estate King of Trailer parks in Wayne County. Keny still talks about buying his mid-engine Corvette, as a married man & kids at driving age the Vette maybe a decade away. Keny still reminds us that in Europe Budweiser is an import!

MSgt Anthony Flores MB – Jun 19 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 1663.4 Hrs. – Total 1663.4 Hrs.

One of our Guard transferees from McGhee Tyson. We only see him on UTA's, and he has never actually flown with us, we think he's afraid of the Reserve Booms showing him how great we are. He's has decided not to go to KC-46 school & retire instead. Stay tuned to the next Boom Signal to see what actually happens.

MSgt Brian Greer IB – Apr 2016

Flying History C-130E/H/J 1883.2 Hrs. - KC-135R 797.7 Hrs. – KC-46A 424.0 Hrs. - Total 3104.9 Hrs.

Another confused Boomer, he can't stick with just one aircraft. C-130, KC-135, KC-46, now flying the BOT every day at Flight Safety. He doesn't really miss anything as a fulltime Reservist because he's making \$10,000 an hour or so! Not sure if he's ever recovered from doing IPads, but he smiles more now. He was scheduled to fly the other day, after the crew brief, he walked down to the SIM & BOT instead of the bus. He didn't know that the jets are parked outside on the ramp, that might explain why he's non-current & unqualified.

SSgt Shane, Hardin MB – Jul 22 - Present

Flying History C-5A/B 56.9 Hrs. – KC-46A 264.5 Hrs. - Total 324.4 Hrs.

One of our newest Booms, a prior C-5 guy with tons of experience traveling around the world (especially Japan), he won't lead you astray or at least not too far, maybe! He's an organizer, likes projects to do but TDY's more. His future will undoubtedly add stories here in the future.

TSgt James Hargrove MB – Sep 2022 - Present

Flying History KC-46A 57.3 Hrs. - Total 129.3 Hrs.

One of many new Booms returning from KC-46 training that we are flying every day, almost! He's grateful to be complete & back from the schoolhouse. Now he's in the middle of it all at SJ, MCT training, seasoning tour, TDY's & eventually in our big exercise at the later end of this year!!

SrA Tim Hohnadel MB – Mar 20 TBD – Present

Flying History KC-135R 16.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 433.8 Hrs. – Total 460.4 Hrs.

Tim is one of our newest Oldest baby booms, completed BBOC in 2020, but AETC couldn't figure out how to train new KC-46 Booms. Off to KC-135 school, then a month or two turn-around & go to KC-46 school as an experienced KC-135 Boom. He's currently working in body scheduling office & Fallin's assistant Building Manager.

TSgt Nathan "VAPER" Horton MB – Nov 16 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H 818.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 501.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 175.6 Hrs. – Total 1494.7 Hrs.

KC-46 Boomer trying to build up his hours hoping to exceed the last two aircraft hours. He's a TR but stays busy with us too; not a lot of extra time now that he has 2 kids, he's still burning the candle at all 3 ends. If you know Nate wish him well, congratulate him and say your prayers for his wife & kids.

MSgt Kristianjon "K2" Kankelfritz MB – Dec 16 - Present

Flying History C-130H 1041.3 Hrs. - KC-135R 905.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 1242.2 Hrs. - Total 3195.4 Hrs.

He's one of our first AGR Booms being thankful not being an ART. He's assigned to MPC, trying to keep everything running, well that's what he tells us, we don't know how since he's flying or TDY 90% of the time. He went to IB school & it didn't increase his flying enough, so he became an evaluator. We want him to move up to bigger & better things, he says no, no, no, I like the AGR hours & pay.

CMSgt Mark "Beerman" McElmurry IB- Apr 97 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 6832.8 Hrs. – KC-46A 884.0 Hrs. - Total 7730.3 Hrs.

He's the NEW & IMPROVED Chief Boom, but still does all his other additional duties. What!! Time to order someone else to do that... Even as the new Chief & pay increase he's still NOT making beer for us. Still no bees, maybe he's still feeling the sting. Now what, we have no idea.

SrA Lucius Mcraven UB – Aug 22 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 44.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 0.0 Hrs. - Total 44.6 Hrs.

One of many new Booms & going the hard way to get there, KC-135 school to become an experienced Boom then to KC-46 training. He's grateful to be getting closer to being complete & out of the schoolhouse world. Then the fun starts at SJ, MCT training, TDY's & maybe back in time for our big exercise!!

MSgt Mitchell "Miller Lite" Miller KC-46 MB – Dec 10 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 1620.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 200.8 Hrs. – Total 1824.4 Hrs.

Still in body scheduling to ensure he doesn't have to fly much. The Booms had a revolt on the SIM Scheduling office & made him the new Boom BOT/FUT scheduler. For the moment you can call him MATT. He plans on making sure all of us fly & maintain our currencies to keep the war fighting squadron at the tip of the spear. He has completed RQ KC-46 training, if only the Boom Body scheduler would make him fly more than once a month. We all understand he is a busy man with 50 kids at home, we all have priorities.

TSgt Patrick Muckey MB Apr 14 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 2866.1 Hrs. –KC-46A 293.9 Hrs. – Total 3164.5 Hrs.

He's back to his civilian job forking & lifting, still flying occasionally for dollars. He's no longer carrying the load for the squadron going TDY, he's now just trying to stay current & relevant, he's doing a good job at it too. He smiles more now that he doesn't have to lay down on the job. If you get gas from him, give us a call, let us know how his contacts are! If you want to talk NASCAR or Mustangs, he's always ready, but you'll have to make it fast!!

SSgt Ralph Nickens MB Aug 22 - Present

Flying History KC-46A 131.8 – Total 131.8 Hrs.

One of many new Booms NOT doing it the hard way by going through KC-135 school. He chooses to go straight to KC-46 training so he thinks he had a choice! He's grateful to be complete & out of the schoolhouse world. Now he's in the middle of it all at SJ, MCT training, TDY's & back in time for our big exercise at the later end of this year!!

TSgt Alexander Oakes MB - Nov 17 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 786.0 Hrs. – KC-46A 698.2 – Total 1493.2 Hrs.

One of our newest AGR's working less but making more. If you notice the maps in NC are all screwed up blame Alex, he's no longer working for NCDOT making maps better, so if you get lost don't call him just blame him. He's in OGV running the iPad & pubs program for the unit, actually it's running him. He doesn't have much time to fish, playing video games or build his empire, he's flying his butt off working on his civilian pilot's license. We all know what's next, he's going to the other side. If you can find us stop by & say Hi.

SSgt Camilo Abreo perez MB - Oct 22 - Present

Flying History Hrs. KC-46A 59.4 Hrs. – Total 103.4 Hrs.

One of many new Booms NOT doing it the hard way through KC-135 school first, he went straight to KC-46 training, it's all about choices or timing! Now he's back and in the middle MCT training, TDY's & whatever we throw at him!!

MSgt Bradley Pike IB – Jul 17 - Present

Flying History C-130H 1083.7 Hrs. KC-135R 769.5 Hrs.- KC-46A 513.1 Hrs. – Total 2369.3 Hrs.

He's one of our newer AGR Booms glad to not be an ART. He's assigned to MPC, trying to keep everything running like a well-oiled Bartender. He went to IB school so he could boss Booms around & talk more.

No longer commutes across the state to get to work, He's now local (bye bye Tesla & Harley, WHY!!) & always looking for a drinking buddy or 12. He's waiting on KC-46 school this spring so he can be part of the 46 gang. He wants to open a fire dancing school when he retires, if you want to learn, give him a call in a couple of years.

MSgt Jeremy “GE” Reynolds MB - Apr 08 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 3304. Hrs. KC-46A 149.9 Hrs. – Total 3463.1 Hrs.

Barely a KC-46 Boom, he's trying to make up for all the time he missed at GE. He always has a smile & full of encouragement, he's always looking for a running buddy, if interested give him a call if you can keep up. Still making us all look bad on our PT tests because he has been scoring a 185 on all his tests. Yes he completes 2 test in the time it takes us to do 1. He's Forest Gump has conceded to Jeremy as the king of running.

TSgt Bryan Snow MB – Jun 22 - Present

Flying History Hrs. KC-46A 232.3 Hrs. – Total 235.3 Hrs.

One of many new Booms back from to KC-46 training & flying anywhere & everywhere. He's grateful to & out of the schoolhouse world. Now the fun starts at SJ, MCT training, Seasoning tour, TDY's & maybe our big exercise!!

TSgt Joe Stansfield MB – May 18 – Present

Flying History C-130 E/H 332.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 427.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 504.9 Hrs. – Total 1273.4 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. He stays pretty busy with his civilian job but has given us plenty of time to get proficient with the KC-46. We think he's crazy but he's trying to get a fulltime position at the Squadron. Steady Joe has become one of our regular flyers keeping the gas flowing. His favorite receiver is F-15's from SJ. NOT.

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

Flying History KC-135R/T 3167.9 Hrs. – KC-46A 754.1 Hrs. – Total 3925.0 Hrs.

He's stepped into the dark side, he's now an ART & newly assigned to training flight. NO more limited availability, but life is still busy. We would tell you more but he has kept a low profile & stays out of trouble unlike the rest of us. He still has a nice Subaru Rally car and he hasn't blown it up again lately.

TSgt Jemere Todd MB – Oct 17 – Present

Flying History C-130H 147.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 411.2 Hrs. KC-46 74.2 Hrs. – Total 635.4 Hrs.

He stayed pretty busy with his civilian Trooper job and trying to keep us all from getting pulled over. He has taken leave from his trooper job and an order for a couple of years to baby sit our cadets awaiting BMT. He Completed KC-46 training but had some medical issues due to the SHOT, time will tell what direction his adventure will go.

MSgt Robert White IB Jun 21 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 2691.9 Hrs. – KC-10 1300.1 Hrs. - KC-46A 407.5 Hrs. – Total 4402.5 Hrs.

He's breezed thru KC-46 training so he could come back & work in the MPC. He's snagged an AGR position so he's always available for anything good, going anywhere good, doing anything good!! He hangs out in our MPC, although we may have other plans or additional duties for him (he may not know this yet. Shhh.)!! Ask him for a ride in his BMW!

MSgt Derrick Yelverton MB – Sep 14 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 508.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 204.6 Hrs. – Total 719.2 Hrs.

He's breezed thru KC-46 training back at his civilian job, but we see him on a regular basis. He's a TR Boom, he's always a welcomed sight & he always has a smile no matter how much crap (AF requirements) we pile on him every time he shows up. FYI if you need a bank or a loan (maybe a safe combo) give him a call. Welcome to the KC-46.

Attached but not forgotten

CMSgt Aaron Ray EB

Flying History KC-135R/T 2691.9 Hrs. – KC-10 1300.1 Hrs. - KC-46A 407.5 Hrs. – Total 4402.5 Hrs.

He's at AFRC, we talk often but see him seldom, so Good & Bad for both of us. If you see him on the road buy him a beer, say hi & ask a lot of questions he has answer.

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FLIGHT SAFETY BOOM INSTRUCTORS

Sean Rix

Earl Mayhew

Brian Greer

Ryan Perry

Jason Prosser

Booms of Yore & the date they were here

Listed by departure year:

2022

MSgt Rich “Bowl O’ Chili” Bonicelli MB - Oct 04 – 2 Jan 22 Deceased

Flying History KC-135R/T 3327.0 Hrs. – Total 3327.0 Hrs.

Rich has left his mark in many ways in this unit & on this base. He will be sorely missed & loved by all. It's truly not the same without him here.

TSgt Cody “Haircut” Beverly MB - Mar 15 – Jun 21

Flying History KC-135R 4503.3 Hrs. – KC-46A 29.1 Hrs. –Total 4532.4 Hrs.

He went to the Reserves at Altus as a KC-46 Boom & now working for Flight Safety. Not sure if he's teaching new Booms how to inflate the escape slides, but we know if anyone can, he can. Good luck on all future endeavors big or Tiny.

TSgt Dan “FROSTY” Frost IB – Apr 17 – Dec 21

Flying History KC-135R/T 2725.3 Hrs. – KC-46A 191.6 Hrs. - Total 2920.9 Hrs.

He is a Boom Weapon School Graduate, currently going through Pilot training heading to KC-46 training & should be back at SJ late this year. Hopefully he remembers where he came from.

CMSgt Tony “Frank the Tank” Parris MB - Nov 93 - Dec 03 & Apr 08 – Dec 22 -Retired

Flying History C-141B 914.6 Hrs. – KC-10A 517.4 Hrs. - KC-135R/T 5723.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 56.8 Hrs. – Total 7211.9 Hrs.

He moved to Warner Robins with his family, new house, new retirement life. He’s enjoying being home with his son. We’ll miss talking to him about what vehicle he’s going to buy next.

2021

SSgt Noah “Preacher” Starnes MB – Dec 16 – Aug 21

Flying History C-130 277.3 Hrs. - KC-135R 892.2 Hrs. – Total 1169.5 Hrs.

A prior Loadmaster & Pope Refugee. He’s still enjoying his Honeymoon with his wife & will always be on his honeymoon. They are traveling the world & make it a better place. In other words “Making the World Great Again”.

SSgt Alex (first name Squared) Mark IB – Sep 12 – Mar 21

Wanted to be a Pilot but didn’t want to get a lobotomy, so we kept him around for a while. He’s still really good at putting out fires as a civilian firefighter & as an ART (he’s got his hands in everything). He has decided to take his family & part of his farm with him to McConnell AFB as a TR. He found his calling and a full time job out there at the Innovation Center where he plans on changing the flying world. We wish him luck.

2020

SSgt Thomas “SQUISH” Smarsh MB – Sep 16 – Feb 20

Flying History KC-135R 1108.0 Hrs.– Total 1108.0 Hrs.

He’s is still telling all his Army war stories from all the battles he fought in Hawaii. He can’t keep a job in the Squadron, from Scheduling to Orders clerk, iPad guru. Now he drank the Pilot’s Kool-Aide and so we lost another good Boom. He’s already completed OTS & his first flight check. Hopefully he doesn’t get brained washed, or comes back with a big head or think he’s better than the Enlisted. We shall see how his training goes KC-135 then a couple months later go to KC-46, or just KC-46. Time will tell.

2019

TSgt Roxanne “ROXY” Best MB –Aug 14 – Aug 19

She’s one of our Booms that loves to fly & one of our “go to Booms” when we need help. BUT, after her last deployment she dropped her retirement orders. SURPRISE! She loves flying but now it will just be in her civilian job, our loss. Now she’ll have time to enjoy her new estate.

SSgt Kijuan Amey IB - Apr 15 – Jun 19

He’s from Durham NC; now he’s writing a new chapter. Just to catch everyone up on Amey, he had a motorcycle accident a few years back & lost his sight, but I truly think he sees better than we can. His personality hasn’t changed, if anything he’s funnier if that’s even possible. He has more ideas on what to do next, he has a band, he’s looked at being a drag racer, give him time maybe the next astronaut. He hasn’t slowed down, so catch him on Facebook & say Hi. He took his fini-flight June 2019 and made about 200 contacts!!! If you’re in town on a UTA stop by the squadron you might even see him there, he stops by once in a while to share his adventures with us.

TSgt Sena “The Boom Princess” Alfaro MB - Apr 09 – Dec 2019

She was one of our Traditional Reservists here at Shady J. She has 3 girls, they are keeping every free moment and then some very busy. She has since separated from the AF and is writing a new chapter in her life. We wish her & her little girl gang the best in their future.

2018

SSgt Rachel Cullen MB – Mar 17- Mar 18

She's was one of our many Pope Army Air Field "refugees", a prior Loadmaster. She went on one deployment & decided it was too hard to juggle a family & an Army husband that's gone all the time. We wish her well.

SSgt Sonya "Teacher" Alexander MB – Apr 15 – Jun 18

Flying History KC-135R/T 1126.6 Hrs. –Total 1126.6 Hrs.

She's no longer one of our Baby Boom's not even a new Boom, heck not even a Boom Operator. She has moved on to become; unfortunately, an officer, a Pilot for us...she has gone to that side! She completed her Altus KC-135 Pilot training in early 2020 & then convert to a KC-46 Pilot right after that. She wanted to RULE the Boom world, now it will have be the Pilot world!! Watch out!!

SSgt Ryne Jordan MB – Apr 2016 – Jun 18

He was one of many Pope Refugees, prior Loadmaster. He became a Boom, but that wasn't enough. He's was one of our TR's crossing over to the Pilot side. He completed her Altus KC-135 Pilot training in early 2020 & then convert to a KC-46 Pilot right after that. Hope he loves training. Now back at the Sq.

2017

TSgt/SMSgt Billy "Mr. Deployment" Somerville (MB) - Dec 00 – Oct 17 Retired

BJ is loving retirement, riding his Harley and working on his fleet of Airplanes. Now that he is retired; he discovered he doesn't have enough time to get anything done. Ride hard, ride long.

TSgt Kenneth Stoddard (MB) – Mar 15 – Jan 17 Retired

Just a quick stop at Shady J, retired/IRR in 2017. He went on to Boeing as the Weight & Balance guy for Boeing in SC. So if you want to discuss W & B he's the one.

2016

2015

TSgt Adam "Shot Gun" Craft (MB) – Jun 14 – Dec 15

Adam went to the AGR world at Tinker doing PDM flights now at HQ AFRC.

AIC/TSgt Tara "Scratch 'n Dent" (formally known as Hopewell) Kirkpatrick (MB)- Sep 00 – & May 13 – May 15

Tara has her own business "Herbal Life Club" somewhere in the world, we will miss her.

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

He's at Home in Oklahoma at Tinker AFB. He is either working for the World Renowned Chief "BIFF" Robinson, or currently an AGR doing the PDM flights.

2014

TSgt Travis "Swine King" Swinson (IB) - Apr 11-Jun 14

Last we heard he was at McConnell AFB. Rumor has it he will be part of the KC-46 program and a Pilot on the civilian side.

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

He has retired from the Air Force Race, to concentrate on being the Big Cheese in the Insurance biz. And, he wanted to takeover NASCAR, but they were to slow for Kevin, so now he's taking over NHRA! If you want to see him go to Erica Ender's pit & say Hi to Him and his wife April.

MSgt Jorge "Habi" Brewer (MB) - Jan 04-Dec 14

Jorge is retired from the Reserves & his State Trooper job but works at RDU as a Police officer.

2013

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

Lori is an ART at AFRC in the Tanker Mission Support Cell. She misses flying and misses SJ, heck she just misses us.

2012

2011

SSgt J.R. Bravo (MB) – 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 and then received a Commission as an AF COP, we think! Next chapter unknown for now?

2010

TSgt/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 (MB) – Mar 07 – Sep 10 - He's back at work with his civilian employer. He 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/MSgt David "Chando" Chandonnet (MB)- Aug 99-Apr 09 – He & his wife are now drug dealers, the politically correct word is "Pharmacist". He now makes more money than all the Booms combined. Unless you're an ART then he makes double.

Sgt/SMSgt Sean "Bimmer" Martin (EB) – Sep 91-Jun 09- Now a retired CMSgt. He is "The KC-46 Tanker's Boom Extraordinary" and telling KC-46 Booms how to fly...but as Mister for Boeing. If you want to buy one give him a call.

2008

SSgt/MSgt Rodney "Rowdy" Smith (EB) – Apr 97-Oct 08 – Now a "MR." - went "TWISTER Oklahoma" (Tinker) as a Retiree. Now leaving in Tennessee hoping for better weather to ride his HD or work on his fleet of vehicles. He is creating his own car Museum, Corvettes, Challengers, Trucks, Harleys, if it moves it could be there! Stay tuned next year for more.

SrA Brice "Surfer" Hayden (MB) - Mar 06-Dec 08 - Last we heard is in the Savannah National Guard as a C-130 Pilot. I mean Navigator... No I mean Pilot, he just completed training and doing well.

2007

2006

CMSgt Jerry Snyder (EB) – Jun 90-Aug 06 – Retired – He's retired leaving in the local area.

TSgt/SMSgt Don Templeton (EB) – 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 (IB) – Oct 93 – Dec 03 – Went to Andrews AFB to become the Chief Boom. Returned to SJ in 2008.

MSgt Randy Palumbo (IB) – Nov 96-Jul 03 - Retired - Done retired. Somewhere in the USA. If you see him call us.

SMSgt Rick Powell (IB) – Apr 95-Oct 03- Retired - Moved to Florida & living the good life in the Sunshine State. His newest adventure is building Jeeps & driving them on the Beach. Still a proud owner of a Harley Davidson (we think) looking forward to do some riding in retirement, oh wait he's working fulltime.

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

2002

TSgt/SMSgt Brad Baxter (EB) – Apr 90-Aug 02 - Retired – Really retired, traveling around the USA in a Motorhome or Gypsy Wagon.

2001

TSgt Betty Matthews (MB) – Feb 87 – Oct 01 – MSgt Retired – Living in NC

SSgt Mike Harston – Jun 98-Jun 01 – He became a Pilot. Major Mike Harston came to Shady J, no wait he left again; he's back in the 10 world on both coasts, we think, heck he might be retired. Oh he's somewhere! Utah maybe.

2000

SMSgt Ronnie Wade (EB) – Oct 85-Mar 2000 - Deceased – We have lost a great Boom & Friend.

SMSgt Kerry Vanausdall – Nov 87 – Nov 00 – Left as a SMSgt to go to Grissom AFB. Unknown.

SSgt Jamie Ward (IB) – Jun 88-Dec 00 – Now a SMSgt, he is at Scott AFB, IL

SSgt/TSgt Carl Sisco (MB) – Apr 93 – Oct 00 - Deceased – Carl last worked at New River Air Station and lived in Wilmington NC, we will miss him & he is now entertaining everyone in Heaven.

1999

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

1998

1997

1996

SrA Corey Brown (MB)- Dec 91 – Jan 06 – We made him a Pilot. Moved as Lt Col to McGuire, back in the KC-10's.

TSgt Jon Calcote – Mar 93 – Jan 96 - Unknown

1995

SMSgt Andy “Virgil” Anderson (EB) – Oct 85-Mar 95 – Moved to Travis AFB Retired in Texas.

MSgt/SMSgt Don Askren (EB) – 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 (EB) – Sep 89 – May 95 - Retired - Chief from Robbins AFB Now living in Alabama?

TSgt Donna Dobbins (IB)– 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. Unknown.

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 was 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/MSgt Dave Brock – Jun 91 – Oct 94- Still around on Face book doing well.

SrA Jim Harris – Jan 92 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire. Unknown

SSgt Duane Slusher – Sept 92 – Jan 94 – Unknown.

SrA John Mercer – Sep 93 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire – Now at MacDill, Now Retired, now unknown.

SrA Gary Towles – Sept 93 – Oct 94 – Went to McGuire. Unknown.

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 –CMSgt Retired – Deceased 13 Jun 2023

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 – SMSgt 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

TSgt William “Grandpa” Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 Returned in Oct 91-Jun 10 – MSgt Retired – Unknown.

Seymour Johnson AFB, North Carolina

911 ARS

“Red Eagles”



SMSgt Pat Martin – What a powerhouse of a boom, this guy wills the receivers into contact with his might. Coming to us from AMC it's hard to get anything by this guy. Pat's day is filled with gym, more gym and family. He is a welcome asset to this squadron.

MSgt Brian “Reggie” Register – Reggie was the second 911th Boom to arrive on station and is our Ops Flight Chief. Moving back to his home state motivated him to go all out and live in a trailer on a horse farm. That didn't last long though. He recently bought a house now that his better half has been picked up by the 77th as a Boom Operator.

TSgt “Mater” Mould – Mater hasn't been here long but hit the ground running. He's already our resident tactics nerd and he'll be looking after the OSS as the Ops Support Flight Chief. Mater also went full NC and is currently subjecting his family to camper life on a horse farm.

SSgt Everett Dunham – Everett arrived as a newly minted instructor. When he's not busy establishing our training shop he's wrenching on or racing one of his many vehicles. The Air Force runs so thick in his veins he plans to paint his new house blue.

SrA Dustin Curran – Dustan was the third Boom on station and rolled right into Stan/Eval to keep us all on our toes. We must have worked him too hard because he rolled around in Reggie's yard and covered his entire body in poison ivy just to get a DNIF break. It's hard to shut him up, he never stops talking.

SrA Brent “Dinger” Collins – We stole Brent from McGuire and he got to work setting up scheduling. He secretly wants to be an aircraft maintainer because he won't stop talking about moonlighting as a Wash Rack specialist.

Inbounds this year:

SSgt Ralph Fleurant

SrA Jaylin West

SrA Hannah Pinchefsky

Amn Harmony Thormahlen

Amn Sedajah Rembert

SIOUX CITY ANGB, IOWA

174th ARS / 185th ARW

“THE BATS”



This Unit did not submit.

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

465th ARS

“OKIES”



This Unit did not submit.

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

10th Flight Test Squadron

“FIGHTIN’ TENTH”



This unit did not submit.

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“VIS EXTENSA”



Senior Enlisted Manager

SMSgt Michael “Smitty” Smith (46) – Worlds Okayest SEL. Still smokin cheap cigars and sipping bud lights with his pinkie out. Not sure what’s worse his golf game or his boom control during transition. We Love Smitty.

Chief Boom

MSgt Christopher “Villa” Villanueva (46) – Was given the title Chief Boom after a losing game of grab ass. He was the chief boom of FTU where his favorite game was scaring all the baby booms. Luckily for him that game continued when me moved over to the 6th and scared them all over again. GOD HELP YOU if your shadow is in his putting line. With his baby on the way we have taken to calling him “daddy”.

Evaluators

MSgt David “Pingleutz” Pingleton - 2Lt Select Pingleton can be found talking about his future as a Wizzo or behind his grill. His immense knowledge has made him a great evaluator and PSAB chief boom for a time...even if one beer gives him a buzz, we respect the grind, yet it’s still the same ole Dave!

MSgt Clay Wonders (46) - Pulled his strings to avoid Travis and yet here he is self-proclaimed OGV vectored via Talent Marketplace. He’s here to help with conversion, but oddly enough he is not good enough for Initial Cadre... you will always be AB Wonders to us.

TSgt Adam Ingan - The quietest, laid-back gamer. Adam is known for his “you sure about that” and “oh... nice trip anyone need a check?” Get him a few drinks and he’ll karaoke his best Eminem songs. You will always find him and claw daddy giving each other checks on good trips... weird!

Instructors

(M)Sgt Zachary “Biebs” Bieber (46) – The Pimp Biebs has no idea weather he wants to keep his mustache or not, lost to the 46, at a whopping 4’11 an uppercut would have great force from that depth.

TSgt Uriel Escamilla (46) – A Chihuahua in a Great Dane body, Uri’s favorite karaoke song is “Kiss by a Rose” by Seal...Even Altus did not want to train him so the delayed his RIP, but hey we’ll take ole Uri any day.

(T)Sgt Matthew “Dr.” Rando - We get it you’re better than us, BTZ, first time SSgt, now first time TSgt, all jokes... maybe! But future Dr. Rando is the squadron overachiever; you can see him with a smile now that he has left the exec shop and went to training. This guy is the go-to guy for your boom needs or “how to” to do your school.

TSgt Briana “Bree” Wilson - Newly finished instructor Boom sadly went DNIF quickly after finishing. However, she is always in the squadron with a smile, making sure her section members are where they are supposed to be. She has filled in as Chief Boom, Shirt and section chief of mission resources.

SSgt Joshua Gamble (46) - Lifetime SSgt...took the E-4 mafia to the next level. He is about to have another baby that hopefully isn’t as salty as him. Three strikes you’re out unless you try to charge booms extra for events!!!

SSgt Keaton Kert Key- When he isn’t kickin like a chicken he’s making whiskey sours and for everyone he drinks his Texas “accent” seems to get thicker. He considers himself a Rancher, but he is more like a petting zoo operator that will always give you that laugh you need. #RoosterKing

SSgt Taran Lewis (46) – He has a great circus act of drinking a full beer in 1.2 seconds with zero spills. He can line up at a parking lot and still hit it down the fairway. Had his first daughter this year, looks like the AWACS got him.

SSgt Richard “Dick” Walker (46) – The quiet gun tactician, not only brings his “guns” TDY but will purchase them as well. Born to the wrong era as he wishes to drive tanks for a living.

Line Booms

MSgt Jonathan Farmer- If you need any wood working ask the Amish Mafia Leader Sir' Farmer. Oddly enough his 18 Pax minivan is not the crew trans bus...he can be found getting recurrent or having another kid <3

TSgt Dylan Richardson – The squadron carpenter, he is always actively working on new squadron décor projects or asking when he can go back to the desert. You can find him in a different shop every few minutes talking about how the air force has changed, about his 3D printer, or flying every now and then.

SSgt Edwin Gomez-Rivera – The squadron Diva, GR is our town iPad Guru and dating app specialist. He has recently been selected for IB upgrade. When he is not trying to learn how to instruct you can find him in a variety of his outfits ranging from cowboy to marvel characters.

SSgt Ryan “Mr. Mulligan” Hicks – When he isn't asking his wife to set up his fantasy football lineup you can see Hicks running the awards and dec's shop, He finally got his first deployment, but somehow still acts new to the squadron. Sorry about February 5th.

SSgt Lyndon Nguyen - The one the only, somehow this FCC turned boom has a nice 9 o'clock bedtime and avid camping schedule, when he isn't at a brewery, he's wishing he was. Great guy to talk conspiracies and politics with.... Maybe.

SrA Ashleigh Brown – Has anyone seen her? When she is not on the road, she is hard to find but is always there with a smile...no words, but a smile at least.

SrA Ethan “E²” Ellis – Still recovering from Parker fracturing his ribs at a boom event... Recently in the works of finding an instructor upgrade spot Ethan is our go to guy for when our building is falling apart. Be nice because “mY mOm iS a CoLnOI”

SrA Alek Forslund - Mr. planned DNIF, he didn't want to leave his dog behind for his second deployment. Be nice to him though because he is a Third-degree black belt in Tae-Kwon-do, but he can't get a CCAF or read a RIP.

SrA Dawson “Dusty Musty” Mustain - Self-proclaimed most experienced deployed boom with 420 flight hours. Recent ALS grad where he earned DUSTY MUSTY??? Just passed his PT test where he got double “pinkeye.”

SrA Austin Parker - #AUSTINP10 for your discount codes...Can be found at the gym or with Ubben, Parker is the squadron mule and will always say yes when you need a hand, all muscle no brain...Good luck at upgrade.

SrA Amalia Rosa – Rosa will quickly tell you how she plans on moving to be an Oregon hippie. We all know she is going to panic re-enlist over and over again though.

SrA Ishmael “Sultan of Swag” Sweeney - The newly married...again...Sultan of Swag is no longer on the prowl. The cologne aficionado, suave gentleman and future platinum label rap artist is one of the most rounded Airman in the squadron, when he isn't flying, he is enjoying the finer things of downtown Sac.

SrA Joseph Casillas – “no show joe” “good deal joe” you name it... where is this guy? Base supply? Oh, he is on the road again. This young boom is hooked on the job and when he isn't in the schedulers ear looking for a trip, he is running squadron errands for resources and not signing up the squadron for softball. Who strikes out at slow pitch softball???

SrA Marvin Casillas – The other Casillas, Marvin in fact does have his shaving waiver on hand at all times... the secretly married out of nowhere Marvin can be caught over at transition as he milked the air force for eye surgery, future chief of police of San Francisco.

SrA Tabitha Clifton – Tabs, knocked her first deployment out with ease and has proven she can hang with the rest. When she's not in the shop showing a little sass, she is finding what good deal trips she can get on or talking to the Chief Boom about the 17,000 different jobs she can get.

SrA Jaime Lozoya - He can't handle his drinks and talks like he just ground tested go pills. “hi-may” is the king of the readiness shop and somehow puts himself in the perfect position to get coined while seemingly doing nothing... Major G

SrA Trinidad “Gerber Baby” Reyes – It’s hard to describe Big T as the baby he is when he is 6’5 240... until you see him. The Gerber baby is usually found looking very lost and confused, yet somehow is one of the smartest young airmen we have and is close to completing his bachelor’s degree.

SrA Zachary Ubben- No amount of paperwork can hold this guy down!! Ubben is the over 6’0 version of Parker that has re branded himself as a stellar young man since he got here. He is quick to argue back and let you know how he feels, Ask about his sugar mama...

A1C Brendan Price – Price the glizzy gladiator, he doesn’t say much, but when he does you can bet it’s either a cuss word or “I have no idea” still getting the hang of things after his deployment where he was found every day in a pink robe walking from the bathroom...

A1C Darcy “Juicy” Coulter - Coulter is the babiess boom we have in the squadron, but she is finally rolling out to the desert after a very shaky first solo trip. Let’s pray for her crew. She somehow got a leather jacket before deploying???

Attached/On Loan

TSgt Curtis “Claw Daddy” Clawson - The OGV Evaluator, the Claw Daddy. The Florida native, Yuengling aficionado and father to all. The expertise of him has any line boom looking over their shoulder during his many no-notice’s that seem to always be on really good trips... “taste the Rockies.”

TSgt Marco Ayala – The man Marco, Instructor Boom snagged by the OSS will always try to get on any trip he can and is a great instructor,

SSgt Cade “Shaft” Yandell (46) -If Bear Grylls was in the AF it would be “Shaft”. If you weren’t told already, he is a patch enthusiast. Has the mentality of a cross fitter but doesn’t know where the gym is.

Boom Stowed, Leaving Position (Departures)

TSgt James Coomes – The man the myth, James is a great guy for the airman of the 6th and will always guide them in the right path, when he wasn’t in the scheduler’s ears telling them to put him on a trip you could find him running the mobility shop like a well-oiled machine. Blue Skies James.

TSgt Nathaniel “Nat” Forrider (46) – A secretly married man that bought a house at McConnell and seemingly disappeared. He was our youngest evaluator and working his way to become a professional dirt bike rider. Sad to see him go.

TSgt Jared Sanchez – The newest North Carolina recruiter, he can be found with his sleeves hanging over his hands wandering around looking to help anyone with anything.

SSgt Zackary Lipsey - A NEW FATHER, Lipsey is a current ops member always dropping us the good (and bad) TDY’s. Lipsey comes in and gives a few awkward smiles and laughs and disappears for another few months until his BOTS, but we will always know what he’s doing through his active Instagram posts of his dog and new baby. Blue Skies at Sheppard being an MTL.

SSgt Enrique Reynoso - A cross-trainee that came and went, great but quiet guy that ran the safety shop quickly as he got there before he volunteered to do the NCOIC at base Honor Guard.

SSgt Ralph “Who Me?” Fleurant – A long serving member of the 6th, from instructor to evaluator...back to instructor and back to evaluator, you’ll always catch him walking around the squadron with seemingly no purpose. The suave Ralph will respond to 80% of statements with “who me” or a “hey man” before walking away. The charisma and knowledge will be missed. Headed to Seymour Johnson as the newest KC-46 Boom Operator.

SSgt Austin “Express” Hess – Oooff... After Hess’s surgery and Britney Spears moment we finally understand him, he was a great IB upgrade candidate for a time but was taken by the evil TACC at Scott AFB for a tanker planner gig. He can always be found standing awkwardly mumbling with a GREAT smile now.

SSgt Richard Hudson – Rich starts his day with a pack of Red bull and a cowboy killer and somehow manages to keep a lean mean 120lbs physique. He’s always rockin an out of reg’s mustache and gone on any trip they let him go on. Somehow managed to get an Edwards AFB test boom slot after barley graduating IB upgrade.

SSgt Jordan Smith – Jordan is now enjoying freedom on the dark side as he went to the reserves...we are pretty sure he just got married for his wife's dad's racecar, but we respect the hustle. You can catch him driving his flatbed single cab lifted F250 that was listed on Facebook marketplace 236 weeks ago.

SrA Kaitlyn Casper – Gone like the Ghost Casper, she has now taken herself down south to the reserves and we wish her luck.

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79th ARS

“TOGAs”



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621st CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING



This Unit did not submit.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

KC-10 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS

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This unit did not contribute to the 2021 Boom Signal.

The History of the iconic Esso Tiger

“Put A Tiger In Your Tank!” Pictured is an Original Esso Tiger Globe Head made from plastic, which would originally have a metal base that would fix to the top of a gas pump, mostly seen in the 1960’s in the UK.

Do you remember or still have one of those fake tiger tails from the early 60’s? Motorists all over the world were tying them to the caps of their gas tanks and sporting bumper stickers that declared: “I’ve got a tiger in my tank.” Some 2.5 million tails were sold in the US alone – and that they’re still in demand – is testimony to the durability of the campaign that convinced drivers that Esso fuel was so powerful that it was the equivalent of having a huge beast in their gas tanks.

“Put a tiger in your tank” was a slogan created in 1959 by Emery Smith, a young Chicago copywriter who had been given the task to produce a newspaper ad to boost sales of Esso Extra. The tiger wasn’t Smith’s invention. He’d first appeared as a mascot for Esso in Norway around the turn of the 20th century. But it wasn’t until the end of the Second World War – and the resumption of petrol advertising – that the tiger made his US debut. “He was a very different character back then. Cute, amiable and in cartoon form, he closely resembled Tigger in Winnie-the-Pooh and was intended to represent a new post-war optimism after years of shortages. He also gave an identifiable face to Esso in a market where brand differentiation has never been easy” It was in 1964 that the character really hit his stride with a campaign developed by McCann Erickson. As Esso sales soared and the advertising became the talk of gasoline advertising, Time magazine declared 1964 to be “The Year of the Tiger along Madison Avenue” The oil crisis of the early 1970’s put a stop to any conspicuous petrol consumption and, with little advertising activity taking place, Esso switched its efforts to promoting its pioneering role in North Sea oil exploration. The task of reflecting this change of emphasis in advertising terms fell to the long-serving McCann senior creative Chester Posey. He chose to represent the new global reality for the newly named Exxon Mobil by swapping the cartoon tiger for a real one and the line: “We’re changing our name, but not our stripes.”

Interesting Facts–

In 1996, Kellogg took legal action against Exxon Mobil, claiming its use of the Exxon tiger to sell food at TigerMart convenience stores infringed its Tony the Tiger trademark created by Leo Burnett. The case went to the US Supreme Court before an undisclosed settlement was reached.

I’ve Got A Tiger By The Tail, the 1964 hit by the US country music band Buck Owens and the Buckaroos, was inspired when Owens saw the “Put a tiger in your tank” slogan at a petrol station.

Heritage –

It could be assumed that the Young Tiger missions, which took the tanker combat support capability to whole new level by bring refueling closer to the fight, may have simply grown its roots from the ESSO Tiger. Adding the legacy of the Bristol Bulldog representing the agile fighters and “BUFFs” requiring a top off to sustain flight, our aviation heritage can find deeper roots with the Royal Airforce.

Hence, the Tiger with the Boom and Bulldog with the jerry can. “Put A Tiger In Your Tank!”

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, UK
2013 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA
2014 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA
2015 -- 351 ARS, 100 ARW, RAF Mildenhall, UK
2016 -- 418 FLTS & 370 FLTS, Edwards AFB, CA
2017 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA
2018 -- 349 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS
2019 -- 344 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS
2020 -- 50 ARS, 6 ARW, MacDill AFB, FL
2021 -- 93 ARS, 92 ARW, Fairchild AFB, WA
2022 -- 909 ARS, 18 WG, Kadena AB, Japan



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. HERMANCIE, 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. BENGE
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
3-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

ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
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



TSgt Alexander Frank