

Boom Signal (KFC) 46th Edition



ZEUS95



Boom Operators Worldwide!

It has been a profound honor to represent you as your MAJCOM Functional Manager this past year. Calling the tanker community a group of professionals hacking the mission is a massive understatement. I am incredibly proud to serve alongside all of you.

We achieved major milestones for our fleet recently. Travis Air Force Base received the 100th KC-46 in December, and the Air Force awarded a \$2.47 billion contract for additional KC-46s, aggressively solidifying our recapitalization plan. The 350th ARS at McConnell will convert next, followed by the 912th ARS at March ARB. Furthermore, the Air Force officially selected McGhee Tyson ANGB, TN, as Main Operating Base 7!

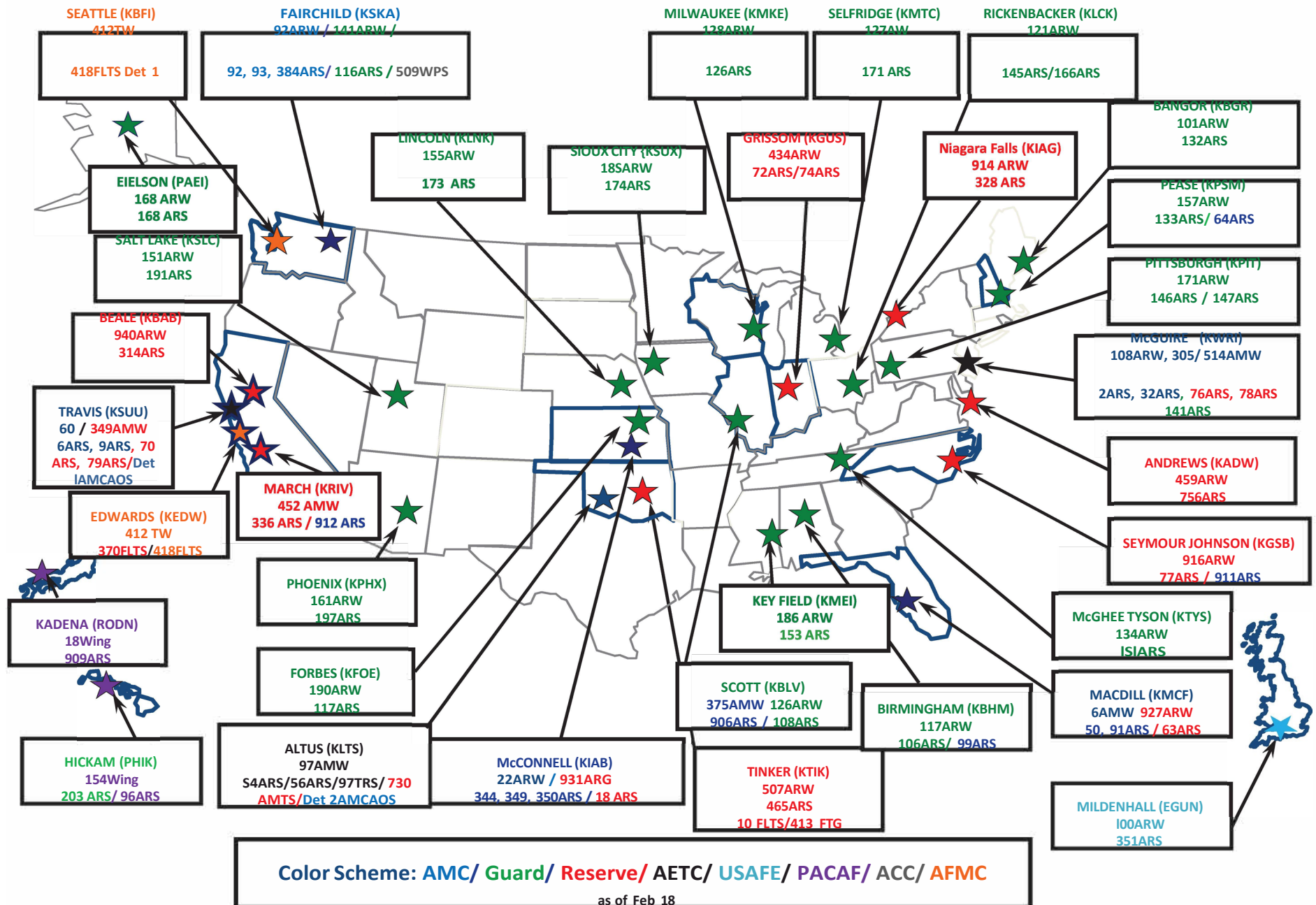
Over the past year, you continually showcased our global capabilities. From Department-Level Exercises to our enduring presence in the EUCOM and INDOPACOM AORs, boom operators are always there to fuel the fight. You prove the importance of your mission every single day. On 5 Jan 2026, AFCENT praised the tanker fleet's vital role in supporting long-range strikes and Bomber Task Force missions across CENTCOM for Operation Midnight Hammer. Just weeks later, Operation Epic Fury launched, deploying KC-46 and KC-135 crews to Israel and other key locations to deliver critical aerial refueling. We absolutely could not sustain these massive joint operations without the relentless dedication of our Air National Guard and Reserve partners.

We also navigated a remarkably tough year, managing multiple simultaneous operations across different AORs. We must pause to honor the crew members we lost in Iraq during the ZEUS 95 accident. MSgt Tyler Simmons, TSgt Ashley Pruitt, and the entire ZEUS 95 crew will remain in our hearts forever.

Thank you for your relentless hard work, dedication, and resilience as we drive these transitions and advancements. Your expertise guarantees our mission success. As I depart Air Mobility Command for Air Force Materiel Command, I leave you in outstanding hands. CMSgt Jess Reeson, your new In-flight Refueler MFM, will lead the boom community forward with the care and dedication we need.

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



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The Boom Historian



ALTUS AFB, OK
54TH ARS
“JESTERS”



54 ARS Boom Leadership/Front Office:

CMSgt Jason Mellein: Our least approachable, approachable SEL grabbed the torch from Chief Machala and somehow made the squadron run smoother. Their bromance is still powering half the building. He made CMSgt with the same half-hidden, fully effective energy that lets him look like he's avoiding the squadron while secretly running it. At this rate he'll end up running the entire Air Force once everyone realizes he's already been doing it.

MSgt Sam Hunt: Our highest speed Jester locked in as the squadron's First Sergeant and instantly became the pulse of the unit, keeping Airmen steady and the squadron moving. She brought the same fire that earned her selection for OTS, which also let her slip out of a KC-46 assignment so clean you'd think it was a magic trick. She still found time to hand Q3s to poor BIQ students who never stood a chance.

SSgt Chris Moody: Moody somehow became Chief Mellein's worst exec, so bad the Chief had to ship him to OGT like a warranty return. He keeps calling it development while everyone knows it was exile. At this point he'll probably trip into greatness and end up running the Air Force the same way he ran exec duties, badly but with full commitment.

Operations Flight:

MSgt Jenny Pittman: Rumor has it that Jenny rejoiced when Hawley left, so she can finally claim the title of "nicest IB at the FTU." Her and Pitt-he are leaving us soon for Scott to either sit staff or work TFI... either way, we're jealous. Good luck in your next adventure, we'll miss y'all!

TSgt Dmitri McIntosh: Did you know he has 6 Airmen? Supposedly he's an instructor, yet he's learned more from BIQ's than what he's taught them. To make up for it, he finds other ways to be useful: Flight Chief, teaching Foundations, 5/6 member, wannabe Diamond. Seems like a Jack of all Trades, master of none. At least he tries!

TSgt Casey McConnell: Allegedly he's getting out: the last time he was seen in uniform, he was filling out extension paperwork and claimed it was for "medical" reasons. Occasionally, he shows up to sit the desk, most times he's at the pool. He can also be found sitting standby, in Blues, for court martials (his personal favorite).

SSgt Zachariah Henderson: He's what you'd get if Ron Swanson and Rainman had a baby; but that baby isn't good with numbers and is just autistic. He's always doing neurodivergent side quests: you can find him doing Forrest Gump impressions (he was run-ang) or patrolling the Mojave Wasteland (at Comic Con).

SSgt Arianna Jupiter: The queen of side-eyes and not needing help. She won't admit it, but she loves flying as much as she loves not having AC in her house. She's the quiet type who lets her accolades do the talking; she sacrificed three paychecks to win the Commandant Award during her ALS stint.

SSgt Talon Brandel: Our newest NCO. Showed up to the squadron, took one look around, and decided he'd rather go to ALS. He's a handyman and loves his hardware; when he finally came to work, he brought his Commandant Award with him. If you want to see this man spiral, ask him to sit Jury Duty.

SrA Jacob Denker: Mustache'd mystery. A man of few words, unless he's around his friends from McConnell then he becomes a professional storyteller. Sometimes he's around the squadron when he's not flying, he claims he's taking "courses". I have a sneaking suspicion he means greens and not grades.

Student Training Flight:

MSgt Bobby Jones: The ghost of STM! We're convinced that Bobby is growing a small army of his children to take over the base housing pool. Quietest SNCO we got, but he's out there hackin' the mish!

SSgt Devin Olmedo: Old Tomato? More like Dominic Toretto, because nothing's more important than family. When he's not teaching baby booms, he's raising his own babies at home. Hopefully, he'll memorize a couple Dad Jokes by the time they're old enough to roll their eyes at him.

SSgt Nate Bartling: The smiling, welcoming face of STM, Nate is a quiet professional. It's not that we don't have anything negative to say about him. It's that we're a little bit afraid to. Nate has an encyclopedic knowledge of classical works such as The Lord of the Rings. Want live DVD commentary? He's your guy.

SSgt Sage Ledet: Hewwwooooo Gewwonimoooo! Sage got picked up for the 730th with over a year left on his contract. Guess he liked it enough to stay here? Ask him about his Honor Guard tour, he'll be excited to talk about his love for the program. Frequent flyer of the foos, and also breaking TVs in the Boom Pod. Don't ask him about the Symposium, he's still working on changeover.

SSgt Aidan Clark: This recent arrival is confusing because he behaves like a Senior Airman, but on paper he's an NCO. One of those "super advanced instructors" from the pacific northwest, we're confident he has stories to tell and knowledge to share. You like rock music? Apparently, it's not hard enough. Aidan likes it harder. It's the screaming that does the trick.

SrA Kevin Long: Ohh yahh, it's our resident Minnesotan, doncha know? The designated Disappointed Father of the E-4 Mafia, he's lost count of the number of BIQ students he's told to clean up the Annex, typically right after a CAP brief. Kevin has a job lined up advertising steel-toed footwear and modeling inside-out shirts once his contract is up. That is, if he can resist Belmonte's siren song "sticks Kevin..."

SrA Charles Cornett: Charlie is the answer to the question "What if Freddie Mercury had a country accent?" He's got a heart full of gold, a belly full of Coors, and a voice like molasses. Charlie's got a lot of down-home wisdom to offer. His words are just slow to arrive, just like his gradesheets.

Standardization and Evaluations:

MSgt Russhope Marcelo: It's been over 10 years and Russ still hasn't figured out how to add the word "No" to his vocabulary. He got so tired of helping write at least 28 packages, he sent the SEL on a long TDY so he can finally fill in for him in the big boy office. Officially a sugar baby now that his wife got picked up for OTS, so if you see him, drinks are on Russ! Just gotta make sure he goes out.

(M)Sgt Terrence "Cook?" Pittman: Got tired of having to tell people to call him by his wife's rank, so he busted his ass and made MSgt. Somehow pulled it off by flying the line, which is something Lackie should probably take notes on. Him and Jenny are heading to Scott, which means no more ducking into briefing rooms to co-brief students just to spend extra time together. Pitty's too good of a dude to roast any harder, so congrats again, man.

SSgt Max Smesny: Max hasn't been seen in so long people are starting to file missing person paperwork. At this point folks keep catching random movement out of the corner of their eye. Could be a shadow, could be the wind, could be a student finally doing a preflight. Nope, it's Max on leave again.

SSgt Dylan Vu: Dylan spent a couple minutes studying to make Tech and realized he'd rather put all of his eggs in the OTS basket. Somehow it paid off, he'll be changing his wings for... other wings as he chases Esquibel who is chasing Lucio who is chasing Fritts! Still drives to OKC and Dallas every weekend like he's on a personal food TDY and still stays until 5:30 doing absolutely nothing except pretending he's "closing out tasks." Congrats again.

Faculty Training Flight:

MSgt Jacob Aufderheide: Living proof that saying "no" to Altus can only work for so long. He says it's not so bad here for a sunset tour, but he already has a one-way ticket for him and his family booked back to Spokane. He stepped into the Flight Chief position shortly after the end of year's training cycle...conveniently after all the work was complete. This man has drastically rearranged the office and his desk four times in nine months...just to fit all his family photos on his desk(s).

(M)Sgt Khalif Richardson: Khalif just got to us from Kadena, slowly taking the reins from A10 over in FTM. Sharp guy, he is going to do well here!

TSgt Dave Ballmer: The Man, The Myth, The Legend. All good things must come to an end, and this Weapons School Graduate won't stop letting everyone know! "Hi, I'm Dave Ballmer and I have 72 days left in the military. Hi, I'm Dave Ballmer and I have 71 days left in the military. Hi, I'm Dave Ballmer and I have 70 days left in the military." The Era of TSgt Dave Ballmer has come to pass and so begins, the Era of "RV Dave Ballmer" as he cruises the USA for the next year surveying the land he once helped protect. He plans to buy a bus with a bed so he and Ellie (his dog) can finally TDY together.

TSgt Mark Harnish: Mark did so well in STM, he took over CFIC without even being a CFIC instructor! A real Power Move from Mark "Quiet Riot" Harnish. He intimidates the instructor candidates with his silence and blank stare—a few even confessed to singing the Air Force Song in the shower. This dude is squeaky clean, but Mark recently took a trip to Fiji to fulfill a lifelong dream of returning bottled Fiji water to its natural home...or was that just a cover story?

(T)Sgt Collin Lampron: Our resident Evaluator has been upgraded to CFIC Instructor! We thought he was going to bring the hammer to instructor upgrade students, but it was only a rock hammer. Bro is Santa Clause reincarnate. That, or his students are using leverage for those EQs! Somehow, they learned (we told them) that while fishing, he can't catch fish, has executed a "code brown" twice in the woods, and had to ride home feeling the breeze between his legs because he used his underwear to dispose of the evidence.

SSgt Brooke Belmonte-Griffin: BOW DOWN! *Trumpets blare* The Wing's NCOIC of Protocol has returned! In all seriousness, Brooke is one of our most valuable members. After her tour up at the wing, she decided to come down from the ivory tower and associate with us peasants again. Maybe it's her wing experience or her hard work ethic, but Brooke has been crushing it in the office, in the air, and outside the squadron. OTS selection next? (...if they're smart they will.)

SSgt Shawn Parzych: Poor guy was stationed at Birmingham before arriving at Oklahoma. Going from paradise to not-paradise can be quite the transition. He says he is really excited to be at Altus but talk about culture shock. Homie is getting a rude awakening realizing work starts at 0800, not 1030. To top it off, FNG got a desk in the closet. Shawn is doing well, adjusting to the new environment, and we're lucky to have him at the FTU.

SSgt Payten Olson: Bald. Finally made tech! It turns out that if you spend enough time at Windy Trails, you WILL get a line number. Leaving us soon, even though he juuuust got here, he'll be missed at the FTU. D! D! D! DEFENSE!

Support and Readiness Flight:

MSgt Alex "Bella" Esquibel: After his selection to OTS, Alex got shoved into the armpit of the squadron just to go on a year-long senioritis tour. We actually aren't sure if he's already left for Maxwell or if he's on more "leave" again.... We'll miss you buddy, good luck out there!

TSgt Nick Belmonte: Our youngest TSgt and somehow already about to be a dad x2, which explains why he's holding onto his Foosball King title like it's the last quiet moment he'll ever get. He almost became a Flight Chief, but only in the alternate timeline where Chief lets people have nice things. Joke's on Chief though, Nick is applying for OTS and fully intends to outrank all of us out of pure pettiness.

SSgt Remington Garl: Remy spends more time trying to get his vehicles fixed than he does at work, but is sure that Facebook Marketplace has the answers... Someone saw him getting his blues trenchcoat altered at the BX, so we're all a little on edge.

SrA Tyler Acord: Tyler has been struggling to adjust after no longer having daily burger burns, so he decided to throw himself at every volunteer opportunity under the sun. If he isn't signing a completely invalidated Form 46, he is probably out on the flightline running another static display for civilians. Promote at some point!

Attached/On Loan:

SMSgt Daniel Weaver: Still holding down the OSS as their SEL (pew pew). We occasionally see him on the schedule to fly with senior leaders, but that's about all we have on him!

MSgt Jose Fonseca-Cruz: Jose got tired of "chiefing" everyone on their mustache and decided that he would rather chief us on the v2. OGV was too much work for him, so he'll be rejoining us in CCV very soon.

MSgt Derrick Wagner: Wagner traded his CCAF emails in for "Upcoming Inspection – WIT Volunteers Request" emails. After begging to go up to the IG, he decided he likes it up at the Wing more than he likes being our fearless leader.

TSgt Spencer Balcom: Loved Altus so much he decided to finish his world tour with us! Immediately placed in the pubs office once he got here, so there's no juice this year.

TSgt Cam Miller: Our favorite taco hero is leaving us before this Signal posts to join Seth at Edwards as a test boom. Every new boom breathed a sigh of relief realizing that their chances of owing lunch in Foosball dropped drastically. We'll miss you (we'll miss Kona more), have fun out there!

TSgt Casey Lackie: Bald. The word on the street is that he took Cam's job up at TRK, but we haven't had any reported sightings to confirm this.

(T)Sgt Jaden Allen: Our true American Hero was given a juicy line number for Tech after a chill OGT tour. He'll be joining us soon at the 54th again, just don't ask him when you put a star on your wings!

Det 2:

MSgt Brendan Balko: Still living in the shadows at Det 2, waiting for the next unsuspecting class of IBCs to make his move again. Haven't seen him much this year, but he's probably working on sim stuff!

TSgt Roberto Ayala: Who? Apparently, he PCS'd without a trace, but we have no way of knowing this.

Det 34:

MSgt Nick "PATR" Sowder: Steeped in confusion that he is attached to a non-AMC unit (yes, Altus is still AETC), he was able to come and get his checkride done with 1 week left! He hasn't been around too much this year, but hopefully we'll have some better material for the next Signal.

Recently Departed (We miss you):

CMSgt Matthew Machala: Chief holds the new record for the lowest time-on-station PCS, just under a full year. The short time he was here, he made a positive impact on the unit and will be missed on his next adventure on the AWACS. Good luck Chief!

SMSgt Anne Engebretson: Sources say that she had her fini and outprocessed, but we aren't quite sure yet. Those Monday morning checkrides are going to be a pain to fill now. Good luck on your next endeavor!

SMSgt Bobby Cash: Sad to see him go, but Nick and Tim were even more heartbroken to see him sell his motorcycle. Heading to greener pastures at Scott, but we all know he secretly missed the Gurkinator, as well.

TSgt Arielle Johnson: After years of back pain and no AC, Arielle decided to crossflow to the T-46 and move back to McConnell to be with her husband. No more meetings with Alex! We're sad to see you go, but happy that you escaped Altus with your sanity. Good luck on the air-conditioned jet!

SSgt Ben Hawley: Ben discovered that he loves being a father more than being a boom and decided to hit the separate button. Might have been accelerated by a student claiming that he was "rude," but it's hard to believe that the nicest guy in the Air Force has a mean bone in his body. Good luck in the civilian world, you'll be missed!



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



This unit did not submit

ALTUS AFB, OK
97th TRS
“EAGLES”



SEL:

SMSgt Anne “Enga” Engebretson – Our outgoing, fearless leader works this hard for one single reason: so her dog can live a better life than any of us. Do not bring up squadron manning around her, because she doesn't just "crash out"—she goes on a tactical assault, literally kicking down the doors of the other OG SELs' offices to demand why the TRS only has 3 out of 10 MSgts. Whatever you do, avoid her at all costs if you see her drinking Green Tea. We all thought it was a harmless beverage, but it instantly activates her "Momma Bear / MOAB (Mother Of All Booms)" persona. Once the tea hits, you will either repeat the same conversation three times over or have more words thrown at you in a single hour than a normal human experiences in a week. Underneath that intense MOAB exterior, she is the most caring SEL most of us have ever had; she will absolutely yell at you when you need it, but she'll always give you a hug on your way out of her office. Enga is heading to the Pentagon to work in "A5/7 Futures"—which still sounds like a made-up job that dictates the future of all CEAs—so don't screw it up for the rest of us, Senior E, you will be deeply missed!

SEL-in-Training:

SMSgt Michael “SHANE” Smith – Shane. Unc. Smitty. Smitters. Call him whatever you want but he is never leaving! The newest SEL of Altus's Airmen-in-Training, they better watch out because Smitty hasn't fully utilized his command voice in a while. Smitty recently found out he hasn't been getting flight pay since he PCS'd here because he can't figure out how to log into MyPay. Pretty soon the Airmen will have to help him connect his monitors and map a printer so he doesn't lose it. In Smitty's old age he has gotten much softer, like a teddy bear, so these whipper snappers have nothing to worry about if they can find him on the flight line.

Ops Sup:

MSgt Zachary “Eddy G” Bieber – Altus's resident "stunt double" because when he throws on his ALF corduroy hat, he looks like he walked straight off the set of Netflix's *Monster* as Ed Gein. As the Ops Sup, he is doing his absolute best to be a successful SNCO, even if he is short enough to be completely overlooked in the conference room during staff meetings. Bieber's leadership style is "work-in-progress" you'll regularly have to remind him to send the emails he was supposed to send hours ago. If you ever hear him randomly giggling to himself, don't worry; he just thinks you can hear his thoughts, which is usually a massive letdown once he actually shares them. When he isn't trying to run the squadron, Bieber is apparently trying to buy out Buc-ee's. He acts like a majority shareholder, spending his entire weekend driving halfway across the country just to visit a gas station and come straight back to Oklahoma. Smitty still can't believe Biebs will be his #2 in a squadron with this much responsibility. If these two actually manage to survive this assignment without burning the place down, someone will definitely write a book about it.

OGV-P:

TSgt Spencer Balcom – Balcom is our newest Flight Chief in publications and he hates every second of it because he actually has to do work ensuring two baby SSgts don't screw anything up. As a future ROAD Boom, his schemes have turned into show burners. He parts his wisdom on every oblivious student who can't figure out how to work an iPad and his passion for cars to everyone in the shop. He never actually flew for us but he's a seasoned Altus local doing his second assignment here. Good luck getting out of Altus and congratulations on your future retirement.

TRA:

SSgt Andrew “Junior” Miller – At this point his callsign has gotten so out of hand that people have forgotten his real name. Jr has been making babies and the continuity that the TRS has required for years. If you have in-processed or out-processed in the last year you have talked to Jr most likely on the subjects of hiking, camping, cars, guns, boom operating, 3D printing, cats, kids, Tesla’s, Minecraft, groms, rocks, cooking, and the list can go on forever. He is preparing to leave us soon to re-enter the AMC lifestyle that he has been missing out on for almost ten years, buckle up and get ready to deploy!

TRK:

TSgt Casey “CRASH” Lackie – Casey is one of our seasoned courseware guys on the third floor, so if you have an issue with your annual CBTs, email him directly. At this point he is willing to do anything and everything to make MSgt or get out of Altus. He’s done every party, a CoC, Airmen mentorship program, and is even considering OTS to get out of Oklahoma. Casey talks too much about guns and rebuilding engines for him not to get along with the locals.

TSgt Cameron Miller – Cam has finally secured his dream job of becoming an Edwards Test Boom Operator, but it has come at a cost. All of the KC-135 Booms call him stinky, a sellout, ARO, and trader since he has transitioned to the KC-46. He continuously complains that everything about the -46 doesn’t make any sense but it probably never will to him. As he transitions out of courseware, we bid farewell to Cam, Heidi, and baby Cora the best of luck in Edward’s.

TRX:

TSgt Taran Lewis – Taran has intentionally avoided every naming event because he is scared of the callsign we will give him. He’s also the Command Chiefs exec because he didn’t like competing with the CSAF and CMSAFs best friend. Buddy left courseware faster than he can chug a beer which he is still undefeated, good luck swallowing beer faster than him. Taran has big ambitions to commission and come back to Altus as an LT. Best of luck Taran!

(T)Sgt Tanner Todd – As the newest courseware guy, he has no idea what he is doing even though he is the self-proclaimed best Boom Operator on Altus. Between Lewis and Scar, Tanner has had some major competition for Altus’s shiniest star. Speaking of competing, Todd’s alter ego comes out during every sporting event where he regularly bullies the officials, argues with the refs, finds the smallest fine print rules to exploit, and calls his own teammates “donkeys” when their performance doesn’t exceed his own (not possible). Thanks for being every sports captain and welcome to the TRS!

Departed members:

2nd LT Eric Lucio – Eric Left us not to long ago for the dark side after immediately putting on MSgt. As one of the best courseware guys that has ever worked one day a week in the Sq, he did a lot for the community like the QRH. If you don’t like the QRH make sure you let him know. Congratulations on finishing OTS and don’t forget where you came from Boomer!

SMSgt Bobby Cash – The outgoing Ops Sup definitely left a lasting impression! His favorite work hour activity was lunch, and you can get him excited if you mention hot dogs. Somehow he managed to swing a 4-day work week, fly twice a week, then work from home the rest of the time. Bobby is off to Scott to do some special mission that doesn’t really exist but best of luck! We miss you already!

SSgt Braydon “TAKA” Scarborough – Scar can still be heard yapping in Arizona as you read this. As the best friend of the CSAF and CMSAF, he was selected to attend the number one college party school in the nation for 4 years earning SSgt pay, no uniforms, no PT test, no EPB...whata dirt bag! Braydon has found God so make sure you hit the follow, like, and subscribe button for inspiration. Don’t forget where you came from and make all the Boom Operators proud at Arizona State!

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

730th AMTS

“REBELS”



The 730th is made up of some of the most capable and proficient instructors in the KC-135, KC-46, and C-17. Our mission is to supplement the respective formal training units providing continuity and expertise for pilots, boom operators, and load masters. We are the keepers of corporate FTU knowledge for the MAF and a great resource for AFRC.

SMSgt Richard Bline (KC-46): Richard took the reins from Tom as the SEL. He is new to the boom community and slowly figuring out that we don't answer group texts unless beer is involved. He breezed through the cargo portion of BIQ with only minor prior loadmaster outbursts. He quickly learned that living in a camper during tornado season in Oklahoma has downsides. We can't wait to welcome him into the boom community and take him on his first animals trip.

SMSgt Michael Russell (KC-135): We all thought he was going to retire, but here he is still holding a TR position waiting/refusing to retire. We all think he is trying to replace Mark as the longest serving 730th member. Recently Mike graduated from scouting all high school sports to knowing every fact about college football. If you need to know the “backway” to San Antonio, the three-day weather forecast, or that “we really needed this rain,” Mike is your guy.

MSgt Cody Beverly (KC-46?): We all think he still knows how to fly, but time will tell. If you see him in a flight suit, I would start getting worried. Listed as the shortest member in the 730th but somehow still can't move his back at certain angles without collapsing. Cody recently spent two grand on a camper from “a guy in Blair” just to turnaround and put 12 grand into it to make it habitable. Nailed it!

MSgt Dalton Bray (KC-135): Dalton took over as the KC-135 Ops Sup and immediately called a boom meeting about currencies. Soon to be awarded a key to the city for saving a drowning kid from a pool, and no it wasn't Mark. We are rewarding him by naming him interim First Sergeant. Tried to help Tom move and ended up with a hole in the side of his truck. We heard that's why he just takes his bike everywhere now.

MSgt Mark Fioritto (KC-135): The ghost of Altus returns again. He was “working” in Stan/Eval but magically appeared at the scheduling desk and now works there, like an elf on a shelf. When not there, you can find him tinkering around replacing a roof or fixing shingles, but his main source of income is now selling gold doubloons online to strangers.

MSgt Shawn Foren (KC-46): By far the oldest member of the Squadron but still can outstretch Cody. Shawn earned his stripes as an FTU instructor by putting his first two students on CAP. Consistently loves to talk about how great the -135 is and still thinks that four engines is better than two. When not working, he lives out in the county hunting wolves and trying to fix his ever-present plumbing issues. He has taken up the mantle as the new Donnie, just slightly less angry...sometimes.

MSgt Derek Greene (KC-46): Still tall, I mean of course. Still pops up downstairs from time to time to relive his glory days. Derek recently set a record by getting three tickets on base withing a two-day period. He got out of the speeding ticket due to a technicality, but he definitely will have his registration with him from now on. In the meantime, if you want to know a synopsis of any “spicy” books written in the past five years, he can probably help you with that.

MSgt Matt Scott (KC-135): Matt has grown up in the past year. He owns a house, had a kid, and now owns a chicken farm. He knows everything about filling above ground pools and sodding yards but can't figure out basic rounding procedures. He is trying to build a 730th only neighborhood by letting everyone know when houses are for sale. Someday he will figure out his golf swing, but until then he loves to argue with A3V about giving a student a 3/1 on a cargo check.

MSgt Scotti Smith (KC-135): Scotti is still in the middle of his midlife crisis. He has recently taken up yardwork after seeing how good Matt's yard looks. Matt and Scotti are soon releasing a calendar of their shirtless yardwork pictures for everyone to see. Scotti popped a tire on his Razr at animals so he purchased a lifted 2500 to haul it around, completing his transition into a true Redneck.

TSgt Joshua Granados (KC-46): The 730th newest and shiniest peso...I mean penny. Josh kinda works in Stan/Eval, kinda works in scheduling, and kinda works in STM. To be honest most of us don't know what Dos does besides golfing, shooting, creating memes. He loves a good fist bump and texting everyone the same question separately but he doesn't know we know, so we all give him separate answers.

TSgt Carter Russell (KC-135): Slowly becoming the new ghost of Altus. Finally got an AGR slot and immediately stopped showing up for work. He has spent more time in the BOWST this year writing QRH procedures than flying with students. He loves to stop Derek in his driveway to talk about weather patterns and his neon lights effect on car batteries. Look out for Carter in upcoming preflight training videos showing how to accomplish every step as slow as possible, he says he wants to move to Hollywood.

Inbound

SSgt Owen Derksen (KC-135): Owen will join the unit in December. Somehow, he made his way back to Altus, hopefully he will live closer to base this time and have less car problems.

SSgt Richard Walker (KC-46): Richard is joining us in October. We can't wait to show him how to chase tornados and ride in our motorcycle group.

Departed

Tom January: Tom gave up his job as Boom SEL to become the Loadmaster SEL. Now he flies the C-17 around trying to teach boom control issues over the AR frequency.

Donnie Dedon: Donnie finally pulled the pin and retired. One day he just decided not to show up for work, and nobody questioned it. Now Donnie spends time teaching virtual reality to students even though he doesn't really understand what it is.

Mark Smith: Mark retired and moved out of the country. We heard that he spends his time on the beach and trying to teach Tex-Mex cuisine to Spaniards.

ALTUS AFB, OK

KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



Not much has changed here at CAE in Altus as far as the Boom Office goes. Been a little slower on the BIQ side but the instructor candidates have been keeping us pretty busy. Still waiting on the QRH to be implemented and still waiting on DMO for the BIQ students to start. Other than that we are all just getting older. If you're ever in the area stop by and say Hi.

Clay Lifer
Boom Lead

No Updates from CAE

ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

36th CRS

“WE BRING THE AIRBASE”



This Unit did not submit.

ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

756 ARS

“Liberators”



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JOINT BASE ANDREWS, MARYLAND

National Guard Bureau



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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”



CMSgt Lindy Campbell - Chief Campbell has tactically acquired a new secret boyfriend, at least, that's our primary theory to explain why she's been unusually happy in the mornings lately. The entire squadron is breathing a collective sigh of relief. Prior to this massive plot twist, we were all taking bets on whether she was going to lean fully into the "crazy dog lady" lifestyle and add two more dogs to her already chaotic pack of three. But don't let the morning smiles fool you, her primary love language is still aggressively yelling at people.

SMSgt Nick Nugent - Newly wearing Senior stripes, Nick is high vibes only, provided those vibes involve a fishing rod in one hand and an ice-cold Coors Light in the other. He's officially our resident grill master, mostly because he knows smoked brisket is the only thing that keeps us from putting him on an Exercise crew. Jokes aside, he's somehow evolved into the absolute go-to guy for anything you need done around here, just make sure you ask him between the hours of 1000-1400.

MSgt Kevin Matthews - For the seventh year in a row, Kevin has announced his impending departure/retirement, but at this point, no one is holding their breath, we fully expect him to be quoting AFI from a walker. He just bought a new house a casual 90 minutes away, which is a tactical masterstroke; the telework excuses and "traffic on the 65" delays are about to reach legendary, unfact-checkable heights.

MSgt Shawn McConaghy – Shawn proved leadership comes in many forms: serving as squadron fantasy football commissioner, finishing dead last, and being relegated to the JV league. He'll show up for a night out, but once 10 p.m. hits or his Lululemon order arrives, he disappears without warning, a textbook Irish goodbye. If anything happens within a 50-mile radius, Shawn already has the tea, the backstory, and three unnamed sources. His new office doubles as a squadron morale center, complete with a beer fridge, dartboard, Apple TV, and a beer light. All jokes aside, Shawn is the best of us even if he hates Americas Team!

MSgt Sterling Law – Sterling is so ridiculously quiet you'll completely forget he's even in the office, that is, right up until someone utters the word "Packers," at which point he transforms into a green-and-gold hype man. Beneath that stealth-mode personality, though, he's the absolute sweetest guy in the building who would genuinely do anything for anybody, even if it's just quietly fixing your problem before you even realize it was broken.

TSgt Kix Payne - Kix is our resident handyman who can literally fix anything with a piece of wire, a socket wrench, and sheer willpower. We're all collectively praying he likes California enough to stick around for a few more years, because the second he decides he's had enough, he's sprinting straight back to Nebraska to run the family farm and leaving the rest of us entirely incapable of basic maintenance.

TSgt Cameron Buell - Fresh off pinning on TSgt and securing a pilot slot with us, Cameron dropped 50+ pounds to make it happen, though we're all just hoping the lighter weight class finally translates to a better golf swing. When he's not working on his handicap, he single-handedly keeps the scheduling shop up and running, proving that while his driver might slice into the trees, his ability to juggle flight lines remains completely intact.

TSgt Rocky Ushiro - Rocky is still actively trying to thirst trap receiver pilots with mustache ride requests over the radio, single-handedly keeping squadron standards right where we like them. She constantly reminds everyone how much she loves Hawaii and how she "can't wait to go home," yet despite our best efforts, we physically cannot get her to leave California, though at this point, we're pretty sure a lifetime of Green Tea shots has permanently crippled her hand-eye coordination anyway.

TSgt Brendan Ortega - Newly married and currently sitting on a DNIF streak that's creeping past the one-year mark, we're all praying Brendan gets medically cleared to fly soon, otherwise, we're officially reclassifying him as a penguin: a bird that looks the part but strictly walks around on the ground. On the bright side, being stuck on terrestrial duty means he's become our undisputed go-to guy for anything orders-related, mostly because he's got nowhere else to fly to.

SSgt Koi Takeda - Koi finally got engaged, and to celebrate, he's been practicing the guitar so obsessively he's genuinely considering starting a mariachi band with his cousins. Around the office, he's mastered the art of tactical visibility, showing his face just enough for people to say, "Oh yeah, I definitely saw him today," with the small catch that every single one of those sightings happens strictly before noon.

SSgt Carrie Martinez - Carrie walks around with a deeply irrational full-time fear that she smells bad despite never being told she does or has. Low key giving Rocky a run at squadron party animal, you'd just never know. Poker faces aren't really her thing, either, she has such a hard time hiding her emotions that you can read her entire mood, soul, and thoughts on her face from across the room before she even says a word.

SSgt Alex Rice - Yet another boom operator who tricked the board into hiring him as a pilot, a career plan that remains 100% solid, right up until the State Department audits his green card marriage or we decide to invade Hungary. When he's not dodging immigration red tape, Alex is aggressively clogging the squadron group chat with custom memes, living strictly by the motto "quantity over quality" since roughly 75% of them make zero logical sense.

SrA Cyia Moon - Cyia recently fostered two high school-aged boys with his girlfriend, instantly aging him two decades, meaning the second he steps away from home, he's out here partying with maximum middle-aged Dad energy and attire. Despite his newfound fatherhood duties, his true firstborn remains his setup; he still hauls his entire gaming rig everywhere he travels, stuffed haphazardly into a green, military-issued duffel bag like a TACLAN party waiting to happen.

SrA Andrew Bartel - Andrew is what happens when you combine the face of Buddy the Elf with the body of Gumby. Having finally turned 21, he is aggressively making up for lost time at the bar, though his stomach hasn't quite caught up to his ambition yet, as he's still desperately trying to figure out the complex science of keeping it all down after getting out-drunk by the oldest boom in the Air Force right before he retired. (Enjoy retirement, SMSgt Larry Naso!)

Departed

TSgt Jake McCollum - Currently grinding through the pilot pipeline, though we're not entirely sure he's mentally prepared for the devastating transition to Lieutenant life. His future training syllabus mostly will consist of taking out the trash, hunting down people down who didn't pay for their snacks, and listening to Jordan tell endless war stories about what it's *really* like to land an aircraft on minimum tires.

TSgt Allan Perez - Allan took off the uniform and immediately enlisted in the "I'm trying to become a professional DJ" ranks. He traded in his shaving waiver to fully embrace the civilian beard life over military service, meaning it's only a matter of time before he's dropping house beats at a local venue in an oversized hoodie

Edwards AFB, California

418th Flight Test Squadron

“Tiger Blood, Forever”



This unit did not submit

Birmingham ANGB, AL

117 ARW / 99th ARS

“DIXIE REFUELERS”



TSgt Ashley Pruitt- A devoted wife, loving mother, and trusted friend whose compassion, professionalism, and love of flying left a lasting impact on everyone who knew her. As stubborn as she was loved, Ashley was a hardass who left nothing on the table. On March 12, 2026, she gave her life while serving aboard Zeus 95 in support of Operation Epic Fury. Her selfless service, unwavering dedication, and kind spirit will never be forgotten. She is deeply missed by her family, friends, and fellow Airmen.

SrA Daniel Crump- Birmingham's most improved golfer. Is an aspiring officer...or civilian contractor...or guardsman, (depending on the day) and he will give you an in depth plan for each idea. Drives a lifted truck that has never seen mud with a bed that suggests capability, but its use is feared. His guilty pleasure is virgin strawberry daiquiris.

SSgt Eric Volstad- Word is he BOP'd in place to date the SARM girl a little longer, she ultimately couldn't resist the draw to Eric's little puddle stompers (or the lucrative income they promise to provide through online fanbase) and rumor is she said yes! Congrats! but we know the real reason is because he would miss Robbie too much. If you hear death metal down the hall just know Eric is creating a killer training folder for one of the new booms or pilots.

SSgt Jacob Bitter- PCSed from Mildenhall for a direct swap with another SSgt Jake. If you heard him laugh you'd think Seth Rogan was in the other room, looks like he stepped on a lego all the time but is a genuine teddy bear. Don't sleep on his under the radar self-ramblings or you'll miss the best jokes. Also a new dad! Congrats! Glad to have him in the 99th!

SSgt Jacob Ellis- As per previous, the 99th traded Jakes, (up or down depends on who you talk to), Mildenhall was looking to gain someone with a broad no-borders world view, a strong liberal stance on things, someone who could strongly debate that guns were in fact the problem, and that if you chose not to go to church the devil (who may just be misunderstood) would not get you. We are truly going to miss you buddy, Good luck on making your new adventures!

TSgt Jameco Edwards- Showed up from Altus ready to GO! "Hey I have this idea! do you want to plan it, work it, and write a bullet for it?" Imparts sage wisdom/advice to unsuspecting victims. Strict diet of Chicken, rice, broccoli and spices, heated to the sun's core temperature and left to permeate your soul. Huge NASCAR fan, ever since he discovered the sport, every conversation somehow turns into a discussion about race. KA-CHOW!

TSgt Layne Gulledge- Recently quit the Air Force to pursue his dreams of joining a league of competitive World of Warcrafters but got slammed off of Busch Apple and missed the tryouts. The 106th saw his unbridled potential, hired him, and now he lives with them. Will float unspeakable acts at the shot of a full time gig... just kidding... but for real do you know of one that's coming vacant?...

SSgt Paul Rimar- Paul got "if the glove don't fit, you must acquit" tattooed on his right butt cheek and hasn't been the same man since. Says he doesn't remember getting it but it was probably after one of his big DJ ragers in downtown Bham. Also burned down our Stan/Eval shop to finally get funds allotted for some new Ipads...it's true we swear!

SSgt Robert “The Hammer” Elsea- 99th most laid-back golfer...well... actually, he’s basically the embodiment of the anger emotion character from Inside Out on a tee box. Allegedly a closet songwriter, he has penned an emotional ballad that may become the people’s choice as the new Air Force Song. Ask him for a private screening and if he has time between telekinetically offloading fuel to cripple a nuclear arsenal, he may share it with you.

MSgt Steven Saunders- Insert he’s old joke, followed by he’s broken joke, looks like Rick Moranis mixed with Bubbles from Trailer Park Boys, yadda yadda yadda... But for serious, he’s out of a job 1 June, if you are a MSgt looking to be an Ops Sup in a TFI/A at B-Ham, update your dream sheet! This place is an awesome assignment.

MSgt Tyler “Strike Hard” Williams- Voted Birmingham’s most handsome man on MySpace, he was the first in line to get testosterone supplements from the flight doc and has been roid raging ever since. Was tired of the sheeple nonsense so he made some drug deals to move to England where his hardline conservative views could be appreciated. Look for him on the streets of Cambridge probably on a retro vespa, jorts, flip flops and an organic cotton button-down that the buttons just cant seem to stay together. We will truly miss you Bruv!

EDWARDS AFB, CA

USAF TEST PILOT SCHOOL

“HOWLIN’ OWLS”



This unit did not submit

EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

370 FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



SMSgt Ben “BABS” Tressler – “Es okay, es okay”, says our resident mercenary boom operator. Big Ben, Little League Business. Dude is the Supreme Chancellor of Little League baseball for all of Los Angeles County. Bats, balls, boys, and boomin’. He will tell you there’s nothing better in life.

SMSgt Mike “DLow” Danilowski – More flights in the 418th than the 418th booms have. DLow is the face and EARS of Test. He can hear me typing this right now. DLow recently became a new homeowner and started genociding mass amounts of ants. He needed something to help with his PTSD from his X-Games extreme scooter accident. If his ears weren’t tucked in the helmet he would have had enough drag to minimize the speed wobbles... #fastasf*ckboy!!! #dingding #ouch

MSgt Steve “SALSA” Cantu – Didn’t lose any kids during his wife’s most recent deployment. Can’t say the same about the other deployments. He did in fact lose his cat this time though! Steve drove around base housing all night looking for her just to find her terrified, but safe, her under the hood. Well, we now know two post-retirement jobs Steve should avoid, daycare and pet boarding. Steve’s squadron duties include bowling, cornhole, cooking, and pest control. Yes, he is charge of the peanut butter.

MSgt Leslie “J__MO” Davis – Got into a fight with a staircase, lost hard...really hard. Might have won had she wore her flight gloves and dog tags. Little known fact, Leslie ran herself over with Ghost 01 (our Squadron Mobility Scooter). Picture this, it is 9am on a Saturday, Commanders Call on the beach, Leslie’s dumping a Costco-sized bottle of parmesan cheese into a gallon Zip-Loc baggy of spaghetti. Then eating it with her hands!! Lookout PACAF, she’s coming to a beach near you soon.

MSgt Levi “Leave-i” Knepper – He wasn’t here to defend himself, does he even still work here? Levi didn’t shoot blanks, but then shot blanks, but now doesn’t shoot blanks, but now maybe blanks again? What better way to verify than using your own microscope for home-school labs. We still don’t know where the missing laptop is...

MSgt Joseph “Bubbles” “Master Splinter” “TR Joe” “Pilot Joe” Fromm – Recent hire but he’s “ACKCHYUALLY” been in the squadron for the last 4 years. The base just had to give him back, thanks... Joe is very upset to find out he is Enlisted; the pilots are too. You can usually find him drinking fancy bubbly waters and telling stories about the aircraft he flies, no one cares Joe...

MSgt Brittany “B” Garland – Retiring? Yucca Succa crew for life, always trying to take down Commander Grantier because they are family. We have one last TDY Edwards on the books before she leaves us forever! Leslie will miss feeding her bag spaghetti with Doritos at our commander’s calls.

MSgt Robbie “Super Fresh Ear Tuckin’ Thick Thumbs” Fuller – Newest addition to the 370th. Rob thinks the KC-135 chiming “Cabin Altitude” is just a suggestion for the co-pilot to handle. Just recently, he returned from a 6-month deployment, flying less than crew comm. At least he is better at command post than A3V now. Robbie’s recent KC-135 requal was rough. For some reason he thinks slipways are not optional but should be for him! DOOOOOO BETTER!!!

MSgt Sam Martino – Loadmaster transitioning?

Inbounds...suckers

TSgt Everett Dunham – Recently visited the squadron and learned that his house can do so much! 1 bed, zero baths. 0-60 in 4.5 seconds! Kitchen to bedroom in 0! Buckle up!

TSgt Wesley “LP” LaPrairie – Wants to delay his arrival to the squadron. We will see what gets here first, his KC-135 requal or his “Canadian Girlfriend”

Eielson AFB, AK

168th ARS



As Alaska's only tanker unit, we've kept busy: from supporting air sovereignty with 24-hour Alpha Alert, to wrangling new jets and new jet upgrades, to fielding constant AR requests across the state. With the abundance of receivers at Elmendorf and Eielson, our airspace isn't getting any quieter—and neither is our ops tempo. As we continue TDYs to Guam, MRA rotations, and supporting Operation Epic Fury (OEF), our booms have been scattered near and far. Here's a snapshot of the people holding it down at home and on the road:

Full Timers

CMSgt Christian “Willey Kitten” Willey – when he's not in back-to-back meetings, he's slowly buying up Alaska one parcel at a time. Need financial advice or buying/improving a new property? Willey is the guy to ask. Our lovable land-mogul is currently deployed with the second wave supporting OEF and we can only pray that things overseas are more organized lest the “Willey Cat” come back out.

SMSgt Keith “K-Row” Rowan – long-time LARPing as Chief Boom but swears he's no longer an imposter, a role he embraces with questionable vocabulary and the enthusiasm of an aging greyhound who hasn't been allowed to run. Ironical to that last statement, he be found in the wild – i.e. floating on a lawn chair/SUP combo down the Chena River. His favorite color is fuchsia, his dream day is drinking appletinis on a mountaintop, his celebrity crush is Burt Reynolds, and he declined to provide more information so some of this is made up.

SMSgt Pete “Hormel” Gardella – with so many people deployed Pete's learning as the OSS SEL and Current Ops NCOIC just how many tasks can be piled on a single person before someone intervenes. Unfortunately, the majority of his summer so far has been spent recovering from the beating his house took from winter, but he still maintains that cool and collected disposition that we appreciate most about him – except whenever he gets a little pissed off. Or annoyed. Which is often. Like at least daily. Usually after checking his email.

MSgt Jonathan “Jonny L” Legan – recently received well-deserved recognition for his leadership, which tracks after holding down Stan/Eval as NCOIC while everyone else is off to different corners of the world. Between winning all fights with our iPads and giving back to the community, Jonny L really puts service before self. This is further evidenced by our lanky friend giving high-five's at his shoulder level so the rest of us can reach them.

MSgt Christian “Kyle”/“Groot” Armour – deployed SEL for the first wave of OEF, keeping spirits high with reassurance and boozy boom brunches. He *is* guilty of being part of the cause of our beer window being unexpectedly closed overseas though he wasn't drunk, and that says a lot about him. Kyle is now happily home enjoying time with his family before returning to his regularly scheduled role as Training Shop's NCOIC. We all know his OIC is beyond excited to once again offload a majority of the work onto him.

MSgt Chatham Holt – new full timer and fresh off upgrading to instructor, Chatham traded managing a local auto repair shop for the AGR life and is now taking over Scheduling because apparently, he wasn't spending enough time coordinating other people's problems. He brings with him an endless contact list, so if you need something fixed, found, built, etc. then don't worry – he's got a guy.

TSgt Tyler "Ty" Winterton – Ty arrived home from serving in the first wave of OEF, just in time for his son's first birthday and to enjoy his brand-new home in the Alaskan summer. He may have hated the deployment more than anyone, a fact his AC capitalized on in making an app to track Ty's "Sad Boy Index" in what he called "Ty Stock" (reportedly available on Android). Back home, Ty happily traded his stock for dad life and his day job of being the tactics NCOIC.

TSgt Collin "ATIS" Green – our Current Ops full-timer spent the majority of his summer chasing his 2- and 5-year-old before deploying with the second wave of OEF, presumably for some peace and quiet. When he returns back home, he can likely be found kicking back some shot-skis before launching himself down mountains on a snowboard.

TSgt Melina "RC" Arciniega – the one currently writing this. I acted as a temporary LUM long enough to forget the meaning of the word 'temporary,' then took the show on the road with the first wave of OEF and since stumbled into becoming a full-time LUM. I'm excited to be a full-time technician who makes their coworkers a little crazier and is now a lot harder to get rid of.

Traditionals

SMSgt Daniel Kaufmann – as usual still acting as a key figure in our alert mission. Outside of work he coaches hockey and enjoys dressing up as an inmate for parades (something he does annually). Meanwhile, his wife earned her commercial pilot's license, officially making her the more impressive aviator in the household. Dan has reportedly taken the news of this opinion very well.

MSgt Luke Sjolblom – during the first wave of OEF, Luke was equal parts mentor, morale monitor, and party supplier who brought wholesome energy to every outing. Now happily home, he's genuinely eager (no, seriously, we're surprised too) to get back to work. We're not sure what happened to him over there, but apparently it wasn't enough to make him want to slow down his ops tempo.

TSgt Joshua Frady – shortly after departing in the second wave of OEF, Frady got the exciting news that he's about to be a dad... AGAIN! We're eager to have him home though probably not as eager as his family is. Around the unit, Frady remains our go-to for anything 3D printed and is known for being able/willing to do jobs that nobody else wants to do.

TSgt Jarred "Baby J" Stephens – commuter/DSG combo currently deployed with the second wave of OEF, Baby J has graciously accepted the burden of exploring a whole new selection of bougie restaurants and niche types of trouble to get into. Stateside, he stays busy flying and photographing real estate and weddings, so at least he has the skillset to document every \$100 meal and shady dive bar he finds along the way.

TSgt Corina Thrasher – another brave commuter currently deployed for OEF. When she's not trying to stay current, she manages contracts, identifies building repairs, and just casually spent \$14 million tax dollars at work which she described as 'normal and boring.' When she and her husband aren't traveling, they invest time in keeping their boat afloat along the southern coast of Alaska.

TSgt Devin Farnsworth – still tan from his last deployment to Guam, Devin is back helping Stan/Eval and riding rotating orders in what our chief boom eloquently describes as being "the SELO's bitch." When he's not doing whatever Jonny L tells him, he continues to serve as our unofficial medical consultant and is in the running for having one of the more impressive mustaches in the unit.

TSgt Timarra "T"/"T-Diddy" Armour – first wave OEF veteran, professional party-starter and resident wild card, deployment "T" sported a stick-on moustache to match her pilots and recently learned that OSI does, in fact, monitor your social media. When she's not hunting for orders or chasing her goal of becoming a pilot, she can be found channeling Dolly Parton, making dangerously good cocktails, and ensuring no gathering stays boring for long.

SSgt Scott “HUAK” Hurn – now deployed with the second wave of OEF, Scotty continues operating on a frequency that the rest of us don’t have access to. That is to say, we don’t always know what’s going on in this guy’s head, but he seems okay, so we let him be. He’s currently staying vigilant around aggressive cuts of meat after his prior choking incident, though with pork officially off the menu right now at least there’s one less dangerous thing for him to put in his mouth.

SSgt Luke Stanley – ‘the bald Luke’ as some affectionately refer to him spent time working in WG Training before deploying to Guam. He’s now stateside, “sucking the alert teat” as our chief boom phrased it (and you can thank him for that image). At least he is staying gainfully employed and supporting the mission. Hair remains unaccounted for.

SrA Gage Frohnapfel – first-wave OEF veteran and falsely accused of being the reason our second beer window came to an abrupt end. Insisting he was just watching baseball and claiming to be the victim of a good story, his legacy remains and so do the memes on MatterMost. Gage is now happily home and despite so many months in sunny territory, is somehow exactly as pale as when he left.

SrA Hunter Thibodeau – fresh off a Guam deployment with Devin, Hunter has returned a partially changed man who finally drinks things other than Cosmos. Hunter was good about reaching out to us first wave OEF deployers, which gave us all the perfect opportunity to share that we think his sister Maddy (deployed with us as AFE), is definitely the cooler Thibodeau - a fact he is probably tired of hearing, but we will keep reminding him of.

SrA Tylar Hoffert – member of the OEF first wave party-brigade, Tylar is a dedicated hard worker and owner of some of the wildest stories to come out of the deployment. Beneath all the action shots and shenanigans, he is one of the most wholesome dudes around. Although you could easily turn every time he says “bro” into a drinking game, but we cannot in good conscience recommend alcohol poisoning.

SrA Tanner Thibodeau – recipient of an award for some amazing humanitarian service, Tanner is now a newlywed! Well, for the second time, really. Initially he tied the knot in a truck in the squadron parking lot and had a reception in our heritage room in an act that somehow – luckily for us all – didn’t make it onto the AMN/NCO Facebook page. He’s since decided that his bride deserves a more conventional ceremony – we’re all still surprised she said yes twice.

NEWBIES

A1C Jake Sinerius – “does this guy speak sign language?” You might ask shortly after meeting him, as no sentence is complete without a shaka, thumbs-up, or some other hand gesture. He’s got the energy of a goldendoodle and, as he (finally) wraps up MCT, has settled into the role of being everyone’s newest little brother and the youngest of our booms.

SSgt Ethan Mann – in Army love-story fashion, Ethan met an Alaskan girl while stationed here and decided switching to the Air Guard was easier than being PCS’d– and he was right, it did help facilitate their wedding. Fresh out of initial training and rolling into MCT, we’re excited to get to know Ethan more and welcome his work ethic and sense of humor. We’re just hoping BIQ shook some of the “Army” out of him before we let him near our airplanes.

Quitters! (we miss you)

MSgt Alex Narveson – our life of the party has officially retired, leaving behind a quieter boom shop and many who miss him. Narv was never shy about sharing his opinion, whether anyone asked for it or not, but beneath the grumbling was someone who cared deeply about people and helped look out for other booms. Thankfully, he’s staying local and still stops by from time to time, now sporting an impressive retirement beard. As a retiree he can finally be a wild man with his family and enjoy not having to abide by anyone’s schedule but his own.

MSgt Rachel “Ray Ray” Cook – after years of being the cooler “RC,” Ray Ray has finally left me an uncontested path to victory, and unsurprisingly it is a lot less fun without her fighting me for it. A new retiree, she now enjoys studying graphic design, homeschooling her two feral children, and growing a beautiful garden that perfectly reflects her chaotic, creative style. Ray Ray was a treasure for our unit, and she brought her wonderfully unique set of knowledge to our unit. She can expect to be harassed by the few she’s trusted her new phone number with when we inevitably run into an extra hard-to-answer question.

Lastly,

To all of our boomers still away from home supporting OEF and missions around the world: we miss you, we're thinking about you, and we hope everyone makes it home safely and soon.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

92^D ARS

“BLACKHAWKS”



SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER

(S)MSgt Brandon Roberts: Brandon's blood pact with a minor demon worked and he was rewarded with a Senior stripe, and we're all very happy for him! Mostly me, so I don't have to be SEL again if he retired. Before he sews it on though, his SNCO leadership skills were tested in the fires of a deployment to France.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Blake Soule: As the 92d Operations Superintendent, one would think Blake is supposed to be excellent at execution. Turns out, the only thing he successfully executed this year was an early tactical retreat from his deployment.

A-FLIGHT

SSgt Kylie Sullivan: Kylie moved up to A-Flight Chief and has been solving every Airman's problem with a twinkle in her eye and a spring in her step. Well, after the walking boot came off, of course. Ankle surgery couldn't slow her down though, her and Kapp (finally) hard launched and she limped off to Shaw to work as everyone's favorite boogey(wo)man: EXXON! She'll be PCSing to MacDill shortly after that deployment and the Blackhawks will miss her work ethic dearly.

TRAINING

(S)Sgt Amanda Garcia: Amanda made Staff and speed-ran ALS in between her good deal TDYs. I would say she's been an excellent addition to the Training shop, but she'd have to be in the country sometimes for that to be true. We thought she was a pretty sharp instructor, until we found out she'd fallen for the cliché of dating a maintainer. Tale as old as time, but her pax briefs have gotten considerably better, even if it's only when they demand to fly together on TDY.

SrA Martin Ocker: Martin is one of the longest tenured Blackhawks at this point, and a reliable source of memes now that Weale has departed the Nest. He came off his tour of single dad duty just to deploy short notice in support of (new) OEF. He's excited to get back to flying with students and telling them how hard it is to deploy to places with a Five Guys.

A1C Richard Ashman: Ashman showed up to the squadron and immediately made an impact on the instructors, mostly by crushing their hands in his giant paws during a handshake. He's a gentle giant with a heart of gold, and we try to remember that when we're shouting for him to use more down-pressure. He made the smart move and only took the front half of a deployment before it transitioned from karaoke bars to bunkers.

A1C Tyler Mickey: Mickey made a name for himself in the squadron by volunteering for every possible thing under the sun...except for flying. Impressive feat to get a Volunteer Medal before you're MCT complete, some might call him a Renaissance man. Jokes aside though, he's gone from slinging hot dogs at Gonzaga games to throwing on his plate carrier and sweating in a bunker with the rest of us

TACTICS

SrA Braydon “JAILBIRD” Kapperman: Jailbird finally achieved his biggest dream since enlisting in the Air Force...dating an NCO! Oh, and he graduated from WIC. Which of those tasks is more difficult, only he can tell you. We're all very proud of our newest Weapons Officer, and after getting Mildenhall orders pulled from under him (thanks AFPC), he's PCSing to Tampa in the fall. One of these days we'll actually get some return on investment in all these Patches we pay for...Good luck, Kapp!

SrA Justan Stanley: We upgraded Justan to IB so he could start working his Southern Charm on students and based on the quality of our baby booms...maybe he's better at lifting weights. Seriously though, Justan's been holding Tactics down (mostly buying D&D stuff) while Kapp was away at WIC. Hopefully he can use this deployment to get even larger and finally challenge SSgt Brown for the title of Strongest Blackhawk.

B-FLIGHT

TSgt Abigail Stiles: Stiles came to us from the Land of the Rising Sun (which she never mentions), and immediately introduced the baby booms to her iron fist. No, that's not a euphemism. She's applied her unique brand of Mama Bear justice to instructing our young wayward booms to great effect, and as is the Air Force's way, she's been rewarded with more responsibility! She's currently holding it down on the staff of our deployment, and single handedly deflecting incoming TBMs with sarcastic comments.

READINESS

SSgt Reinaldo Brown: Rei moved to Readiness and is in line to be our next Evaluator boom, but not before he finishes his residency as a beach DJ in his current deployment location. Talk about winning the AFFORGEN lottery, sometimes those deployments where you only have 12 hours' notice work out better than you think. Hopefully Rei will get picked up by a commissioning board in the next year, and we can start calling him Lieutenant DJ Banz.

SrA Santiago “Santi” Duarte: Santi is still bad at submitting TODE on time, but at least he stays reliably bad at it, right? He took last minute leave to Colombia the week that we got Maduro, he swore he wasn't anywhere near the border with Venezuela, but nobody could get a hold of him during the raid. Coincidence? Probably. He's currently galivanting around the AOR finding new ways to give his pilots heart attacks. Next time you see him, ask when the best time to turn the jet's MASTER POWER OFF is. He might have a different view than the book does.

AIC Evan Brown: After completing his mission spying on the nation of Limnadia, Evan came to us and immediately made an impression on us. Hard to say what type of impression, but anybody who seems to be cosplaying Jeffrey Dahmer that much bears some extra monitoring.

C-FLIGHT

SSgt John “CALLSIGN TBD” Gates: We've shuffled John around through the flight chief positions in the hopes that he'll mentor or help literally ANY Airman. Mostly he just tells them “Back in my day” maintainer stories. He's tired of his wife being the only patch in the house, so we finally got him a WIC slot. Maybe he'll actually admit he can be taught something somewhere along the way, we wish the 509th luck in that endeavor!

SCHEDULING

SrA Adrian “WALDO” Liendo: We upgraded Adrian to be an IB, and we think it instilled .69% more confidence in him. He's still quiet as a mouse, which is what crewdogs love to see in a Scheduler, but nobody can ever find him so maybe it's a wash. We're all impressed by his ability to be exactly nowhere when you need him, hence the new moniker. Where's Adrien Liendo? Dodging Obligations.

SrA Ashlen Johnson: CFIC didn't pan out for Ashlen this time, but if at first you don't succeed...go on another 6-month deployment and forget everything you learned. When she's not on the road, Ashlen hones her Scheduling skills, where she insists she can't answer the phone because “I don't know what they'll want”.

SrA Malachi Shipman: Malachi still struggles with the concept of a duty day beginning before lunch, but he's been working hard in Scheduling. Now that he's got another stint in the desert, he can finally realize his dream of getting permanently swole, the key being to get 4-6 hours of shuteye on each 5-hour combat sortie.

A1C Kai Steward: Kai came here with a lot of Altus lore following him, but we promised to give him a clean slate. Right after we showed him how much he looks like Austin Kaiser-Joly (it's crazy). He's got the unearned confidence of a serial killer, and the boom control skills of Stephen Hawking. But what better place to improve those than CENTCOM on combat missions?!

A1C Jace Keyser: Another of our new baby booms, we're struggling telling him and Steward apart. Nobody's ever seen them not together, we assume it's some sort of platonic life-partner situation. It took entirely too long but he finally got his night fighter cert just in time to go boop some canopies in the AOR. Welcome to the show, Jace!

STAN/EVAL

(M)Sgt Ryan "Dilly" Dillingham: Dilly took over in Stan/Eval and got back to his roots as an Airman, and by that, I mean he bought a very expensive new truck with 29% APR. Thankfully our deployment bucket has secured him a steady stream of per diem to make the payments, not to mention his shiny new line number for Master Sergeant. Dilly Dilly!

SSgt Brennon Lacy: As the only EB worth a damn in the squadron, Lacy keeps pretty busy on the flying schedule. Still a master of the Irish Goodbye, and a man of very few words. So few, in fact, that he turned down FIVE HUNDRED American dollars to sing literally any karaoke song of his choice. But we can't expect smart money moves from someone who still bets on Connor McGregor.

Mr. Jeremiah "Doc" Docken/SMSgt Ret.: Doc led the charge to upgrade the squadron bar with a shuffleboard table, where he promptly started stacking cash taken off hapless booms. The unsung hero of keeping the popcorn and beer stocked in the Hawk's Nest, there's no problem of yours Doc can't solve without a trip to his toolbox, GTIMS, or a couple pint glasses.

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

SrA Mersadie Gardner (she finally changed it!): We upgraded Sadie to be an IB mainly, so she'd start talking her student's ears off instead of her instructors. That backfired though because we had to sit through her systems briefs, it was like listening to a podcast at 2X speed. Alas, due to her busy schedule she still isn't sure what a 1206 looks like, but luckily, she has a couple of incredibly stressed pilots to do her work while she's maxing out her GTC on the road.

SrA Stephen Gordon: He has single-handedly revitalized our squadron merch, and we're very appreciative. We think he's just finding things to be busy with, so he doesn't accidentally have another kid. He still aspires to join the Dark Side and commission, so we're helping reaffirm that decision by sending him to IB upgrade while the squadron is in the middle of a deployment. Good luck, buddy!

SAFETY

SrA Roberto Perales: Roberto the Wise is the new record holder for longest time to launch on ONE. Turns out when they say an hour, they really mean an hour! But thankfully he put on his Safety hat and function checked the alert shack's safe, finding out he was strong enough to snap the handle smooov off. 'Berto Smash!

ATTACHED AND ON-LOAN

MSgt Lauren "Pow Pow" Powell (OSO): Lauren is the undisputed backbone of the wing's scheduling office and a certified wizard at solving ever-changing, mind-bending scheduling puzzles. She quite literally puts the "P" in "unprecedented operations." When she isn't locked in a marathon phone call with TACC (which is practically never), she enjoys long walks on the beach and baking KC-135 shaped cookies—which, much like her schedules, always come out perfectly structured.

TSgt Madison Dolata (XP): We're not gonna say Madison looks EXACTLY like Gollum after his tenure in the Vault...but we're not gonna NOT say it either. He shepherded the wing through an absolute gauntlet of 801X exercises, culminating in the NOR-I, and he only cried twice. Hopefully we get him back in the squadron soon, maybe then he'll actually fill out his G2 schedule so we know when he can fly.

SrA Don Turner III (OGX): Turner continues to confound every supervisor we throw at him; he took SERE to heart because his evasion skills are top notch. When he's not holding SF at gunpoint over our ammo account, he can be found (sometimes) snoozing at his desk in OGX or avoiding medical appointments that might actually make him fly again.

SrA Shane Gardner (OGV): Shane is coming back to the squadron after this deployment after his stint in OGV doing...we're not sure what. His wife's been lording her IB status over him, so maybe we can help and get him back into the upgrade program. So long as he doesn't try and do some Ice Shield Origami...again.

SrA Allyson Lara (OSO): Lara moved over to Wing Scheduling last year, in the hopes that her sunny disposition would lighten that place up a bit. She did a great job briefing the OG/CC the flying schedule, until he made eye contact with her and she took a piece of his soul away. She's giving Lauren Powell a run for her money in the deadpan delivery department, and we're very proud.

DEPARTED

SrA Gage "Huck" Huckaby: Huck left us to gamble at the Quest full time, and we thank him for everything he contributed to the Blackhawks. Hopefully he'll stay in the squadron fantasy football league so we can all have a guaranteed win every season. Good luck out there, Huck!

SrA Lantz Padilla: Lantz got out in August, after acting like an absolute hero and extending his enlistment to cover a spot for the deployment. We still insist he needs a different haircut, but he won't have to worry about our opinion now that he's tasting the sweet freedom of being a civilian. Good luck, Lantz!

SSgt Noah Rutan: Noah departed the fix for a CRW job in New Jersey, so keep an eye out for him on the scene of the next natural disaster. We're sure he'll be stalking around a C-17 insisting they load cargo stupidly and complaining about the federal government (who employs him btw). Thanks for everything, Noah!

SrA Ivan Casey: Papa Casey had a baby last year and he has become so much more fatherly to everyone in the squadron. Frankly, it was weirding us out so we shipped him to the 97th so he can suffer from their sub-par crew management. He may have moved across the base, but he'll always be in our hearts. The Hawk's Nest is always open to you!

SSgt James Weale: The Meme King of the 92d made Staff and got picked up for a Center of Excellence job, and we're not sure who was more surprised, him or us. If you find yourself complaining about the quality of new booms making their way to Altus, point your finger at SSgt Weale. Teach 'em well, brother!

Fairchild AFB,
Washington 93rd ARS



SENIOR ENLISTED LEADER

MSgt Jason Markham (EB): Jason has been holding the fort down, as the 93rd goes through a lot of personal changes. At times he is wearing 93 hats and is extremely happy that relief is slowly moving in.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Cheyenne White (IB): Cheyenne is a newer instructor who we have the pleasure of gaining from Mildenhall. She will do great in the seat and be well prepared for the upcoming deployment.

SCHEDULING

SSgt Michael Flathers (MB): Still the fastest meme creator in the Pacific Northwest. After returning from our fall deployment, he was deployed short notice for OEF and has been out there since the start hoping to get him back so we can utilize his creative skills in building PowerPoint presentations for upgrade.

SrA Jordan Esteem (MB): Steps up and is doing amazing things (even getting a head start on mandatory system briefings) for three to six months then has some sort of administrative setback, but that hasn't stopped us from sending him out to fight the good fight out in the AOR.

SrA Zachary "Elmo" Maszczak (MB): When he is around, he has been trying to start up a base wide volleyball league. Even though we are trying to upgrade him he still wants to stay on the road ALL THE TIME, so we will try for a third time to get him to the finish line soon.

SrA Isiah Maciel (MB): Has been wanting to possibly cross train into CE but the Sq keeps him busy enough I'm not sure he would have the time to apply.

TRAINING

SrA Gabriel Bautista (IB): Gabe still shakes your hand when he sees you which gives him face time with leadership. He just completed upgrade and in true fashion immediately sent him on deployment accepting the risk that his new plant at home will survive until he gets home.

SrA Clark Bromley (IB): Just finished upgrade and of course since we all know Booming is a family affair he had to 1 up his brother and get a commendable during his check ride. He continues to grow and I am pretty sure he is now permanently red.

SrA Justice Casaquit (IB): Justice has been killing it. So much that we sent him to upgrade then right out the door to re-enjoy his sandy environment while he is trying to join the Hawaii guard to get back his Aloha Spirit.

STAN/EVAL

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SSgt Jamar Campbell (IB): Arrived from Mildenhall and like every great sports team there is a need for trading and Jamar fit that bill. So, once he is MCT complete he will be joining the Cult, I mean the 384th.

READINESS

SSgt Joshua Amos (MB): Him and his wife recently welcomed a new baby boy and has been trying to get his time in however with the tasking level and ALS he took it upon himself to force the issue and finally get his well needed shoulder surgery. Once he is better, he is trying to make his way back to Indiana and join Grissom with the hopes of becoming a sheriff in the near future.

SrA Natalie Bitter (MB): She was moved to readiness and has been excelling and enjoying her time with all the constant deployment changes as she is getting ready to welcome her second baby.

SrA Armani Jesus-Cristo Royval (MB): Has been trying to set up an appointment to get his eyes fixed but with everything we keep kicking the can down the road. Hopefully we can get him back for upgrade instead of Lasik if glasses get him to 20/20 we are good right.

A-FLIGHT Current Ops Sup

B-FLIGHT

TSgt Katlin Hubbard (EB): Kate has hit the ground running at Fairchild by imparting her extensive Boom Operator knowledge and experience to the few Boom Operators who are not on the road or deployed. She was thrilled to complete Land Navigation in what was supposed to be just a Local Survival course, where she earned several new blisters in the 100° heat with no sunscreen, water, or food. Nonetheless she is eager to start flying back in AMC again, and continue her higher education towards her Master's degree!

C-FLIGHT

(M)Sgt David Fogliettie (MB): He came to us from Korea as an Airman Dorm Leader with his wife and son. He was on the verge of retirement now we are working on his requal so we can get him flying. However, I think we need to find him an announcer or radio show gig, he has a very deep Johnny Cash voice.

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TACTICS

SSgt Gabriel Padilla (EB): Gabe remains the eager and excited Instructor and Evaluator we all know and love. He shares with everyone he meets how excited he is to have escaped the British Crown after 3 of the longest years of his life. Gabe is thriving in his new Tacoma, making daily trips to Cabela's for new toys while he waits for his household goods to arrive. As NCOIC of TED, Gabe is the daily inspiration for new copilots, showing them what right looks like. Soon he will be racking up his flying hours and making pre-CFIC candidates great again!

A1C Nora Tarbox (MB): She has hit the ground running. She finished MCT and 2 days later she was on the road with her first solo flight being the start of OEF. She is already trying to be an RTIC SME and wants to be an instructor with less than a year of experience.

A1C Persayus Richey (MB): She has hit the ground running. She finished MCT and a week later she was on the road enjoying what the world has to offer with this being her first trip outside of the United States, we hope she is getting time to enjoy it.

ATTACHED OSK

(T)Sgt Christian "Rock" Bande (EB): Rock was put into wing tactics, and I think he would much rather be in the squadron as much time as he is hanging out and flying. Even though he is truly in love being a tactician his time at Shaw has made him reevaluate his life decisions.

SrA David Trulson (IB): David completed a 7-month Honor Guard out of the park, so well in fact that he found his way to a wing exec position as he works through trying to get back to flying.

DEPARTED/OUTBOUND

TSgt Wesley “LP” Laprairie (EB): We tried everything to keep him however the ops tempo was too high, and he departed the pattern into the Civilian world with hopes of getting picked up to do some test and evaluation work down at Edwards.

SSgt Aiden “Speagle” Clark (IB): Due to life events Aiden was unable to finish AIC however his knowledge is not wasted since he just left us to head to Altus for the next few years.

SrA Shawn Fleming (IB): His laugh can still be heard from offices away. He has moved on like most to the other side AKA the reserves at Grissom with the hope that things are better over there.

SrA Carson “Chilli” Childers (IB): After receiving the Levitow at ALS Chilli took his talents to Tennessee as a recruiter hopefully he can recruit the next generation of boom operators

SrA Ariel Gobleck (IB): Decided it was time to move on to the Guard and is now with the Washington Air National guard awaiting to have a beautiful baby girl. Best of luck in the future.

SrA Chloe Mathisen (IB): She’s completed upgrade and decided starting a family is more important, so she has separated and recently got married to her sweetheart. Best of luck as you start a family and a new career.

SrA Dylan Barker (MB): Wanted to be closer to his baby girl so he separated and moved back to Florida to start his education.

SrA Jared Castro (UB): Has been filling in at wing scheduling and doing a fantastic job as we navigate what is next for him. We wish you the best of luck in this new chapter.

SSgt Layrd Olliff (UB): Was instrumental working with OGX as we navigated through 5 exercises leading up to an Inspection. He has returned to being a crew chief and we wish him the best of luck with whatever the future holds.

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97th Air Refueling Squadron
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Senior Enlisted Leader

SMSgt Keith Dengel: The C-130 community must've used and abused our new SEL before we got him, he somehow looks older than his dad. Good news is, the tanker community is where it's at! Senior loves history and taking care of his people. We're extremely glad to have him and the wealth of experience he brings to the table!

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Jonathan Hawkins: This guy. What a dude. Went from MTI to TMI. Likes to roleplay being a Boom since he's long term DNIF. When our pool table purchase got denied he was absolutely devastated and has never recovered. His hairlines retired already and he's growing older day-by-day in these "unprecedented times" but we're glad to have him!

Boom Superintendent

MSgt Paul Santos: Definitely from Jersey Shore, likes to fist pump, they call him "The Situation," a true gucci boy. Actually just a refuge KC-10 guy (GROSS) who crossflowed over to the greatest flying community to ever exist and we're glad to have him. Also a former MTI, he's at BIQ right now trying his hardest not to go full "knife-hands" on all the Tech School students. Next time you see him, ask him about his hit song "I didn't volunteer."

Flight Chiefs

TSgt Alison Sowka: Can't tell if she hates the 97th, Fairchild, or her spouse, but would rather be on the road for 300+ days in a row than be seen anywhere around here. If you get a chance, please use her fridge and feel free to take it and move it anywhere you'd like!

TSgt Zackery "18 middle names" Yamagishi: So uh, anyone else thinks it's weird he shares a FB page with his wife or just us? Don't put him on a red carpet BOWST for the local community or he will bore them all to death. He's our newest flight chief and is quoted as saying "awe man, that sounds like work..."

TSgt Eric "Stroke" Severs: Our Squadrons long term DNIF desk jockey. He's probably the furthest thing from a patch anyone would ever expect and will literally run away from tactics when they come looking. When he's acting as the OG shirt don't call cause he can't hear it ring ever since he exploded his ear drum and is on his second surgery to get it fixed. Also his wife is deported. Not really, but kind of.

SSgt Charlton Hampton: Literally never here. He would rather be deployed because his family can't get a green card. Thanks Bin Laden. All we know about him is he has a secret family "that lives in japan," hopefully we get to meet them someday!

SSgt Kevin "Non-Chalant" Satberry: Wants you to think he lifts, but you never actually see him lifting anything other than chicken and rice. Kind of a small guy who definitely skips leg days. However, put this guy in charge of any cookout cause I guarantee you he is better grillmaster than Lt. So and So. Kevin is a worldwide fisherman, and he's always out fishing for his next meal, from Clear Lake to Thailand, he's fished it all! Treats everyone with low expectations cause he thinks we are all slow, just like his gains.

Stan Eval

(T)Sgt Aaron "KMS" Salter: He has been put on a once per day KMS joke limit. Loves cats, anime, and complaining. Classic anime girl energy. Is very proud of his full length anime body pillow. He's absolutely crushing it. He earned a Wg "Must Promote" for TSgt, AND MADE IT, and we can't wait to see how he will continue being awesome in the future.

Scheduling

SSgt Ariaiah “Berhorn” Berhow: Like Mariah without the M. She’s very good at AR. The best some might say, it’s not just her saying it, Sports Illustrated says it, GQ says it, NY Times is saying it. And she definitely never scratches F-16s during AR with students on board. Fake News.

SrA Kyler “JAWS” Rosinsky: Jaws has absolutely “stepped up” following in the shoes of his idol, Belmonte. When he’s not busy being the perfect husband and father, you can find him at your nearest 7/11 cause he can’t get enough glizzies in his mouth. Kyler makes a fantastic instructor for the unit and we’re glad to have him. We’ll be sad when he leaves to pursue his second career; modeling anti-hair loss shampoo.

SrA Cameron Ping: Capt Ku’s best friend. Another one who literally hasn’t been here all year. He definitely needs to understand time and place when it comes to Comm 1. He’s definitely missing about 15 puzzle pieces before he gets himself together, but good kid overall. Ask him about his emulator games.

A1C Cole “EASY” Wiese: Wheres Wiese?! Poor Wiese. This guy graduated MCT and has spent 98% of his time on the road. He spends 100% of his time TDY seeking street meat and painting porcelain thrones. All jokes aside, he’s been absolutely crushing it out there on the road, and we’re proud of him.

A1C Erik Johansson: Erik decided to leave the world of professional skii’ing (no seriously, he was a professional) to become a Boom Operator. He got to his first duty station and hit his first stereotype...A1C and married... He flew through MCT and we sent him out on the road, best of luck Erik, we know you’ll do well!

Training

SSgt Christian “Lawhow” Lawhorn: Berhow’s worse half. Loves to host morale events so he doesn’t have to come to work. Loves Karaoke and Cats. Newbie Jiu-Jitsu guy always trying to ground pound. He’s fresh from Kadena with tons of experience and we’re glad to have him. Make Morale Great Again -Lawhorn 2026.

SrA Trae Seithalil: Ask him about his pyramid schemes. This little scammer tried convincing everyone that he’s a financial expert. Just kidding, but he does save lots of money riding his scooter to work everyday... Until he got pulled over on it speeding in on-base housing. Hopefully the third times the charm for CFIC!

A1C Shad Deal: Why is that door not locked? Cause Deal picked it like a sneak thief Khajiit from Elder Scrolls. He’s loud and boisterous with the knowledge and skills to back up what he’s saying (sike), we just wish he had a volume switch. Ask him about the time he ate RAW PORK during his SS03 refresher. Finished MCT and we haven’t seen him since.

Readiness

(T)Sgt Matthew Baxter: This dude LOVES Trains. What’s that? “That’s a 1944 Union Pacific Big Boy. Only one of 8 surviving today. Did you know it has a hoyte of” Good guy but definitely a bit on the spectrum. Rumor has it someone’s been putting anime stickers on jets, wonder who it could be. Jokes aside, this dude is a STUD and has been absolutely crushing it. Congrats on TSgt, well deserved!

SrA Jacques “Jack Jack” Laurie: Boy oh boy... Jack Jack has been holding it down in readiness, keeping us ready for what? For whatever, that’s what. Good luck with everything, you’re gonna need it brotha.

A1C Jason Rosen: Big theater buff and likes to act in plays. You can’t spell Readiness without Rosen (mostly). We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

A1C Collin Meyer: Everything Deal isn’t (way better.) Grew up in the same town as Deal and didn’t even know it until basic. They did BMT, tech school, first assignment, and deployment together. He’s normal loudness, likes hunting, and anything Deal doesn’t. Also, hasn’t been here since he finished MCT. Wants to be a pilot someday, best of luck to ya, traitor.

Jeremey “JTB” Culliton: Still a boom at heart. Loves giving the new booms homework and challenging them to do better. Is very much always in an Island vibe. Wore flip flops to receive his OG award, classic JTB shenanigans. Leads readiness to excellence. This guy can give you a masterclass on gaslighting and trolling.

FSE

SrA Ivan Casey: Pretty stand up guy. Took one for the team, his first time meeting the CC (the day before PCA’ing from the 92nd) he got tasked with a deployment. When his family was in the hospital he hit them with the classic “I’ve gotta go get milk from the middle east” and hasn’t been back. He’s doing fantastic things and always has a smile on his face.

SrA Nathan Christenson: Nathan “I’m allergic to work” Christenson. This guy has his priorities straight. Family, video games, everything else, work. Notice how work was last? Has a second kid now and is loving paternity leave. Soon as he gets back, we’re putting that K Code to use, be ready!

A1C Robert Morales: Another classic case of arriving to his first duty station, graduating MCT, and immediately deploying to a classified location. All we know is he’s in debt, has a pregnant wife, but always has a smile on his face. We’re glad to have him!

Operations Group Training

MSgt Grant Ringenberg: Left the career field for a year or two to go do nothing at the IG. Came back, said screw OPS, and went straight to the Group to run OGT. With that said, he’s been a workhorse. Will volunteer to do anything and everything he can to help the Squadron and we really appreciate it. Thank you!

Safety

A1C Korey Emel: He's in a Barbershop Quartet. IDK about you but that's actually pretty cool. He's also a hardcore theater kid and probably one of the biggest brain people you will ever meet. Wants to get a degree in nature and birds and do nature and bird things with that. Excited to see what he can do.

Outbounds

(C)MSgt Christian Villanueva: Our old SEL has departed us for warmer weather and bluer waters. He heads back to Kadena for a second time this July and we're sad to see him go. We're not saying it, but he definitely used that new found stripe to get back to Japan. We definitely got our use out of him though, so we can't complain. Before he left, he was the #3 high-time flyer on Fairchild, the only Evaluator on station for 30 days, and single handedly carried 6 baby booms through MCT when Epic Fury kicked off! Well done!

MSgt Stephen Doswell: Adios brotha. Our departing Operations Superintendent headed to Scott to do bigger and better things. The only thing he crushed better than being the Chief Boom was being DNIF for two years and eating pringles. No seriously, this guy loves pringles. We hope leaving Fairchild brings out the old Dos, and we get to see him smiling and laughing like he used to before Fairchild got a hold of him. Take care!

TSgt Jake Sarno: He was here and then he was gone. Retired now. TYFYS.

TSgt Victoria Turan: Left Active Duty and is pursuing becoming a state park ranger. She couldn't entirely leave flying though, and went over to the WANG. Best of luck to ya, and thank you for all you've done for us! We'll miss ya.

SSgt Talon Brandel: Left us to take a well deserved break down at Altus. Best of luck brotha, enjoy the rest!

SSgt Brandon Kim: Super broken. Never at work. Engaged to someone we're not sure exists and separated from Active Duty. SEEEYUH

SrA Anthony Maglione: Outdoor enthusiast. Loves climbing, spent six months doing search and rescue and came back with a mullet and a nose piercing. Separated from Active Duty. SSEEYUHHH.

SrA Claretta Kernlyons: Worked at the OSS for the last year or two cause she was DNIF. Best of luck at your new assignment!

SrA Alexis "Feral" Burnside: Got thrown out of the piano bar at the holiday party trying to fight her Ex. Absolutely lives up to her call sign, "Feral." Super chill though, we promise. Best of luck to ya!

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

116th ARS

“CAVEAT HOSTIS”



This unit did not submit

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

384th ARS

“SQUAREPATCHERS”



The Squarepatchers have been BUSY! Prior to their expected deployment cycle, they went out the door to the Indian Ocean to support Operation MIDNIGHT HAMMER. Then, what started out as a standard deployment to the Middle East turned into the mother of all deployments. A whopping three months into deployment the 384th EARS was split up to support Operation SOUTHERN SPEAR while simultaneously relocating their other half to Al Udeid AB, Qatar to continue operations in CENTCOM. The 384th EARS was reunited once again two months later in The Deid but were tasked to deploy **BACK** to Saudi Arabia just in time to start Operation EPIC FURY. Our booms conducted high-stakes air refueling operations with U.S and Coalition forces while bunker diving for weeks, actively evading drone and missile strikes, before returning safely home in March. Don't worry, they didn't stop there... upon returning home, the 384th began flying missions supporting Operation NOBLE EAGLE on both coasts along with locals, coronets and a PTDO that lingered for months but eventually got to them. Safe to say, they all need a *well-deserved* break after these last 2 years.

Senior Enlisted Leader

CMSgt Kenneth “Chuck” Komprood: Chief Komprood snuck into the squadron during deployment, but it felt like everyone already knew him. He came in with a bang, pinning on chief and already made such a positive impact in the 384th, not only for his booms, but for all the enlisted (it's about time!). If you can't find him around the squadron, don't worry, he's probably in a BOWST, flying, or doing whatever chiefs do around here.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Brandon Harmon: Even though we know he'd love to whisk his wife and kid away to Japan right now, you can find him here trying his best to save our booms from being thrown on another TDY turned deployment, or doing what he can not to call our own booms back from leave...again. Harmon's a good man to have your back around here and maybe he'll get lucky and end up in paradise again soon. ** Edit: He got his dream assignment back to Kadena 2 days after writing this**

Executive Support

SrA Tirell Hollingsworth: You hear his name called but where is he? TDY? On leave? Having a baby? All of the above. We barely see him around, but when you do, you'll find him laughing and chalking it up with anyone who'll listen. As another boom tagged for pre-CFIC, we're not sure whether we'll feel relieved or worried to see him with instructor on his arm. All in all, we wish you luck Red, maybe we'll see you around here soon.

SrA Alexander "SYN" Knight: Knight's one of the few booms in this squadron to willingly re-enlist after this hellish year, and props to him (just don't ask him to say his name). After deployment, he was gifted with a slot to pre-CFIC as well and while trying to get things done, he's been thrown left and right to go on TDYs. We know he'll be a great addition to the instructor force along with tackling the exec shops never ending laundry list. TYFYS.

Stan/Eval

SrA Vance Scrape: Thrown into Stan/Eval, the no man's land of the 384th, he has led the charge on the pre-CFIC train coming home after deployment. Scrape was everywhere and anywhere this summer hopping between alert and TDYs along with trying to get his folder done riiiight up until leaving for Altus. We wish him the best of luck down there, hopefully his briefs won't be like the first.

(T)Sgt Tyler Young: As our newest evaluator in the 384th, we couldn't be more grateful to have someone who will eventually be giving us no-notice's. Tyler's a man of few words but he's already been super helpful by increasing our NCO corps by 50% just by showing up. He also recently welcomed his newest baby Square as well, congrats! Glad to have you Tyler, don't let Frisk hide you in Stan/Eval too long.

Scheduling

SrA Cassidy Baker: A grueling first deployment under her belt has already made her a well-seasoned boom, but maybe so much so that she's already looking for a way out of here. No one blames her though; she misses her husband in AFSOC. We appreciate her witty and sarcastic flare around here but be sure not to bother her while she's sitting the desk, she's already got everything handled.

SrA Alex Morales: After a long 2 years of Alex carrying the exec shop on his shoulders, leadership finally gave him a break by moving him to scheduling...and now that he is off DNIF he can get back to using those wings of his. Although, I don't advise asking him how many energy drinks he's had today, you'll start to question the sanity of that man behind his calm composure. (Really Alex? Over a gram of caffeine a day?!?)

SSgt Kyle Henninger: Kyle's tanker dreams have come true; he is now officially in Altus, leaving us to pursue his career with the KC-46. The scheduling shop is left a little high and dry without its resident DNIF NCO, but we're happy for him. Go show those guys on the dark side what it means to be a real boom. We'll miss your humor and acquired taste of music around here.

Training

A1C Jesus Diaz Felix: A man of many trades in the squadron so far, Diaz was in readiness to start, became DNIF (when will it endddd) before he could become a real boom. He then went to scheduling to keep busy during the squadron's deployment and is now officially in training. Not sure where he disappears to sometimes, but he's a good guy to ask when you need a helping hand.

A1C Cooper Funk: Another workhorse of the squares, Coop is the man to call when you need a boom for a last-minute tasking. You won't hear any complaints from him; he's happy racking up that per diem. Also, who would've guessed, Funk and Q are living together now, who knows what mischief goes on in that house. (Probably just a lot of lifting weights) If you need to find them, they're likely out in the woods somewhere.

SrA Quentin Miller: The 384th's true comedian, you can talk with this guy and get caught up for an hour just laughing your ass off. When he's not beating up mascots, Miller's another boom you see heading out the door for TDY's all the time, but he's supposed to go to pre-CFIC in a month even though we just sent him out the door for that looming PTDO, so we'll see how this goes... we wish you the best out there.

(S)Sgt Lillian Hixson: Lilly got a line number for Staff but already has plans to get out of the Air Force and pursue a degree as a marine biologist. She must have gotten too tired from carrying the brunt of the taskings on her shoulders so she went and got DNIF'd just to avoid MSgt Harmon from sending her out the door again. She's crushing it in Training -- although she refuses to go to CFIC. Lilly will be missed when she departs next year!

SSgt Jake Donaldson: Jake is a chill guy, but man was he trying to get out of here as fast as possible, maybe on that shiny new bike of his. From becoming the IB NCOIC of training, finishing his degree, then going DNIF and never touching the jet again, he was somehow able to get his SkillBridge approved by the CC and is now on his merry way. Have fun in the civilian world Mr. Senior Project Manager.

Readiness

SrA Legea Howard: The boom you can hear laughing and heckling from across the squadron, she brings the sass for everyone, watch out! Ever since she got her 'K' code she's been busy as a bee and is now also trying to leave us for Kadena or Altus, if only AMC wasn't hell bent on deploying everyone again... ask Legea about her children (guinea pigs) and you might get on her good side.

SSgt Ethan Parker: It's been a busy year for Ethan; after coming back from deployment, he is now the president of the FBOA, a husband, expecting father and our newest ALS Distinguished Graduate! After a year of waiting, he can finally put on those stripes. Lots of good things happening for him and we couldn't be more excited for where the AF will take him. We are curious whether he'll end up sticking around here. **UPDATE: He won't! He just got notified he will be heading to sunny Altus Oklahoma next spring.

Tactics

SrA Aiden "Polar Express" Ruehr: Aiden's one of the 384th's ole reliable IB's of the squadron, but recently it's been hard to tell if this guy is even here anymore with how often he's sitting alert, thrown on TDY's or getting put on a deployment. When you do see him around, he's helping booms get their BERP done or getting ready to go fly again and you know what, if that isn't the embodiment of a true boom, I don't know what is. Just don't ask him to do CAFDEX...

TSgt Derek "WAVES" Stiles: Joining the squadron on deployment, no one knew who this know-it-all was, but he was good friends with Swanke, so we knew he was bound to be trouble. Just kidding, that's just how the Weapons School makes em' nowadays. Unfortunately, just as quickly as Waves was here, he's sailing right on back to the 509th. I guess our trauma bonding down range wasn't enough to make him want to stay, cheers for now.

Incoming Squares

A1C Gavin Luther (Readiness)
SSgt Chance Hackenberg (Training NCOIC)
SSgt Demma (Tactics NCOIC)
TSgt Micah Elias (Scheduling NCOIC)
MSgt Nathaniel Perry (Future Ops Sup)

Booms Stowed & Latched

SrA Anthony Addington	SrA Madison Addington	SrA Shen Yeager
SrA Brendan "WHO" Ohm	SSgt Ethan Sudtelgte	TSgt Tyler Espinoza

"Once a Square, always a Square"

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

509 WPS

“The first in Air Refueling”



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FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA

AMC/AOS DET 1



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FORBES FIELD ANG, KS

117 ARS

“KANSAS COYOTES”



This unit did not submit

General "Billy" Mitchell ANGB, Milwaukee, WI
128ARW/126ARS

Brew City Tankers



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!
NKAWTG...N!

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Boom Stowed and Latched for the final time.

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

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...

Lt Col Lucas Daley (Current Pilot)	Lt Col Carson Hardesty (Retired Pilot)
SMSGt Jeffrey Lampe (Retired HARM/SARM)	Col Shawn Gaffney (Retired Pilot)
Lt Col Peter Hoffmann (Retired Pilot)	Lt Col Gary Tenney (Retired pilot)
SMSGt Balinda Kostuch (Retired Finance)	Don Paddock (Retired Pilot)
Lt Col George Bacik (Retired 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)	Jane Timm (Retired HARM/SARM)

Respectfully,

Jake and Hailey Dunsmore

ARIZONA AIR NATIONAL GUARD

161st ARW

Goldwater Air National Guard Base

“THE COPPERHEADS”

197th Air Refueling Squadron



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GRISSOM ARB, IN

72 ARS

“The Dark Side”



Greetings from the corn fields of Indiana where “The Dark Side” calls home. The Air Force has kept us busy this year with exercises, a deployment, and operating out of Fort Wayne International while our runway was under construction. We are really going to miss that daily per diem. We promise there is more than corn here, so if you’re ever in the area, stop by our new and improved Heritage Room and have a beer on us!

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 the sunny and sandy shores of the Emerald Coast. We have a couple of Booms not only teaching here, but also in the local area. In case y'all don't know, we teach what used to be called the Tanker Planners Course here in conjunction with the 505th CCW for the Air Operations Center FTU. With that said, here's the line-up of in-house instructors.

TSgt Lacy "Teeter" Pickett- Brand spanking new to the Squadron and teaching here. Her experience with the 46 as an instructor will serve her well, I'm sure...But damn girl...could ya pack more stuff into a U-Haul? We knew we were in trouble when we unpacked a saddle and a picture of The Duke!

Mr. Devan DeBarr- The old man in the group. Shop lead and resident commercial fisherman. Been here since he retired out of the Biggest, Sexiest Jet known to man in 07. If he's here in the Squadron, that means he isn't fishing...speaking of...where's Devan at?

Booms in the local Area:

Blaise Rohan- Over at the 505th instructing all the pointy nosed guys.

Kai Bresser- Works literally across the parking lot from us...have no idea what he does...neither does he, I think...

Aaron Burk- Same shop with Kai...same comments...

Doctor Van Gibbs- Lockheed Martins resident expert on...well...Who knows...But he's the expert.

Tyler Stone: Making it as a Mechanic in the area.

Mike Steinkrause- Works with the 705th Lessons Learned team. Still a great dude.

There are other former Crew Dogs in the area as well...Pilots, Engineers...this place is turning into McGuire South quickly.

Well...that's it for us...Come on by if you're down here for a Business Effort or a drag...Beer is always cold in our heritage Room.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

2nd Air Refueling Squadron

“Second to None”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Andy “Ricky” Keiser- Always looking over his shoulder for rogue SELE’s, he was so traumatized from PT he decided the AMOS was a safer squadron to be in. Was so concussed from the incident, people still question his true motive in approving Miller’s skill bridge.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Andrew Abney- Drew might as well be known as the boomerang because he always finds his way back. After leaving for his deployment several times and being recalled from those deployments more than that number he finally got his wish with an impromptu tour of the middle east. We’re sure it doesn’t matter where the 2 EARS ends up or whether he’s a part of it or not, he’ll always find us.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Mike Aherne- Mike goes month to month being the RnC punching bag. Constantly seeking perfection, his flight CC has resorted to fat shaming him to keep the motivation alive.

SSgt Branden Hieber- Newest EB prior to crushing ALS, he claims he’s not putting forth any additional effort but is finally getting the commensurate responsibility to match his age.

A1C Gideon Salmans- A true quiet professional, Gideon continues to impress everyone with his performance.

Training:

MSgt Fritz “Goliath” Thompson- Old and Asian. Does not fear the sun of Al Udiad, even without sunglasses on.

SSgt Joey Svoboda- Just arrived at the unit, already using the dependa card to avoid deploying with the rest of the unit. While everyone is gone, he’s done a fantastic job of holding down the fort...like a good housewife should.

SrA Austin Cowan- One door opens, another Green door closes.

SrA Daniel Whitham- Just welcomed a baby girl into the world, still doesn’t humble him enough to stop lying about his golf score.

A1C Alexander Larimore- “Larry” is a second-generation boom operator, he showed to the squadron and hit the ground running. He swears it takes 40 mins to get to yummy platter.

A1C William Abram- Started 2026 as a ghost, showed to the squadron and casually haunted the hallways for 3 months until finally being caught and wrangled into training flight. He’s got a great attitude and.....an incredibly short attention span. Hey Siri, calculate restraint for top net only.

Amn Owen Glade- New to squadron, everyone has left him there. Those that are still there are always wondering if he

just crawled out of bed even after a fresh haircut.

Operations:

TSgt Charles Moore- Wastes no time letting porters know that he is the greatest 2T2 to ever live. Charles has done great things this year, helped the McConnell folks at Lajes as the Ops Sup, we think they were doing whatever it took to keep him from being behind the wheel of a car.

SSgt Miles Humphries- Oldest SSgt in Active Duty, always asking about whether his leave is approved.

SSgt Emma Norton- Emma has been requalified on the jet and looks for every opportunity for professional growth. She's been tackling milestones left and right, but we've never seen someone be removed and readded to ALS so many times in a 3-day period.

SrA Blake Lewis- Loves the fruity drinks, every once in awhile it gets away from him. One instance he decided to test his grappling skills at the bar and then helped the hotel repaint their lobby.

Readiness:

(S)Sgt Ryan "Kink" Kinhead- "Big Back" Kinhead loves his treats. Even after eating his dinner, he needs a snack for the walk to and from bringing back dessert to the table. Selected for both ALS and IB upgrade prior to deployment, eventually we'll get him there.

SrA Nicolas Yoshida- One of the newest IB's in the squadron, he still asks the other instructors and evaluators for answers before looking them up himself.

SrA Alex Meraz- Alex finally parted ways with the Nissan Altima, winning at parking lot bumper cars was becoming too easy. Unfortunately, his luck with vehicles did not improve, turns out used car sales can be too good to be true.

A1C Cody Goodman- Has grown nicely into the boom we all knew he could be, spending his first deployment complaining about being in a 5-star hotel, and flying more than once every 3 weeks. Experience is well above his peers. Also falls asleep in the most random places.

Tactics:

TSgt James Kennedy- Set a record on fastest MQT to deploy to UB.

A1C Deron Ricker- His feet hurt. Back-to-back Palace Chase denials, we're being told they heard his feet hurt.

Safety:

SrA Dominic Just- White boy rick finally became an IB. He's still hustling on his deployment, bragging about getting "tan". Recently discovered his love for old man walking shoes, heard he's attempted to advise Ricker on his footwear. Claims the shoes aren't for when he tells everyone he's 5'11".

Commander's Support:

SSgt Andres Martinez- Came to us from the CR world, Andres has been doing good things for our CSS.

A1C Taylor Martin- Taylor started off strong, crushed her MQT to deploy. Was hard to find anything wrong with her performance until she had to submit any paperwork.

SrA Duante Batiz- Still the world's most "okayest" boom, has set a record for most briefs repeated during his instructor prep. Thought getting Meta glasses would make him look cooler until he realized the women he dates don't understand the technology or any technology for that matter.

Attached/On-Loan:

MSgt AJ "Horus" Velasquez- AJ is helping to hold down training in the squadron while everyone is deployed.

SrA Austin Ouellette- He gone!

Recently Departed:

TSgt David Simpler- Finally got orders that stuck, we wish the best for Dave out in Edwards. Altus gave up on trying to get ahold of him long enough for him to accept orders to job that doesn't require him to submit a TAPR 3 weeks later.

SrA Christopher "Jett" Miller- Still walking proof that the most dangerous part of flying is sq-led sports. Chris took a wholesome game of kickball and turned it into a battery case on the SEL. Rumor has it he was trying to strongarm him into giving him more time on skill bridge.

SrA Joshua Lovelace- Josh left us for greener pastures, we wish him all the best. We know this doesn't need to be said but yes tears were involved (not ours, his). You can probably find him streaming himself playing games, don't forget to hit the like and follow button.

TSgt Daquane “DQ” Spikes- Recently graduating OTS, he pre-gamed being an RPA pilot by showing up to work “remotely” before he left.

SSgt Jesse Hill- Jesse finally figured out how to be a successful boom right before he left for OTS. He prepped himself for officer life by becoming the SEL’s exec prior to leaving. We know he’s going to do great things for the RPA world...in the office.

CMSgt Christopher “Bam Bam” Joyce- Has moved on to being a Command Chief of a Wing that is usually wrong... The 557 Weather Wing. Which was the perfect landing spot for him. The 32d is really going to miss him as their SEL.

SrA Noah Greiner- Noah has moved on to join the guys down in NC after getting certed as an IB. Wish him the best of luck, we know he’s going to do great things for Seymour.

(M)Sgt Javier Garcia- This has been a big year for Javi. He started off strong, becoming one of the newest IB’s in the sq where he took every opportunity to instill knowledge and wisdom into the crew force. He did so well during his upgrade training, Altus couldn’t stop themselves from throwing orders at him. And the cherry on top of it all, Javi finally made the rank he deserves, MSgt.

SSgt James Balser- FINALLYYY!!! James recently got selected to join the Altus ranks after spending most of his adult life at McGuire. When he’s not wandering the halls, searching for someone to listen to whatever current excuse he’s made up for himself, he’s calculating how soon is too soon to jump off a flight.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

32 Air Refueling Squadron

“PASSING GAS & KICKIN’ ASS”



Senior Enlisted Leader:

SMSgt Charles “Chuck” Taylor – Senior is finally peeling himself away from McGuire to head to the big bad Pentagon! Apparently SECWAR wanted to hear some KC-10 war stories, so they are sending the master to school him. Senior’s fingerprints are permanent here in the community, in a full generation of 46 booms that double check that the cargo locks are all up on our pallets. Right McConnell??

Operations Superintendent:

(S)MSgt Tim Lowman – Tim didn’t get enough of “wearing a million hats” last summer as the only person left in the squadron, so he fought to stay in the 32nd to take over as our next SEL! We are all very excited to watch him learn that “wearing the hat” temporarily in an empty squadron, and being the full time SEL aren’t quite the same thing! We are excited for the future of the squadron under his leadership!

Stan/Eval:

SSgt Elliot “Mac” Macintosh – Mac is a Boeing Engineer disguised as a boom operator. He got so tired of being the Golden Boy of AMC, sweeping every possible award up to the MAJCOM level, that he decided to settle in as the Chief of Stan/Eval as a SSgt to “Mingle with the normies”. We are just blessed that he deems us worth talking to!

SrA Bailen “Big Lew” Lewis – Bailen is our newest send out to Altus to become an instructor. Great attitude, the dude is just happy to be involved whenever he is asked to do anything. He’s been the squadron punching bag for a bit, so surely he won’t come back with a vendetta, right?

Training

TSgt Taylor Lucas – The fearless leader of Training and all other additional duties, Lucas hasn’t seen a volunteer email come across his inbox that he can say no to! A recent instructor upgrade, he is usually found either smiling and joking in the squadron, or rushing through the hallways on the Shirt Phone. It’s a dirty job, but someone’s got to do it!

SSgt Tsering Dadul – Dadul is the guy in the squadron that hardly ever speaks, but when he does, everyone listens. If Dadul asks a question during role call, you can hear a pin drop in that room. Sorry man, we just don't want to miss out on any of the 100 words you are going to say this year!

(S)Sgt Brandon Rivas – Wait this guy just made Staff? I've been in the squadron a year and could have sworn he was at least a Tech. Maybe that's because he is a savant with jet knowledge, or maybe it's because he absolutely refuses to wear his uniform top at work. Either way, good on you man!

SrA Jake Mueller – Who? The voice of thunder himself, Jake emerges from whatever cave he lives in twice a week to harass poor instructor candidates at their systems briefs. I'd assume he's probably flying a bunch?

SrA Bryson Lexow – Another 46 savant, Lexow is a great mentor to the young Free Range Booms. No lazy booms in my squadron!!! And yes Lexow, we all understand that there is a difference between Upwind and Offset Upwind in the VFR Pattern. Maybe you should've offset from that tree on your dirtbike, would've saved you some pain!

SSgt Keegan Salas – Keegan is always a bright light in the squadron. That's how she gets you. You respond to one Mattermost message, and next thing you know, somehow you are the Group Rep for the Air Force Assistance Fund! Thanks a lot!

Ops/Scheduling:

SSgt Jake Distant – Jake has taken more of a “hands off” approach to scheduling, instead indulging more in his favorite past time, harassing BIP students! Jake really likes to embody the 80s generation of boom operators. This is the 46 Jake, we are nice to people now!

SrA Nicholas Petrucci – Off at Altus getting his IB upgrade, we are looking forward to him coming back and seeing what IB Petrucci looks like! He can't stay that shy around students. Right?

SrA Jonathan Fehrman – Another one off at Altus for IB, Fehrman really started off on the right foot by slow rolling his upgrade folder until the last possible moment. Hopefully he is better at student management when he isn't the student!

SrA Heather Price – Heather is usually found perched in her chair in scheduling (for real who sits in a chair like that). When the Mattermost message from her pops up, you're better off just throwing your phone in a lake, because you are probably flying another Friday night local. Sorry not sorry!

Readiness/Mobility:

TSgt Jonathan Friesz – Friesz has his hands full in readiness managing Curly and Moe. Somehow he has done the truly impossible and gotten both of them to be productive members of the squadron??? He came to us from AFSOC, so I have my theories that he used some AFSOC methods to “convince” them to work. Good job Friesz!

SrA Noah Sites – Our #1 hustle culture boom! Whether its soundcloud rapping, or car detailing, Sites is filling every minute of his day with the grind! Something snapped in him this year and he's been doing great down in Readiness!

A1C Kelby Therrien – Kelby is the other loveable goof down in Readiness! He has really shaped up (maybe Ms Janice scared him) and has been a useful asset getting the squadron greened up!

Tactics:

TSgt Zach Austin – Zach came over from the 135 to get right to work. Knocked out his MCT quick, straight into BIP, and then....he's been in BIP for about 6 months. Just because there isn't a time req, doesn't mean to take as much as you want. At some point you will have to touch cargo, and yeah we get it, “135 cargo was simpler”. Get over it and do your job!

Support:

(M)Sgt Ian Southerland – New to the 46 world, running his shift as the Chief of the Command Support Flight (don't call him an exec). We are excited to see what the future holds for our new addition!

SSgt Kyle Agnor – Kyle decided that 3 years as a scheduler was enough for him! So his reward was getting moved to be a squadron Exec! We know you love it over there in the Command Section, even if we've only seen you smile twice in 5 years!

SrA Thomas “T-Rob” Robinson – T Rob is at Altus getting his Instructor Upgrade knocked out! We are excited for him to come back and pass on his chill laid back attitude to our new Free Range Booms! Just not too chill T-Rob, they do still have to be good Booms.

Safety:

SSgt Jarad “Monty” Montgomery – Monty is like a true phantom in the squadron. Every time you think to yourself, “Man it’s been a minute since I’ve seen Monty” you hear his laugh drifting from the next office over. He’s always doing.....something? in safety. Whatever it is he does in there, the office must be cold, I’m pretty sure he was wearing his jacket in July.

Free Range Booms:

A1C Cameron Volkert – An ideal prototype for a young boom, Volkert is an absolute sponge for information. He actually seeks out instructors to help him learn and become a better boom. Who does that? He’s probably OSI.

A1C Peyton Mattingly – Can be found just aimlessly scrolling the FCOM in the Boom Room. What is he studying? Who knows, but he’s definitely got his pubs out. Excited to see him rock it as a new boom!

Amn Grant Kuhlman – Our newest addition, seems eager to learn! What is with this new generation and their good attitudes? Keep it up kid!

Attached/On-Loan:

MSgt Bobby Shedd – Bobby truly isn’t Human. When the Air Force dreamed up the Enlisted Pilot Program, they started creating young Bobby in a tube out of Radio Equipment and SIPR wiring. When the Air Force realized the terror they had created, they nuked the entire program and released Bobby back out into the world like nobody would notice. Well HAF, we noticed, and Bobby is using his powers for good (thankfully) turning the KC-46 into the next AWACS replacement. Or at least I think that’s what he’s doing, my eyes glaze over when he starts talking.

SSgt Lauren Hotaling – Lauren is the sweetest evaluator Hammer you’ve ever met. She will look you dead in the eyes with a smile as she makes you feel dumb with her questions. Lauren is always down to come help the squadron out with checkrides! (please, we promise there are 0 other evaluators available again)

TSgt Nick Gidaly – Our OGV Guru, Nick is doing whatever OGV booms do I guess, or at least that’s what he will say if you ask him to come to a boom role call! The go to on call guy for when the 46 boom starts doing something weird, which is most of the time.

TSgt Jeremy Becnel – Becnel is riding out his twilight days in the Air Force at Wing XP, planning Wing things and studying squadron history. A walking Wikipedia for McGuire, this guy knows or has reenacted everything that has ever happened in the 32nd ARS.

Recently Departed:

TSgt Tyler “TK” Kelly – Leader of the 32nd’s exodus to Altus, he headed out west to lay down the law and “Show these Altus Nerds what an Operator does”. Whatever dude, enjoy hearing the same incorrect TERPs brief for the next 3 years.

TSgt Nathaniel “Dona” Cardona – Another part of the Altus Exodus, Dona headed to OK to show these kids the true meaning of “too cool for school”. Good luck, who knew Altus would take MBs now?

SSgt Jorge Hurtadorochal – Jorge is taking a break from testing out every branch of service to take his sage knowledge to Altus! Those students have no clue what they are in for, I cannot wait for one of them to complain to the prior Marine/Army guy about how hard their life is. What’s next after Altus? Navy? Space Force? Whatever he does, he will be the heart of the squadron!

SSgt Alexys Gomez – Another MB headed to Altus, Gomey was a great example to the younger guys about how you shouldn’t start a renovation on your house with 5 years on station! At least your renters will get to enjoy your new kitchen!

MSgt Jake “Nemo” Nenneman – Nemo is a famous name in the boom community, that finally hung up the wings after 20+ years of terrorizing Altus students. He’s so insane that he moved back to Altus in retirement, but found out that maybe being “Famous in the Boom Community” isn’t always a great thing! If you need some construction done around Altus, give Nemo a call! He will make you feel like the dumbest person alive, but his work is impeccable!

Flt Lt Chase Rundle – Our Aussie heart of the squadron has headed back to the motherland! Chase was famous for being “down to clown” anywhere, anytime! I don’t think he ever said no to a scheduler, and for that, we loved him! Cheers brother!

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

76 ARS

FREEDOM'S SPIRIT



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Joint Base McGuire-Dix-Lakehurst, NJ
108th Wing:

It's been an interesting few years for the 108th Wing, from the sunset of the KC-135, to the onboarding of booms from the 76th ARS and 78th ARS as they close their doors, to a TFI with our Active-Duty counter parts, and finally standing up the 170th ARS. There has been no shortage of challenges as we continue to learn the KC-46, work toward IOC, and define a future for the 108th's flying mission.

141 ARS
"Tiger, Tiger, Tiger"



CMSgt Aaron Hendrick – 141st CEAM - Chief Hendrick has recently made it to the big leagues with his new Flight Safety gig. Thank God you don't need a good 2992 for that job. Although he isn't in every day, he still manages to have the same impact around the squadron and get stuff done.

SMSgt Robert "Rob" Rodriquez - Rob finally got his folder closed! As a reward for his hard work, he's been deployed. I'm sure he's out there entertaining his crew with old NYPD stories.

MSgt Phillip "Phil" Cullota – Phil has been very busy between filling in as the 141st SEL in Chief's absence, deploying last minute, and planning themes for Friday drinks. It's a wonder how he finds time to act as landlord for all the booms that live in his half-way house.

MSgt John "JD" Darby – No other guard members can say "I know a guy for that" more than John. From printer toner cartridges to medical waivers, he has a way of making things magically appear. Be careful running errands with him though because he has to talk to every single person he runs into.

MSgt Christopher "Chris" Howe - Always ready for a good time. Recent deployment has him still on the hook to deploy again. This guy sure doesn't like his other job.

MSgt Kyle Klinger - When he's not tending to the cows, he's driving four hours to Jersey to fly a three-hour local. LOG IT.

MSgt Matthew “Matt” Yockey - Usually, off on an exotic escapade to an uninhabited island, this guy sure knows how to get down. If you're going to catch him in the squadron it has to be when he's maxing out all his points in one month. Otherwise, he's only a ten-hour drive away.

TSgt Gregory “Greg” Coburn – Greg has been a great addition to our Current Ops shop. As long as he gets lunch no later than 11:00 he's happy.

SSgt Nate Miller – Between being a full-time instructor, taking a last-minute deployment, and handling anything thrown his way, Nate still finds time to film his entire day which consists mostly of lifting weights and flexing to post on social media.

SSgt Seth Philips – He swears he's a boom operator but somehow, he has gone over a year without BIQ dates. While he waits, he fills his time collecting Zyn cans in hopes of getting the Blackstone grill and enjoying corn dogs.

SSgt Jonathan “Jon” Sheehan - Jon has recently come on orders and has been helping out in the scheduling shop. Now he somehow keeps getting put on really good trips. Additionally, he's known for leaving guest bedrooms in better condition than he found them. Ask MSgt Phil Cullota, he can vouch for it.

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SMSgt Jennifer “Jen” Bowen - After 25 years in the Air Force Jen is retiring. Instead of coasting out her last year sipping on Malibu, Jen has volunteered to deploy and continues to be an active SEL and a pillar of the squadron’s leadership.....while also sipping on malibu.

SMSgt Victor “Vic” Torres - Vic deployed but is back and still on on deployment orders “and stuff like that”. I’m sure crime in the city has skyrocketed in his absence “and stuff like that”. Luckily police departments never care and are super accommodating when members come on orders “and stuff like that”.

SMSgt Markos Moraitakis - After a storied 30 plus year career in the Air Force, he’s decided to hang it up. The Greek philosopher will certainly be missed. If you ask him, he’s never had a bad time on the road.

MSgt Alvaro “Al” Fable –Fable has been on deployment orders and helping out where he can around the squadron. If he’s here though, who is at Rikers island screaming and yelling to keep all the inmates in line?

MSgt Dana Granteed – Dana is now a full fledged instructor and he’s hit the ground running. He can now get even better trips because he needs them for his student’s training. Apparently sitting on a beach in a tropical destination is very important for instruction.

MSgt Brian “No “e” Kelly - Brian has taken on the role of hiring new booms. No wonder we are so undermanned. All jokes aside as he’s in the process of hiring some good potential booms and continues to make the squadron better. If you know any wanna be guard booms with multiple checkride failures or DUIs send them his way!

MSgt William “Bill” Vigilante – Bill has now moved to Stan Eval where we hope he has found his spot. He enjoys bringing in his dog to terrorize everyone else’s dog and ask him about his “drinking Zyns” he has a whole system worked out.

TSgt Derek “Master” Bates - Derek has been working hard this year between instructing at Amtrack and being an active member of the boom community. We’d love to promote him but the word “master” before his last name doesn’t have a ring to it and would require additional SAPR training.

TSgt Angel Gonzalez – Angel became an instructor this year and took all of his years of experience to the desert. The heritage room isn’t the same without him there.

TSgt Matthew “Matt” Darabant – Have you seen this man? Please notify 170th SEL immediately if you have any information regarding his whereabouts.

TSgt Carla Luna - Como suboficial encargada de la programación, Carla se asegura de conseguir siempre los mejores turnos. Cuando no está volando, se relaja con una margarita en la sala de tradiciones.

TSgt Darel Matthews – Darel is allegedly still on orders over in the MPC. We need to send someone to do a health and wellness check on him.

SSgt Nicole Garced - Nicole is putting in the work on LTMPA. Her contracting job isn't sure if she's ever coming back and the stack of EFBs is getting close to the ceiling.

SSgt Anas Sohail – Anas has been brought in on orders and has taken over as the 170th UTM, a role he's been excelling at. On paper he's assigned to the MPC, but we only seem to run into him anywhere else.

SSgt Mohammed “Mo” Sulley - Mo is still plugging along in the KC-46 boom community although he's aspiring to further put his head in the clouds as a commercial pilot.

SrA Anthony “Mouth” Scozzari – When Anthony isn't talking about planes trains and automobiles, he's talking about the Mets. It's actually quiet here right now so he must be out for the day.

SSgt James Callaghan- James is down in Altus going through instructor upgrade. We aren't sure if he knows that a requirement of instructing is the ability to talk. Maybe they'll cover that in BIC.

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MSgt Brian Kelley – Rumor has it that SECDEF’s crackdown on facial hair was purely because of Brian’s beard. Don’t worry though, his mustache is still out of regs.

TSgt Bradley “Brad” Caruso - Brad is hard at work down in Current Ops and by work, I mean watching movies with the air conditioner blowing on him.

MSgt Kyle “Busch” Breitenbach – Kyle is our most recent recipient of the coveted Hobey Baker award and has truly become the go to guy in the squadron for any and all tasks. If you asked him how he does it all he’d be humble and downplay it, but we all know how he does it. An unimaginable amount of Busch light and equal parts nicotine.

108 OG



MSgt Jason Craig - Somehow Jason knows how every part on the KC-46 works, we better make sure Boeing doesn't try and hire him. These planes might actually fly if they do.

On Loan:

MSgt Vincent "Vince" Stokes - Loving his job at NGB although he still has to come back and fly with us. It's seriously cutting into his golf time.

Recent separations and retirements:

TSgt Timothy "Tim" Harman – Apparently DSG boom operator didn't pay as much as American Airlines pilot. Tim has decided to leave the guard and focus more on his airline bids. He and his mustache will be greatly missed.

SSgt Sean Callaghan – If you see Sean apparently now you must salute him. Our newest boom turn pilot has officially completed OTS and now he just has to wait for UPT.

SSgt Matt "Z" Zielinski – Z has been doing great in the guard and has really proved his work ethic. Unfortunately, he is off to the [REDACTED] to be a [REDACTED]. We're going to miss you Z, have fun [REDACTED].

A1C Antoni Castaldi – After 3.5 hrs. other time in the KC-135 and 120 hrs. in the KC-46 Antoni decided he'd mastered the boom thing and has enrolled in the Air Force Academy. We're looking for bigger and brighter things to happen for this kid.

And here's to our former booms who have moved on to other jobs or retired:

Dave "Good Deal" Falkowski
Mike "Sly" Sylvester
Tom "Tron" Miller
Patrick "O Canada" Ogle
Steve Wemple
C.J. "Dexter" Smith
Edward Acosta
Michael Orcutt
Jason Nunez
Brian "Killer" Kilpatrick
Ray 'Otto' Petersen
Marshall "the Land Baron" Rice
Carl 'I'm Baaaaack' Heinert
Don "I can't find my glasses" Smith
LeighAnn (Schuster) Bauer
Jose "I'm NOT heeere!" Rodriguez
Miguel "Billy" Badillo
Brandon Kehr
Jeff "SMART" Praskac
Ken "This IS my Good Side!" Stoddard
Marvin "The Great and Powerful Oz" Nichols
Samantha "Curly" Gerofsky
"Downtown" Scotty Brown
Marilia (Larry) Rodriguez
Joe "Lambchop" Lamantia
Ed "King of the Midgets" Montalvo
Augustin "Gus Gus" Alvarado
Curtis 'Where did the time go' Palmer
Fontain 'Orbit' Maurice Morris McCleary
John "Frustrated" Connor
Leyland "Not-so" Fast
Greg "Gucci" White
Alicia Judd

Frank "Biggest Feet in the Unit" Nucera
Steve "Gonzo" Gonzalez

John Holland
Paul “Joker, It Wasn’t Me” Matlack
Jim “DONT CALL ME CHIEF” Monaco
George “Of the New Jersey Grands” Grand
Glenn “Hoot” Houthuysen
Frank “Don’t Call Me Francis” McCarthy
Nick “Nicky” Bulko
Robert Louis Butler III “RB3
Mike “Grasshopper” Martin
Kevin Stoddard
Darrell “D-Man” Delle Site
Michael “G-Lover” Glover
Andy “I Like Rocks (Not the Music), Just Rocks” Kohlbecker
Tony “The Lip” Niwore
Marcie “The Gun” Montalvo
Andy “Stanley” Robinson
Steve “MOTHER” Falker
Gemini “GB” Bey
James “JR” Feigenbutz
Jason “Claymation” Roskam
Rob “STEM” Edelschein
Steve “The Grump” Gonzalez
Ken “Dutch” Schultz
Angie Chantre
Mike Martin
Jim “Swimmy” Simmons
Rich “Dog Balls” Emley
Stevee “Stinky” DeSanto
Kauriee “Cooter” Wood
Marlon Chantre
Heather “Sheetrock” Schoenrock

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

321 CRS



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

621 CRW EAST



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

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621 AMOS



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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

78th ARS

“FIRST AND FINEST!”



This Unit did not submit.

KEY FIELD ANGB, MISSISSIPPI

153 ARS / 186 ARW

“MAGNOLIA MILITIA”



This Unit did not submit.

LITTLE ROCK AFB, AR
34TH CTS
“PANTHERS”



Ops Sup: MSgt Nicholas ‘PATR’ Sowder - As the first and only boom operator at the 34 CTS, PATR has proven himself to the airlift bros around here time and time again. Between his freakish tactical knowledge, average chess game, and highly questionable canoe skills, he has become an absolute staple of the 34th. Since arriving, he has overhauled the squadron's tactics program, seamlessly stepped into the Operations Superintendent role, integrated tankers into high-level tactical exercises, and even took home Distinguished Graduate from NCOA. If that wasn't enough, he volunteered for a short-notice deployment to dominate the CENTCOM tanker planning cell—all culminating in a well-deserved promotion to Master Sergeant. He might be a tanker dude in an airlift world, but he's our tactical powerhouse and we couldn't be happier to have him on the team! Also, cause it matters, forklift certified.

LINCOLN ANG, NEBRASKA

173 ARS / 155th ARW

“Hustlin’ Huskers”



CMSgt Mat “Eli” Ellison: The Big Daddy of Husker Booms, the Sultan of Air Refueling, Eli is finishing up his reign of crafting the most degenerate bunch of Enlisted Aviators the squadron has ever seen. When he isn’t hiring or mentoring some of the greats, he is rippin’ G’s in a single engine, Swiss made jet fighter that no one else has ever heard of, which is undoubtedly one of the wildest hobbies any boom has ever had.

SMSgt Isaac “Ike” Cepek: The hammer and anvil of Stan eval, 50% of the time he’s joking with you, the other 50% of the time he’s serious, and 100% of the time you don’t know which one it is. Although one thing is for sure there’s two things in this world Ike doesn’t mess with; carbs and a bad boom list.

SMSgt Adam Krotz: Krotz treats every work trip announcement like it's the last helicopter out of Saigon, somehow managing to sign up before the email is even finished sending. Despite being old enough to complain about "kids these days," he's still blasting techno music like he's headlining a Berlin nightclub at 2 a.m. His loyalty to Ted Lasso goes far beyond fandom and has reached the point where coworkers are concerned, he's taking life advice exclusively from AFC Richmond. If enthusiasm for travel, techno, and Ted Lasso were billable hours, Krotz would be employee of the century.

MSgt Brad Bouc: Bouc n’ Hoes treats Facebook Marketplace less like a website and more like a full-time investigative career, spending every spare minute tracking down deals nobody else knew existed. The biggest mystery in the office isn't what project is behind schedule-it's what exactly he does back in the vault and whether he's actually working or just monitoring Marketplace listings in classified secrecy. He has an uncanny ability to appear out of nowhere the moment a young Boom posts something for sale, ready to critique the price, the pictures, and the negotiation strategy. He may have the quiet and mysterious act perfected, but everyone knows that once the Marketplace topic comes up, the volume knob suddenly disappears.

MSgt Riki Foos: Our unrivaled Mama Bear Boom. She works like a million jobs and raises kids while also taking care of this unruly bunch of refuelers. She’s just as quick to tell us a crazy story about her life as she is to delete a Silver Bullet.

MSgt Brett Schutte: Copenhagen in hand there’s nothing that will stop this beautiful bald man. Schutte absolutely killed it both flying and staff on the deployment despite never seeing JMPS in his life. The King of Kearny never ceases to amaze us.

MSgt Joshua “Sugar Bear” Butts (RIP): Uncle Sam finally released Josh from his shackles and let him graze in the mountains of Washington. Josh was the glue that held this unit together while he was, and to show our appreciation for all 2 hours of work a year, only two of us showed to his retirement out of pity. Sugar Bear is in a better place now, hibernating, and playing Microsoft Flight simulator naked with CNN on in the

background. RIP (Retired In Pnw), buddy.

MSgt Jordan Wright: Father of two, husband, firefighter, carpenter, boom operator, sexy calendar model, and an absolute rock of a deployer, Jordan is one of the best we have. In addition to the impressive list of accolades described previously, Jordan may be one of the only sane men among us.

TSgt Chad Johnson: He's replacing Sugar Bear as our LUM, or maybe he's pretending to run the tactics shop. But, actually, that might not really be a thing because we're tankers. Sometimes he's in the training shop. Usually, he's on never ending baby leave.

TSg(2nd Lt. Selec)t Ian Christie: The Guard Bum always prevails!! Our very own Ian Christie proved to anyone and everyone, that with a lot of dedication, hard work, countless hours of studying (and a lot of brown nosing back in the vault), you can STILL become a pilot within the organization! We will be sad to let this lovely chatterbox go to the "dark side" but he certainly won't forget where he comes from as he watches out for his little people from the view of the popcorn maker and the scheduling office. Congratulations on getting your well-deserved pilot slot Ian, you deserve it and we know you will pass with pashmina colors.

TSgt Grant Albrecht: Recently promoted...to FATHER, the oldest Albrecht brother welcomes to the family the birth of his new baby boy. Although, with this gene pool, Mrs. Albrecht practically gave birth to a pure-bred silverback. Let's all take some time to congratulate him and the misses on their new family member. Other than that, it's back to regular programming between the move to BFE Nebraska and busting Colorado teens from drinking and taking mushrooms at Lake McConaughy. Grant continues to be our mellow-minded man who does the job well and never complains. Be like Grant!

TSgt Stephen "Mongo" Mabie: If you're ever feeling dumb go ask Mongo to show you some of his brain rot memes... you'll feel as smart as Albert Einstein when you walk away. He lives to make funny AI pictures and memes, some of them are pretty good, but he's got to have a metric terabyte worth of AI slop on his computer at home from how much he makes.

TSgt Nick "Nicky P" Pollet: An avid outdoorsman, who is not good at sitting still and doing nothing. We've noticed a stark increase in the number of trips he's been on since he found out he can bring his fishing rod on trips. He spent days looking for fishing gear when deployed so he could go fishing in the Med. We're pretty sure he's the first boom in history to run a 5k in the jet during a combat sortie, because who else's first thought isn't "I think I'm gonna go run a 5k in the jet" while missiles are getting launched at you.

TSgt Mike "Pizza Mike" Lynn: Famous for his "world's best pizza" that coincidentally none of us have ever tried. His go-to inflight snack is boiling glizzies in the hot pot. In fact, he loves glizzies so much he once forced his crew to go with him to a wiener joint in Israel so he could get his glizzy fix. His go to breakfast is a thick slice of sourdough bread with a pound of butter on it. He doesn't even toast the bread, so the butter gets nice and melty. Just cold bread and cold butter. Whether it's pizza, butter, or wieners. If you give him something greasy or gluttonous, you'll have a friend for life.

TSgt Audrey Levey: Mom sent her kids to war and then decided she wanted to get in on the fun herself a month later. The confines of her purse contain nicotine, caffeine, ibuprofen and whatever else crew-dog rugrats need to survive.

TSgt Eric Kobza: From Wrench Monkey to Boom Slingin' War Hero, Kobza had his debut in CENTCOM with a brand-new kiddo! He has more than doubled his flight time in a few short (long?) months while getting a front row seat to the fireworks show put on by General Dynamics, where he also works. Even though he showed up to the CENTCOM party late, he's been putting the work in growing a glorious mustache and his resilience is seemingly unmatched. Congrats on the new addition to your family and have fun changing more diapers!

TSgt Ethan "Griethan" Jasinski: This man has done it again. Just when you thought he couldn't get more American he has now achieved the American Dream. He threw a rager of a wedding where all the fellas ended up with their shirts off, and the beer flowed freely like the Missouri River. And if that wasn't American enough, he also made himself a Bonafide, certified, card-carrying homeowner and did so without even looking at the house! (Thanks, CENTCOM) Congratulations to a full-blooded American War Hero on the new roommate and the new digs where I'm sure "There's so much room for activities!"

TSgt Ben "TORC" Wisnieski: Big Ben a.k.a. TORC here has been enjoying his life as a made man, and a full-timer. He's been making constant improvements to the Tanker Tavern with his fancy AGR money, while he corals the degenerate boom operators. He threw us for a loop a while back though (720-degree loop to be exact) when he showed up to work WAY more pale than usual (yes it's possible), so much so that he was almost translucent. Not to worry though because he's all healed up now, even though we miss his cowboy waddle. And It's a good thing he's back to normal because the bat signal went up just in time to earn him a deployed staff boom position.

TSgt Colin "Nancy, Slür, Pédro" Kerrigan: The master of the drip aura, and undeniable sex appeal in the Month of June. Colin finally moved on from living part time in Chile and instead moved on to more locally available flavors. His most recent deployment really broadened his mind to different cultures and religions, and he said he's gonna buy a yamaka and torah when he gets back. In all seriousness Colin is a devout believer and prophet in the Church of Fleece Johnson and will soon be on the step of the capital spreading his back to the masses. Amen.

TSgt Sam "The SWIZZLER" Wisnieski This MAN is to Booms the same way OnlyFans is to recently divorced Men. SWIS descended upon this mortal plane to do one thing, create a Spotify persona off a copilot and milk it for all its worth. The most interesting Boom in the world, once showed a lady his pet starfish to out of the goodness of his heart. Whether it's getting stranded in the desert or getting chased out of Creed concerts for stealing all the girls, The SWIS is always the go to party animal.

SSgt Hunter Horne: Newly promoted Staff Sergeant Hunter Horne has been such a GOOD BOYYYYY, holding the fort down at home. No, not because he wants to, but somehow the bobs knew an even harsher punishment for a man of his stature was to isolate him at home and send all his buddies away. He spends his days like any other college student, drinking in his garage, coming up with new ways to coerce his friends over to the Boom Haus, and sometimes going to class. Seriously though, someone please check in on him, he was starting to look like that guy from Cast Away for a minute!

SSgt Mitch Albrecht: Mitch can hear a penny hit the sidewalk from three blocks away and will somehow negotiate it down to half a cent before picking it up. As Chief Ellison's favorite "Boom," Mitch makes sure nobody forgets it by reminding the office at least twice before lunch and once again on the way home. He proudly claims the title of world's best brother, which would be a compelling argument if Grant didn't exist to immediately disprove it. If saving money and collecting compliments were Olympic events, Mitch would already have the gold medals framed and hanging in his office.

A1C Jackson Duncan: Jackson is the youngest boom in our mix, he survived the first 4 months of the deployment without Mattermost...just his Hawaiian shirt, 5" inseams, sunglasses, and a very short leash that Hank held onto. That being said, Jackson is kicking ass, the world is his oyster and skies the limit, literally.



RETIRED / MOVED ON /

SMSgt (Retired) Brad Musick: We thought it was time to update the Signal for everyone's favorite retired boom. We know we're his favorite booms because not only does he show up to the annual Boom Signal, but he talked his son, Aiden, into joining us!

Lang Anderson: When not posting amazingly detailed explanations of the finer points of geopolitical issues, Lang is often seen roaming the world with his wife Anne, doing well and showing his face at as many unit functions as possible. Lang is a true American treasure.

Mary Baker: Mary is living in Lincoln with her husband.

Cassie Balzer (Sabatka): Cassie recently retired and accepted a full-time teaching gig down by Wichita

Kevin Block: Kevin still works full time as an outage dispatcher for Nebraska Public Power District in Kearney Nebraska

Gary Bornemeier: Gary is living his best life on Beaver Lake by Omaha, still kicking and still cleaning the Casey's out of Silver Bullets on a nightly basis.

Everett Bottass "Bubbles": recently finished TFOT and is waiting to go to UPT, when not waiting around he works for Collins aerospace and is directly responsible for all Block 45 issues, so blame him.

Bob Buck: Whereabouts unknown, if anyone has had a Bob Buck sighting, please let us know, (Bob set the record for the shortest Boom career in the ANG)

Dmitri Davila: Dmitri got tired of the cold, so he moved South all the way to Topeka. He is working in their Scheduling shop while waiting to go to UPT, Meat is missed here every day.

Randy Douglas: Hold onto our hats for this one, but Snowman is the 173rd ARS Commander, I know, none of us ever thought we would see the day. He spends most of his days threatening to retire, but we won't let him.

Gene Ernst: Gene finally retired from Boomin' after he ran out of people to tell "he was an instructor at Altus". Still living in Lincoln running the BOSS for us.

Mark Forster: Mark left flying in 2012 to take a full-time job as the State Command Chief and retired fully in 2016. After that Mark left for the VA, the State of Nebraska, then Scheel's All Sports in Lincoln. In 2020 he left Scheels to focus on volunteer work with Project Healing Waters, a non-profit that supports disabled veterans with recreational therapy centered around fly fishing.

Mark Fusco: Mark is living in Lincoln and working for Lincoln Electric system. After decades his wife and him finally figured out what was causing all the babies to appear in their house.

Shawn Gallagher: Shawn moved to the front seat a few years ago and recently set the Nebraska ANG record for number of times being hired for the same job, if you are curious that number is 5. Shawn is currently our SELO and resident bartender which gives us a great place to have retirement and promotion parties.

Bryan Gayer: Last we heard Bryan was living in Omaha and working for FedEx as a delivery driver.

Robert Glantz: Bobby got tired of the warm weather, so he moved North to Sioux City where he sits and waits for UPT dates. Bobby is also missed here everyday.

John Gleisberg: Whereabouts unknown

Peter Gross Rhode: Pete is working as an Electrician in CE, after taking a job as a heavy equipment operator and official airshow ramp hole driller. Him and Cait have 2 kids now and are living on his family farm near North Bend Nebraska. I keep trying to get him to come back to flying, but CE is more his speed.

Mike Hamernik: Hammy is living the jet captain life. When he is not cheating death by spraying deadly chemicals on our food from the air he is flying various corporate aircraft for rich people who honestly made better life choices than any of us.

Chris Hatley: Chris was last seen deep in the woods of Northern Idaho, not sure if he is writing his manifesto or just living a life of quiet solitude.

Mark Heithoff: Mark recently retired from Lincoln Fire & Rescue.

Mike Hommen: Whereabouts unknown

Kodi Steckelberg: Kodi went to the dark side and received her commission as a nurse in the South Dakota Air National Guard. She lives near Sioux Falls with her 1 daughter.

Mel Kauk: Dancin' Mel splits his time between his farm by York, Nebraska and trailer house living on the Gulf of Mexico. We are convinced Mel is a vampire, as he refuses to age.

Mike Mayfield: Mike is still gouging the American Taxpayers on 2 fronts, first as a Lincoln Firefighter and second as a flight test boom at Tinker. I guess running towards burning things is just his style. Mike is retiring from the Reserves on December 1st, so if you are anywhere near Lincoln Nebraska come have a drink and run up his bar tab.

Leighton Michaelson: Layto claims the secret to his soft hands is to moisturize, but we know the secret is to never work. After a short stint working for Sladky electric Russ had to let him go because Layto insisted on wearing gloves so not to damage his hands. Him and Sherri are enjoying their new house after a fire caused by a lightning strike to the fireplace gas line.

Randy Millwood: Randy is living the dream, spends his days thinking of ways to annoy Katy, then spends his nights executing his plans. Randy is the retired boom we see the most, since his wife is our Group Commander, she drags him to all the parties.

Mike Minnick: Last anyone saw of Mike he was working at a bike shop in Lincoln, luckily he stopped wearing biking shorts 24/7

Steve Minnick: Steve finally retired last year from being our computer support contractor. Now that he is no longer a contractor we can actually invite him to squadron events without risking running afoul of his contract.

Dwight Morehead: Dwight is still living on his lake in Southeast Nebraska, he makes yearly appearances at the base, usually whenever there is a free meal to be eaten.

Matthew Parker: Matt left us for Sioux City where he is now a pilot and Altus slumlord. If you need a crash pad in Altus, he's your man.

Erica Perrey (Wilson): Erica left flying a couple of years ago and now lives in Decatur Illinois with her hubby Cody.

Trevor Piening: Trevor is an Aircraft Commander and newly minted Sun Country Airlines first officer. Never heard of Sun Country Airlines? Don't worry neither had any of us. Trevor is married with 2 daughters and a son. He recently built a new house on some family land with a sweet pond and sand volleyball court.

Jamie Policky: Jamie is a high school shop teacher in Lincoln Nebraska, he was only with us for 18 months, but he legacy lives on, mostly because we are still using his Hulu account in the alert facility.

Caleb Ramsey: Caleb retired this year from the Iowa ANG where he was flying their RC-26 out of Des Moines, after he left Madison where he flew their RC-26. His specialty is going to various guard units and causing them to lose their aircraft, probably best that he retired and is back flying at Delta.

Kelly Reese: Whereabouts unknown Joe Remmenga: Joe retired a couple years ago and is a Fed Ex 767 FO, He is married with a son and a daughter. He recently came to the yearly retirees breakfast and lowered the median age by a full 10 years.

Joe Rodriguez: Whereabouts unknown

Bryan Schuka: Schuka retired in 2023 and is still an Omaha Fire Fighter, but mainly he picks fat drunk people off the pavement in downtown Omaha for a living.

Matt Siemsen: Matt is an Instructor Pilot and in case you haven't spent more than 10 seconds with him, he is working in the IG office at USSTRATCOM. He is also retiring this summer

Russ Sladky: Russ is living the life of an electrical contractor

Mark Stocking: Mark works fulltime for the immigration service

Andrew Thimgan: Last we heard Andy retired from the South Dakota Army guard and is teaching elementary school in Sturgis South Dakota.

Jeff Tlamka: Jeff is still in the unit working as a chaplain's assistant.

Jeff Van Nortwick: Jeff retired in October of 2022 and just couldn't stay away, so he came back as our BOSS COR, but really, he spends 99 percent of his time working in Aircrew Training, which sounds like the world's worst retirement job.

Nate Vasquez: Did you know he deployed to Turkey for 8 months? If not he will bring it up anytime he can. Nate pulls graveyard over at the Duncan aviation FBO occasionally putting his marshaling skills to good use. It's all in the elbows right pal?

Luci Vasa (Jarzinka): Lucy left flying and went back to LRS for a few years, but retired last year, she is married to one of our crew chiefs and they just adopted a baby.

Christian Weeks: Christian separated in September 2023 to focus more on building his plumbing empire. Don't be surprised someday when he is hiring Hamernik to fly his private jet. Brian Wood: Brian is working

as an insurance inspector and is getting married this Summer. He found a woman with as many kids as him, so he is living a real-life Brady Bunch scenario

Gordon Anderson: Gordon left this world in May 2001, but for those of us who were lucky enough to know him, he is still in our hearts. We still gather every May to have a cigar and tell war stories at Gordo's gravesite.



KADENA, AB, OKINAWA, JAPAN

909th ARS

“YOUNG TIGERS”



Konichiwa from Japan's southernmost prefecture! Another great year for the 909th, maneuvering throughout the Pacific and its many austere locations. Anyone is always welcome to fly with us and to come enjoy Okinawa, which boasts a rich cultural tapestry shaped by its unique history and geographical location. Renowned for its pristine beaches, vibrant coral reefs, and subtropical climate, a true fusion of Southeast Asia.

This unit did not submit

MACDILL AFB, FL

50TH ARS

"RED DEVILS"



CMSgt Kenneth Cook – aka "Cookie Monsta" has mastered the ultimate military illusion: appearing on the flight schedule every single week despite only logging a "generous" 100 hours in the jet over the last two years. We're convinced his name is permanently copy-pasted onto the flight card as a bulletproof excuse to escape Wg/Group meetings.

MSgt Jeffrey Jaskela – Jeff knows the pubs so well we're convinced E-Pubs calls him before publishing updates. If you disagree with him, congratulations, you've just volunteered to look up the reference. He buzzed his head on deployment to a former communist country and said it was for the culture. Sure, Jeff... and the mustache stayed because it outranked the local government.

MSgt Korey Gibson – After molding the next generation of Airmen at ALS, Korey's back on the flightline where the only lesson plan is, *"Can somebody show me how this works again?"* He spent so long teaching that we're pretty sure his first instinct on the jet is to hand out homework instead of checklists, the teacher has officially become the student.

TSgt Travis Nelson – Looking like a mini 50 Cent and fresh off Weapons School, Prime isn't cocky... he's simply convinced he's the best of the best of the best, *with honors*. If you ask him to evaluate you, don't be surprised when the debrief sounds less like an AFI and more like a platinum rap album, every instruction comes with bars, and somehow, they're all about him

TSgt Gage Fontenot – They sent Gage to Altus to train the future of AMC, so if these new booms have any questionable techniques, we finally know who to blame. If he starts smiling while you're talking, don't smile back... he's realizing how much smarter he is than you.

TSgt Joshua Foreman – Josh finally hit the retirement button after spending what felt like an entire enlistment on DNIF. We're all glad he made it back to flying just in time to log one or two flights this year before hanging up the headset for good.

TSgt Tyler Loeslein – Sky insists her callsign is "Ghost," and honestly, we believe it... mostly because she has a habit of disappearing halfway through the workday. She'll swear she's "working," but finding her after lunch requires more ISR assets than a deployed operation.

TSgt Brendan Smith – Fresh off recruiting duty, Smith returns after years of convincing America's youth that Maintenance and Security Forces are the best jobs in the Air Force. Super cool guy, but after years of selling dreams, he's basically a government-issued used car salesman.

SSgt Frederick Hajjii – Hajjii has spent the last year "getting ready to separate," so we're honestly surprised he's still on the roster. A jack of all trades with a legendary disappearing act, he'll be remembered most for always making the squadron a better place with his contagious smile.

SSgt Jordan Barker – Jordan showed up to the squadron already DNIF, so instead of flying the jet, he's been flying the schedule and making sure the rest of us stay in line. At this point, he's got more stick time with Excel than the KC-135.

SSgt Zyrie Gravis Palmer – Zyrie is the undisputed king of *almost* receiving paperwork. Somehow, every close call ends with a smile and a handshake instead of a signature, proving he's living under a guardian angel with stripes. Japan's about to find out what we've known all along—he's equal parts good attitude and good luck

SSgt Anthony Hornbuckle – Anthony's philosophy is simple: *if it's a task, I'll take it*. Finishing it is apparently someone else's problem. Since he's not flying, he's become the squadron's unofficial office manager with his hands in everything, whether you asked for help or not.

SSgt Juan Ramirez-Ceballos – New dad, mobility guru, and one of the most dedicated NCOs you'll ever meet, RC somehow finds time to do it all. He hasn't seen the inside of a jet in years, but he still wears a flight suit like he's one alert away from saving the mission.

SSgt Elijah Welch – Elijah's timing is legendary... unfortunately, so is his choice of words. If the conversation gets awkward, odds are he just arrived, and before he leaves, he'll probably mention making SSgt without a STRAT.

SrA Dakota Lanpher – Dakota is one of the most laid-back guys you'll ever meet, so laid-back that he'll lose his deployment bags downrange and somehow expect the rest of the Sq to launch a search and rescue mission for them. As he PCS's, we'll miss the calm attitude, the laughs, and wondering what piece of government property he'll misplace next.

SrA Alexa Tracy – Tracy went from being the quiet Airman no one could hear to the reliable Airman everyone counts on. Between crushing it at Wg Scheduling and stepping in to fly and instruct whenever the Sq needs her, she's proven actions speak louder than words... although she's definitely smiling a lot more now that PCS season has finally arrived.

SrA Justice Ryan – Justice has somehow packed on what looks like 50 pounds of muscle in the last few months. We're not making any accusations, but his biceps are now about the same size as his aircraft knowledge. As one of our newest instructors, we're pretty sure his students learn their GK out of pure intimidation, but behind the muscles is one of the most genuine guys in the Sq.

SrA Aaron Shurette – Aaron speaks so softly you'd think he'd apologize for breathing too loud. Don't let the calm voice and laid-back demeanor fool you, he's probably the wildest boom in the 50th, and if you ever get lucky enough to witness Weekend Aaron in the wild, you'll quickly realize the quietest guy at work somehow becomes the life of the party.

SrA Caden Weinberg – Caden is Mr. Chill, Mr. Tactics, and Mr. "I'll speak when absolutely necessary." He's a hard worker, but he has a permanent *"I'll get to it... when I decide it's time"* attitude, all while looking young enough to still need a permission slip.

SrA Chance Egnor – Chance came home from deployment with thousands of dollars in the bank, but somehow not enough to pay a barber to bring that mustache back within regs. It's still the creepiest thing in the Sq, and we're convinced it has its own dependent ID card.

SrA Nicholas Castellones – Nick is the Sq's gentle giant with a voice that somehow sounds like a Porsche starting on a cold morning. Our BTZ recipient is an absolute savage in the jet, proving the only thing bigger than his frame is his work ethic.

SrA Orlando Rodriguez – Orlando's been focused on getting his health back where it belongs, and the squadron isn't quite the same without him. We're all wishing him a speedy recovery... but whenever you're feeling better, you've still got that 2024 EPB waiting for your signature.

SrA Grady Mackey – Mackey spent so long in Guam that "Hâfa Adai" is basically his greeting now. He's still somehow the palest guy in the Sq, but his commitment to island life has us checking AFIs to see if flip-flops count as flight gear.

SrA Logan Spengler – Logan is Mr. Calm, Cool, and Collected... until someone asks about his recent deployment. Suddenly it's, *"So there we were... missiles flying overhead..."* and by the end of the story you'd think he was halfway to a Bronze Star citation and DFC.

SrA Wyatt Shackelford – Wyatt has spent so much time deployed that "Can I come home now?" has become part of his daily checklist. Even after months downrange, he keeps grinding with the same laid-back attitude that makes him one of the easiest guys to work with

SrA Joseph Carrillo – Joe has somehow convinced himself he's the standard everyone else should be measured against. As he heads to Altus to instruct, let's just hope he teaches the new booms to prioritize their checklist over their hairline.

SrA Martin Garner – Garner has been keeping a low profile, quietly handling all the mobility chaos without breaking a sweat. The squadron's gentle giant doesn't need to be the loudest in the room, he just gets the job done.

A1C Taragee Gumbs – Our quiet assassin has quietly racked up more flying hours in the past year than most of the Sq combined. He lets his flight records do the talking, because getting more than two or three words out of him is harder than getting an early showtime canceled.

A1C Ariel Michel – Ariel has spent the better part of a year deployed, stacking flight hours like they're PRs in the gym. She's one of the toughest people you'll ever meet in the aircraft or the CrossFit box; unfortunately, that same intensity hasn't made its way to cleaning her dorm room.

A1C Kyle Smith – Kyle somehow looks like a 35-year-old computer programmer who's been debugging code since Windows 95, despite barely being old enough to buy cigarettes. He gives off serious Air Force Academy meets *Revenge of the Nerds* energy, and we're still trying to figure out if he's here to refuel jets or reboot the squadron Wi-Fi.

A1C Jared Kinslow – Jared's birth certificate says TSgt, but his sleeve still says E-3. He blasted through training, deployed almost immediately, and learned the aircraft so quickly we're just waiting for his rank to catch up with the rest of him.

A1C Sienna Harrison - Sienna has mastered the art of playing the "I'm just an airman" card whenever something goes sideways. Put her on the jet, though, and she absolutely crushes it, just don't ask how a single day of leave somehow turns into what feels like an entire pay period

Amn Bryce Nelson - Bryce hasn't been in the Sq long enough to become a real factor yet, so for now, he gets a free pass to just be himself. Enjoy it while it lasts, around here, your nickname usually finds you before your first EPB, and it rarely helps your career.

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Greetings from sunny Tampa, FL! Man, what a wild year for the MacDill Pirates. We checked the boxes on a NORI and UEI, dealt with a two-month furlough, plugged a few lines for SOUTHCOM, and practically emptied the shop to send everyone downrange for OEFU on an indefinite timeline (I think the “E” stands for extension or endless). And just to keep us on our toes, our KC-46 conversion got pulled forward two years to 2028. To say that I am proud of every single Boom in this unit is a massive understatement. Cheers to you guys!

Chief Boom

CMSgt Phil Costine – Mr Calm and Cool himself, really takes his open door/phone always on policy to the next level. Keeps his folks off the ledge no matter how long the call. Chief spends his time working 60 hours a week and seeing if you wanna get a salad and quest bar from the shoppette.

Full Timers

SMSgt Pete “Stu’y” Stulginski- The resident crusty Senior (in rank and age) with a perma-scowl. Will definitely tell you everything that you have done wrong and spend four hours talking about it for good measure. Loves his family and is excited for his son to start college baseball at Webber University (Congrats Tyler).

MSgt Jacob Coll- Sometimes, if you squint hard enough, you see a 20-something Stu’y. Hates GPC duties but loves his lunch on UTA for some reason. Seriously, he’s a great boom and SNCO that always advocates for airmen.

MSgt James Kyper- The hero of the “One Time Only, Meet at the Track at Lunch on UTA Race” against Zona (damn near lost too). Way to win one for us old timers. His Gallbladder and Spirit both died in 2026.

MSgt Josh “Taco” Ortega- Finally got this guy to fly on the schedule consistently. All we had to do was deploy him. Oh well at least he found Jesus out there.

TSgt Teresa “Nard Dawg” Hoffman- Filling in as an Exec for the Commander. Hey didn’t you do that on Active Duty? She is the ultimate bro around the squadron; She’s the new squadron mom and a member of the Blonde Boom Mafia.

Traditional Reservists

SMSgt Jackie Brown- Newest Senior and fast burner. Just wrapped up a Shirt tour over in AMXS. She could tell you all the stories, but she’d have to kill you. I believe her, she plays defenseman on a Coed Beer League hockey team and will gladly show you the bruises to prove it.

MSgt Tyler Berthelot- Quiet guy, for some reason really enjoys deploying and the absolute male dominated bases in the middle east. Weird...Always in a great mood.

MSgt Wayne Reid- The man will create all kinds of cool swag and snag every set of orders in the air force. His ability to work magic on DTS while also planning PACAF from Hawaii is glorious.

TSgt Blake "Broccoli Head" Adler – Welcome to your first UTA. Guess what, you're being activated and will be deployed in 72 hours. Is either quitting or becoming a MSgt every other day.

TSgt Megan Hatch- Our resident NICU nurse and charter member of the Blonde Boom Mafia (thanks Janson). Commutes in from Jacksonville to remember how to be a boom every now and then.

TSgt Rob Huesgen- Ranger Rob has spent a good deal of the last few years on the road. Always down to take a set of orders. Definitely not pleased that he isn't the only one with a C Device.

TSgt Mike McGuire- One of our booms who happens to be building hours to apply to be a pilot. Great guy and a local guy who participates (rare these days). New Dad, definitely gonna be a good one.

TSgt Rudy Mirabal- Rudy is finally able to stop troughing and go back to the Department after the charges were dropped. Is closer to being an ace that most of the fighter pilots he refuels.

TSgt Demian Solis- Easy-going, mellow guy. Nothing seems to piss him off. Gonna be our next AGR if this mobilization ever comes to an end. One half of the Boom Power Couple.

TSgt Jacob Zahn- Zohan wishes we flew the 46 2 years ago. To be honest, currently we all do too. Zohan will drop big money on the nicest outdoor gear. The guy will be the only one to survive the zombie apocalypse in the squadron.

SSgt Eli Amriott- Just had a baby, Very serious about his baby leave. Aspiring to be a pilot. Hopefully he meets his goal and continues to fill a role in squadron scheduling.

SSgt Cam "Smiley" Braunig- Happiest guy in the section and it drives Kyper crazy. Smiley grows a fierce stache we all need to respect. Kyper be damned, Smiley gonna keep smiling,

SSgt Mackenzie Macklin- Big Mack is as manic as a methhead on a 4 day bender. She is an airline pilot, aspiring psychiatrist, a member of the Blonde Boom Mafia, and will do anything for anyone. Just don't ask her when she is on her 40 hour sleep cycle.

SSgt Lillian Solis- RIRRIAN is the best boom. She does everything better than everyone, just ask Aper. In all seriousness, her entrepreneurial mindset and ETSY store has her phone making cash money sounds at all hours of the day/night and is part time member of the Blonde Boom Mafia.

SrA Jasmin Jamon- Newest boom and is so quiet you just might miss her. Came to us from Med Group and was in the Mental Health office (gotta be careful what we say now). Just got her through MCT so you know what that means....we'll see you after the deployment

SrA Kolby Spurlock- How does the quiet farm kid with the worst mustache that is Hansen's nephew end up living in a Frat House at Western Michigan University. We're living in wild times man.

SrA Derek Zona- Tried valiantly and failed to beat Kyper in a sprint. Oh well, we got some pretty awesome meme's out of it! Loves Israeli Uber Eats and 300,000 hours of World of Warcraft.

Inbound:

TSgt Jean Alonso- Homestead F-16 crew chief who was tired of replacing TACAN antennas so he cross-trained so he can break them.

TSgt Phil Pusateri- Super experienced Crew Chief who cross trained over to the darkside. Why do I get Billy Madison or Van Wilder vibes of him in Tech School.

Attached:

MSgt Matthew "Stroke" Janson- Moved to Robins to work at headquarters. The commute here finally broke him. Matt still complains, just about everything else.

Outbound:

SMSgt Nate Hooper- Retired. Living the life out at Melbourne, FL as a super-nerd engineer for Northrup Grumman. Probably creating the next AI robot that will destroy humans.

SSgt Aaron Kempster- Aaron is a stay at home dad and a great guy. Wish we could keep him. Guy was a real silver fox.

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“BOLTS”



A1C Nathan Zelasko — Altus PD doesn't think he is very good at operating a motor vehicle. He also has more experience than his rank reflects, likely thanks to his creative driving techniques. Dude is so in-tune with nature that can smell rain hours before it precipitates, and he has a mean rain dance. Lastly, he has been refusing to propose to his doctor girlfriend who is way out of his league for over a year now. But in all seriousness, give him a task and you'll get enthusiasm, improvisation, and probably pulled over —frequently in that order.

A1C Ella Dove — If her name sounds like it belongs on a Victorian ledger, that's because Ellenor Francis Dove clearly missed her century. She rocks three regrettable tattoos (including "Dove" on her elbow in case she forgets her name.) She chain-smokes Camel Crushes, and her music taste is as old as her name makes her sound. On the jet she doesn't know the difference between a fire extinguisher and an oxygen bottle. She also had to cut out a chunk of hair with her multi-tool after she decided to stick her head in the Nav table fan twice in one flight. Despite these less than normal mannerisms, she is shaping up to be a reliable boom.

TSgt Collin Leavens — He's the kind of guy who'll blow two paychecks on Magic: The Gathering and then act surprised when the real world wants him to adult. Collin says he likes karaoke but is afraid to ever actually get on stage. He plans to get married on a pirate ship in his blues before he heads to Mildenhall. Luckily the tipping culture in Europe may be more appropriate for him; according to his TDY crews, he doesn't respect the service industry, and his tipping percentages are usually a single digit. Expect enthusiasm, questionable priorities, and the inability to buy basic social awareness (even with all the saved tip money.)

A1C Faust Fischer -- Faust Floyd Fischer: yes, his full name is an alliteration of 3 first names. Fresh from the DMV with his new driver's license but says his A1C paycheck can't make a car payment (the other Airman keep telling him Dodge Chargers are pretty cheap.) By day, he glides in on an e-bike that he insists was "acquired" not stolen, and by night he saves for a car by using it to deliver DoorDash orders. Growing up, he was the German version of an Eagle Scout, his former knack for preparedness now shows up as an uncanny ability to avoid responsibility. He also really doesn't like Amitott.

A1C Spencer Miko — He's the quiet one who says so little you start to suspect his words are on backorder. Deep down he loves Blume and in between all the deployments he is mourning the loss of his hetero life mate. Spencer claims to love fishing but no one has ever seen him do it; the only thing he's reliably reeled in is suspicion. Most memorably, he once managed to light the APU on fire. Keep him near the quiet corner and far from anything with a spark.

A1C Kayden Blume – Kayden is a one-man pigeon population control program. He has never seen a pigeon he hasn't tried to catch with his bare hands. He loves his tiny, stupid car the way some people love their pets. At his hail, the commander asked why his car had a woman's name, Kayden answered disastrously, "Because riding a dude would be weird." The First Shirt LOVED that answer. Blume also loves Miko back. Good dude, we are just hoping he doesn't come down with Bird Flu so he can keep flying.

SSgt Bernardo "Val" Valiente – He is the first person that anyone has ever met who actually rollerblades for fun. He does it shirtless on Bayshore Ave. He once got robbed by a masseuse while unable to walk. His crew described him as: "an angry little wheelchair man" who needed carted away. Val's personality while drinking goes from Dr. Jekyll to Mr. Hyde by happy hour. He bought a house in Tampa and his attempts at "improving" his real-estate investment look nothing like HGTV and turn into one of those rage rooms rapidly. He is also Tampa Bay Rays Baseball's biggest fan, but only during the month of June. Even with all the prior mentioned antics, if you need a smart and reliable instructor boom, Val's your guy.

SSgt Shawn Golembieski – He claims the "wind did it" when a hatch flew over and busted a window out on the cargo rollers. It almost caused an international incident but at least "we all learned from it." His tattoos resemble a toddler's art project, and he looks like a Temu version of Gerald Butler. He bummed Camel Crushes from Dove all deployment but "doesn't smoke." He is/was forklift-certified and is dangerously proud of it. He once called a breakaway by belting a guttural "WOAH... brother..." and somehow everyone treated it like normal and did the procedures. He is entertaining at the least. We love him.

SrA Josiah Amiott -- He sits post-flight like a science experiment and refuses to shower. His crews say he puts his sweaty ears straight into his video game headset and marinates. His towel is permanently crispy because if "I didn't sweat, why shower?." But trust me, he sweats. A tree fell on his car because even nature can't stand his smell. He is the ugliest of his boom operator brothers and proud. He hates Fischer Faust for some reason. I wish Old Spice would sponsor him.

TSgt Alex Diego – The "Guam Golden Boy." I swear this dude has a key to the Chiefs hut at Chamorro Village. If you're in Guam, chances are someone will approach you and ask, "do you know my son/cousin/nephew/friend Alex Diego?" He is a local celebrity there. He once left for a deployment without checking out guns and his TDY crew to Japan said he "really got whipped into shape" on that trip. IDK what that means... He was the quickest to volunteer to measure waist checks (awkward) and did such a good job they made him a group exec. He is off to bigger and better things. We will miss him!

SSgt Korbin McNeil -- He is the proud dad of a deployment baby. He also smiles more when Mia isn't around for some reason. It explains the whole *getting her pregnant and sent home from the deployment* thing. People say he has nice hair, but he told me he shares Loriel No-Tears with his new son as haircare. Promoted to SSgt but is still pulling the escape slide on the Air Force and getting out; the new stripe didn't upgrade his personality. Thinks he crushes pickleball; reality says he is kind of booty at it. Great evaluator and boom we will miss him when he separates.

SrA Detavian Daniels -- 40-year-old living in a dorm room and the only way he could move out was to get married. That's because based on the dorm inspections, he never learned how to clean during his long life on Earth. This man was BTZ but blew his chances at SSgt like the Falcons blew a 28-3 Super Bowl lead. He is from Atlanta and thinks it's the nicest city in the US. I guess he hasn't traveled much in his years either.. Seems like he is solid enough on the jet but some of his crews say he is always asleep if he is not in contact.

A1C Alex Daniel -- He was a restaurant server before the Air Force and talks about it constantly for some reason. He doesn't get along with Leavens because of his service industry ties. He failed out of ROTC and enlisted. He won the Twerk-Off at the Sq Christmas party, is actually really good at karaoke, and was a DJ in a past life. He goes by "DJ Homebirth" because his wife wanted to have their kid in a bathtub so bad that they didn't go through Tri-Care and ate the full cost. When asked "what are you doing today?" at work, he always responds "lookin at memes cuh.." I still haven't figured this guy out. He has more layers to him than Shrek.

SrA Mia McNeil -- She refused to deploy without Korbin, then got pregnant and left his ass stranded out there. She is the notorious "Banana Bandit." Pretends to be a Chiefs fan but can't name a single player other than Taylor Swifts boyfriend. She can't decide whether she likes the baby or her cat more; Korbin didn't even make the shortlist.

SSgt Mercedes Austin -- Hosts a podcast that only Lovett pretends to follow. She volunteered to be a loadmaster, got orders, then realized her mistake and had a baby to get out of the assignment. She is a Dallas Cowboys fan but I think she may know less about football than Mia.

SrA Stephine Peraza -- Complains about not being able to hold down a relationship. The closest thing she's had to a man was a receiver pilot who got too close because she can't call a breakaway. Korbin made her cry during a system brief, and she cried over a cat in Greece. Seems like a crybaby. She peppers conversations with random Spanish when she gets nervous as if it's a secret weapon. She is closer with Gabby Martinez than Miko is to Blume. We think Martinez is the real reason she can't find a man.

TSgt Mike Eiland -- This dude has been saying "I'm retiring soon" for the past year, and I think he still has a year left. Quitter energy. Nothing says checked out like leaving the squadron off the whole boom signal last year. DNIF by day, wannabe hockey hero by night. How can you be "unable to egress due to knee injury" then play goalie for hours at beer league? It's a mystery. Training lives in 'mañana.' He says "we will handle that tomorrow" about everything in the shop but then rolls in, announces 'it's about that time,' and leaves by noon to miss a slap shot — all talk, no follow-through."

SrA Sam Renegar -- Looks like Brainy from Hey Arnold. This dude flunked out of dentist school while his brother's flying planes in our sister squadron. Now he is an enlisted boom operator. Family disappointment? Ask him I guess.. His dorm room is serial-killer clean. He could teach Detavian a thing or two about a vacuum. He is getting married soon and actually seems to be half-decent on the jet.

MSgt Philip Gordon -- Former ROTC instructor at an all-girls school. He was the old guy that showed up to frat parties and doubled as the chaperone. He is an old head KC-10 boom with lots of rank and stories, but this MCT thing is seeming pretty long and drawn out for him. Maybe he will finish sometime this year and be able to boom by himself on a real jet.

SSgt Jonathan Ross -- This guy looks like an illegitimate love child between the commander and Guam's Golden Boy: half Lt Col Herbol, half TSgt Diego. His face seems a little underdeveloped with a look that screams grown-up baby. He supposedly worked in Group Training last time he was stationed at MacDill, yet he's dragging his feet through MCT like he's reinventing time; all swagger, no finish.

A1C Christian De Jesus De Jesus -- His name says it twice because he never shuts up. "De Jesus De Jesus," the human echo. He only takes international leave and when he gets mad the Spanish comes out full volume. I'm also pretty sure he is homeless and may live in the hangar. I'd like to say he makes up for it in the jet but, legend has it: he broke EMCON on an operational mission to call a breakaway with the receiver at 2 miles in trail. Bless his heart.

A1C Elijah Scott -- This kid greeted the commander like an old buddy in his first hour at the Squadron. "Sup Dude!" — total confidence, questionable judgment. He left a bag of apples to rot in his dorm and parked in the fire lane when he deployed. He walks on his toes like he's sneaking through a cartoon, pops into random dance moves, and insists he's a Pokémon master. Cleared the receiver to contact without running the checklist in front of the SEL...

SSgt Jacob Magda -- Perpetually trailing an ashtray scent. Magda knows all of the inner workings of an R/C car or truck, but cargo contour requirements and jet systems seem abstract to him. Lovett can't keep his eyes off Magda's "hair" or lack thereof. In reality, is a great instructor and evaluator that cares a lot about his students.

MSgt Nathaniel Scheffel -- The guy who's usually on his brother-in-law's yacht that he saved up to buy by "cutting grass." Shows up to the office in flip-flops like it's casual Friday every day but somehow runs Ops better than Brod ever did. Can't get his kids to mind, won't teach them manners, and insists he "can't even cook dinner" because they're so unruly.

TSgt Justin Pauleon -- Thought he ran Altus then PCS'd here to the bottom of the totem pole. We heard he once asked a student "you cool?" — when they said yes he whipped out a giant vape mod and set the sprinklers off in the briefing room. Proudly pukes on the jet in front of his at least 50% of his students. He also can't park to save his life (lost his license plate on day one on his Souda deployment) and capped the scene by throwing up in a cab so Brod had to fork over 150 euros. Guy pukes a lot, I guess.

SrA Emily Zincone -- Married a “nonner,” her words not mine. Emily has more flying hours than number of times she has blinked in her entire life. She is the undisputed, oblivious staring-contest champion of the squadron and she doesn’t even know she is playing. Her dog is a walking germ (she once fed it a whole loaf of bread just to get out of work), but despite the quirks, she’s a fantastic instructor and will be missed.

TSgt Benjamin Fedrick -- Don’t know him that well yet but we got intel he shows up to parties wearing a tail, full furry energy. He is a TSgt but somehow gets intimidated by Korbin. He needs to be told he is doing a good job constantly or he will explode so we have to constantly lie to him. Now on his fourth round of Pre-CFIC, he’s got it this time.. If you have any expensive wine laying around, it’ll disappear with Fedrick in the area.

SSgt Gabriella Martinez -- Got her Altus orders canceled to come here and go to SOAR, then skipped SOAR altogether — She went to training and deployed since she’s been here. She’s Peraza’s biggest fan and her official wingman, which explains why Peraza can’t seem to find a man. A wine lover through and through, Martinez and Fedricks are basically the Bonnie and Clyde of the bottle, always ready to “borrow” more.

SrA Jarrett “JJ” Montgomery -- His deployment to Israel has been his favorite so far. He tells leadership constantly how much he loves it there. He is notorious for running over imaginary cats then denying it along with lying about crashing rental cars. JJ single-handedly upended scheduling because he can’t reliably show up to fly. We have to strap an ankle monitor on him if there a chance of him being on the flying schedule. He attempts and fails Korbin-style hair and once managed to punch a hole in Val’s drywall with his head.

CMSgt Orland “Lando” Infante -- Where is he at? What does he do? Is Gp Ops Sup even a real thing? The elusive Lando logs more hours at his kid’s baseball games than he does flying hours. The Airman say they see him more on Facebook than in person. He secretly idolizes Rogers (minus the gym obsession), followed him to three bases and even bought a Tesla in imitation. He even publicly called Korbin out for stingily withholding commendables after his checkride. This guy is a piece of work.

A1C Andrew Stallard – One of the new guys. He has been on baby leave since he got here. He is a hard charger though; he even attempted to fly on his wife’s due date. Stallard comes from a long line of boom operators — it’s practically family tradition.

SMSgt Jonathan Rogers – Never shuts up about how great his Tesla is. He looks out of his office window and makes it fart every time someone walks by. I wish he was editing my EPB instead of playing with his car. This guy is relentless. Rogers loves tequila more than he pretends to care about his troops. He squeezes into shirts 3 sizes too small and gets a migraine if he skips the gym. His prized position is a motivational shirtless photo of Chief Cook in his office. He desperately wants to be like Infante (and for Infante to want to be like him), He also insists he’s a karaoke legend with three go-to songs—he isn’t.

A1C Dylan Lovett – Confident guy; and I said confident not competent... He thinks he has this whole Air Force/Boom Operator thing figured out. However, the statistics show: running over old ladies, not being able to manually lower the landing gear, twerking for the crew chiefs, and hosting an episode of “Hoarders” in his dorm room are not the attributes of a superior performer. We think he needs more time to bring his performance in-line with his perception of himself.

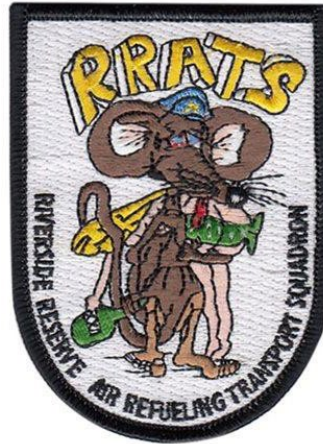
SSgt Owen Derksen – Tried to Palace Chase for the Altus Reserves but didn’t cancel his active-duty orders like an idiot. Now he is stuck at MacDill for another year driving an hour to and from work. He thought it would be a good idea to let his wife choose where they lived but now, he can’t afford gas. He bought a boat almost as fancy as Sheffel’s brother-in-law but is afraid to drive it. He got moved to XP to avoid deploying. Deployed twice. I hope his Palace Front goes through now, so he doesn’t start living in a cardboard box. You may see him as your next smiling Walmart greeter if it doesn’t.

TSgt Nicholas Brod - Got hired to a sweet reserve job but AFPC played the UNO Reverse card and he's been "Palace Chasing" those orders ever since. His boat once broke down in the middle of the ocean one night and he had to get towed back, which is appropriate since he's used to shutting off vehicles since it was discovered that he couldn't drive a stick shift. On deployment, he tried to kill SMSgt Rogers 6 times by stalling out the vehicle in the middle of 4-lane intersections. He also spends thousands on hunting licenses just so Rogers can purposely deploy him during the season, and lets be real, he sucks at it anyway... A whole lot of haunting and fishing, but not a lot of catching and killing. On a side note, he loves Crew Comm as much as JJ loves Israel, but with all that said, we're supper proud of him, since last September, he's lost 50 lbs... even if he did it by crushing 5 Monters a day and being on Ozempic.

MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

336th ARS

“RRATS”



This unit did not submit

MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

912 ARS

“Vipers...Fear the Venom”



Ops Sup

TSgt DeJahnay Fort: She thought she could get out of the forever deployments by having a baby, well it worked. Unfortunately for her she got put in charge of everyone and everything back home. But that's good practice for her as she just got approved for OTS of Space Force! Congrats on making it to the dark side, the officer corps got a good one!

A-Flight

TSgt Liahna Childs: They say 'Retired on Active Duty' is a myth, but Childs is living proof it's an art form. After surviving a 1-month TDY turned to 3 months, and just to have to deploy again; She still walks around with a positive attitude. We all know the truth; she is counting the days when she will not have to be the A flight chief and not be forced to do her job...too bad that it's still a few years out.

SSgt Jordan Carr: We are so incredibly glad to have Jordan back. Anyone who can survive an 8-month deployment *and* a lifetime of being a Cleveland fan clearly has the psychological stamina of a superhero. He missed his kid's first birthday and came straight back to work without complaining—which makes sense, because as a Cleveland fan, he's highly accustomed to missing out on the big, celebratory events. Hopefully he will not have to miss any more.

SSgt Macro Gutierrez Benitez: We're forcing him to go through instructor school but we're dangling a Kadena PCS for him if he passes. If knowing the ins and outs of the 202 vol 3 isn't motivation enough, the Japanese shawties will be. Gutie is probably the quietest person in the entire squadron, so it's unfortunate the one time he briefs his student his voice cracks. Gutie has been the squadron go to boom since he got here, and we're going to miss him when he's gone. Best of luck in Japan brother!

SrA David Liu: More like David Who? Been deployed indefinitely, or he just PCS'd into the AOR who knows? But he loves it! Anyone that knows Liu, knows he loves his peace and quiet, and if anyone interrupts that he WILL call a "sterile cockpit." When the cockpit isn't sterile Liu is critiquing the pilots on their speeds, "you're going too fast, then you're going to slow," jeez Liu why don't you just take the throttles?! We're hoping to get Liu back soon, we don't know how many all-nighters and energy drinks his body can take.

B-Flight

SSgt Nasia Harris: After supposedly getting DNIF'd by eating off the jet floor, she's spent her time DNIF single-handedly carrying the scheduling shop on her back... well, when she isn't busy clearing the shop out with her gasses.

SSgt Jeffrey Mayfield: He said "Hi" once and we got sick of him, so we deployed him a week later. He wouldn't stop talking about his prior 2 week "deployment" to PSAB, so we felt he'd be right at home. But in all seriousness, he's been an awesome addition to the squadron, and he saved Carr from his eternal deployment. Hopefully one day he can enjoy Southern California and his own bed.

SrA Trissa Bennett: Keeping the trend of deploying almost every year she's been in the Air Force, she deployed for what was supposed to be a 3-month deployment that somehow turned into 8+ months, bringing her to over 1,000 combat hours. Trissa is one of our hardest-working MBs and has been a great addition to the 912th family. This deployment may have solidified her decision to separate from the military and focus on school, and we wish her the best!

SrA Caelan Beardsley: The only person I know who, regardless of what life throws at him, good, bad, or horrible, is completely unfazed. He's a decent worker when told exactly what to do, but left to his own devices, nothing is getting accomplished. He does, however, strive in one area: depriving himself of adequate sleep to play video games. Either way, we wish him the best as he transitions out of the military and pursues school full-time.

McConnell AFB, KS

344 ARS -The Ravens

“ANYTIME – ANYWHERE”



SMSgt Derik Melson - Our gracious and wise leader. To this day drives a car that was rolled off the line the day he was born. He's the man with a plan for anybody's needs or wants, and that plan is delegation to somebody else. As his sun sets, and his will to play Air Force dissipates, he leads with a rubber fist. We noticed he does have all his beautiful hair, and he waves in the wind, because he just don't care. Crew dogs around the world rejoice in seeing a brother nearing the end let the blue flow out of his veins on the ground. Did I mention he IS the SEL?

MSgt Bryce "SHIBA" Smith - Melson's enforcer. SHIBA is accurate in that while he might not look like the most intimidating dog, any dog willing to bite can be terrifying. Tall, slender, and bald from dealing with the rest of us, Smith keeps the door open for all airmen, though less like therapy room and more like a Venus fly trap. If you didn't know, he was test boom #67 at Edwards. Just kidding, of course you knew, it's the first thing he tells you.

MSgt Kyle "VW" VanderWagen - Another guy coming to us from "test", hooray for us. Holds down the fort in Stan/Eval, although we aren't sure if he's glanced at the Vol-2 before. VW has been "renovating" his house for nearly a year at this point as the man seems to have an unlimited supply of leave. Five feet tall yet drives the biggest, most obnoxious truck in the horseshoe...not that we are insinuating anything.

(M)Sgt Nicholas Snyder - Did you guys hear something? Oh, that's Nick whispering again. Shocked the world when he made MSgt with just a "promote", turns out stacking bodies and earning DFC's in his prior career field paid off. Now that he's out of the squadron and over to Wing Tactics with no Airmen bothering him, he may finally get some peace and quiet his bones long for.

TSgt Challis "Chall Pal" Landsberg - MISS 344TH ARS. Chall Pal has been grinding in the gym (not in the jet but that's not the point) and FINALLY completed NCOA. She's proven she's got that dawg in her, the problem is dogs don't fly, and Charlie don't surf.

TSgt Tyler Espinoza - As Drake once said, "Started from the bottom now we here". This guy was scanning CACs and stopping Amn Snuffys wife from beating him for the third time this week before God reached down and bestowed a green zipper suit to him to instantly lower his cortisol. Tread with caution, he may still have PTSD from Guard Mount.

TSgt Killian Stone (Ret.) - Killian has finally, “Waitforit,” departed the Squadron into retirement. We wish her the best in all her endeavors on the outside. Don’t lose that DD214!

TSgt Cornelius Frazier - In case you thought SSgt EB Frazier was bad, welcome to TSgt EB Frazier. Do you know what your AROCDU amplified is? Guess what, you’re about too. Fray Fray roams the halls of McConnell like a melanistic shark, waiting for somebody to need a no-notice. He also can drink like a shark on the road. Beware, keep the liquor on the high shelf. (No, he actually hates Hennessy.) Leaving us for Scott AFB, better not see any more last minute ONE’s over the 4-day weekend...

TSgt Arielle Bailey - Back in Kansas for her second sentencing at McConnell AFB. Loved the 349th and 350th so much that she decided to come to the 344th and see how a real ARS operates. We asked for a “FTU Instructor Boom” and the best they could do was one coming from the KC-135 schoolhouse...thanks again AFPC.

(T)Sgt Devin “Catfish” Battle - If this guys not passing out at work from giving blood or overheating, he’s probably pulling up with your mom’s alcoholic sister in his Camaro blasting White Snake. He just changed his phone number, presumably due to playing stepdad for multiple families. This guy might be last year’s Mission Boom Operator Of The Year (MBOOTY), but that doesn’t mean he can fly past pregnancy allegations from the local “dancers”.

(T)Sgt Rodel Ubungen - Three words. “Hi”, “Bye”, and “Sup”. We’ve never heard him say anything else, and we never see him around. Much like a B-2, he flies under the radar and disappears before you ever knew he was there. Without a doubt, he’s home with his newborn being a great father. Congrats man! I think another is on the way... a few more and he can field a softball team.

SSgt Dalton “DEGE” Degeneffe - Dege is the epitome of work (kinda) hard, play (really) hard. Our Sherrif of roll call, and resident morale enforcer. Between wrangling his troops in scheduling, making sure women are safe in their own house, tattooing the fellas and freaks alike, he really sets the bar for a SSgt. He finally passed a checkride at Altus (jury is still out on how that’s even possible). Some say he’s a hard ass, I say he’s a small man with a big heart.

SSgt Jasmine Miller - Interested in any or all opportunities out there be it Green Door or Flight Attendant, never know where she is going to end up. While she’s quiet in the office, she’s a stickler for the FCOM and will call you out regardless of rank or qualification. Ripe for orders at this point, some community is going to be lucky to have her.

SSgt Philip Fowler - Only KC-46 Boom Operator with a KC-135 tramp stamp and spends all his per diem on Magic the Gathering. Got arrested once for driving a rental on the flight line...then proceeded to do it again. Unironically wears his dog tags daily on deployment and begs to be waterboarded. Genuinely one of the most down-to-Earth dudes we have.

SSgt Zachary Bosnjak - Matthew? Always exhausted, don’t ask him to do anything (including laundry) unless you have a month to spare. In the squadron for less than a year, and already next up for IB, his teaching skills are on par with shot gunning beers. Hasn’t supervised anyone yet, probably because he’s still supervising himself. If you can’t find him in the shop, he’s too busy getting mediocre tattoos from Dege.

SSgt Darryl Penman - Our Canadian resident is probably dealing with some car or house problems, only boom in the squadron collecting social security. Like the top of his head, shining bright above his peers. Darryl is the kindest soul in the squadron, but if you ask him to teach a class, he’ll look at you like you asked him to solve string theory. Might still be working on his demo contacts.

SSgt Brandon “McNugget” McDowell - Our second friendly neighborhood newly minted NCO. Nugget works hard for 5 minutes at a time in between his 10-minute brain rot and doom scrolling breaks. He’s dependable to a fault. You can depend on him to teach young Airmen the ropes in the jet, EQ his check rides, ask to show up to work late, leave early, add soda cans to the back of his beater, and rub his mustache.

SSgt Trinidad Reyes - One of our new friendly neighborhood NCO’s. This guy immediately buckled down after getting his line number and lost 50 pounds, leaving the E-4 mafia behind and embracing the NCO corps. He is DEFINITELY switching up on the fellas, and he is DEFINITELY missing his own promotion. I also foresee the GR86 traded in for a Supra. Dolla Dolla bills y’all.

SrA Thomas “NOTSO” Bright - How much does your wife’s ring cost? “Whatever I could save in 14 days” replies NOTSO. This guy is Elvis if Elvis pulled the first girl he saw in the crowd up on stage and married her right there. Tall, Dark, Handsome, and found primarily at his house during the workday, NOTSO skates by as smooth as the King delivers on stage. We hope to see this legend again at the helm of an AROS station... one day.

SrA Carson “FEZ” Delano - I fear no man...but that thing...it scares me. The screeches and resonating sounds that come out of FEZ strike fear and secondhand embarrassment into friends and foes alike. Don’t let him fool you, our “IBOOTY” is one of the top dogs in KC-46 job knowledge. He consistently and accurately answers questions, teaches new booms, works the desk in training with high efficiency, and never complains. With all that being said, best I can do is a “Promote”.

SrA David Harris - How old is this guy again? Only a year or two from getting his AARP membership card, Harris stays busy playing golf. Spent a year working as a Group Exec but still struggles with MFRs...4 spaces at the bottom buddy. Nobody really knows the old man’s backstory, but we know he can afford a new Ford Bronco...

SrA Nicole “DRAKO” Kleymenov - Not a fan of oyster shooters. DRAKO can and will get on any TDY possible to remind herself that she, indeed, is important. The squadron somehow hasn’t figured out that she’s never come into work at the desk a day in her life, or they have, but are afraid of the data she might be collecting in the unit. Probably flirting with NATO allies, I wonder why, Мы знаем ваш секрет.

SrA Orion “FLEX” Tyra - Apparently as an instructor, “You can have good GK, or you have a good personality” well he has neither... Some have called him the ghost, as nobody knows what office he works in due to always being gone. He looks ODDLY close to an LT from the 349th... DNA test pending approval. FLEX embodies the chill vibes of today’s youth, with deep thoughts, and has a special affinity for water... “No Cap on God Bro”.

SrA Jacob Witt - The Gentle (sleeping) Giant. If you need a guy to chat with and have a laugh, he’s your guy. If you need someone to play video games with, he’s your guy. If you need to be scheduled for something that happened a week ago... He’s your guy. If he liked being a boom as much as catching Pokémon, we’d be moving our SEL out of his office and into scheduling.

SrA James “TROUSERS” Mejchar - Sharp. How sharp? One of his 1000 knives sharp. Bright. How bright? One of his 1000 flash bangs bright. TROUSERS spends his days knowing NVGs and Tactical apparatus inside the tanker world when he’s not hiding from ATF in his double wide. Did you know he’s a SOBO?

SrA Allen Knight - Our ARO in shining armor. He currently is one of our leaders in flight hours yet still can’t figure out how the ACP works. He also really appreciates flying with the reserves more than he flies with us. This guy has the most impressive nonflying accomplishment list while working in Safety! Items listed below!

A1C Melissa Pardo - TURN UP! Melissa has moved off base into the big vast world of Wichita, or wherever we picked her up from. If she’s not in scheduling, she’s making bail money on TDYs and absolutely crushing the line downrange. Will get back to you in like 5-7 business days.

A1C Max Johnson - The only thing stronger than his work ethic prior to 11 o’clock? The protein coursing through his veins. This guy eats shredded chicken daily and motivates the squadron to get off the couch. His contacts are much like his deadlift...stiff but impressive. Will correct the Commander that he benches 350, not 315.

A1C Jackson Ellerbe - Our first residential redneck. This Airman is the duality of man. He might drive a dually, be from Arkansas, and speak like he’s from wrong turn 3, but he’s likely the smartest boom in the whole squadron... not sure what that says about the rest of us. This kid has gold hands, so it’s a shame he can’t cut his own hair.

A1C Charles Van Sickle - Just got to us from wonderful Altus AFB BIQ. While we don’t know a lot about him, we do know that when he lets other Airmen in the dorms cut his hair, it makes for an entertaining week...

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

349 ARS

“Bandits”



SEL:

SMSgt Colin Coleman – Our newest SEL. Senior Coleman comes from the C-17 world and we definitely hold that against him; he’s called the booms loadmasters more than once. He’s learning the tanker ways and we’re looking forward to what he can do.

Ops Sup:

MSgt Alex Pugh – Alex is hands down the greatest boom operator and human being the 349th, McConnell AFB, and the United States Air Force has ever seen. He also wrote this signal input and didn’t let anyone QC it. Recently returned from a good deal assignment and had to be dragged kicking and screaming to come back.

Training:

MSgt Greg Seider- MSgt Seider comes to us from Scott AFB after his time as a Flight Engineer. He’s learning the 46 quickly and keeps an eye on the new booms. He’s also one of the 16 Cincinnati Bengals fans in the country.

SSgt Joe Casillas – Joe is our newest instructor grad. When he’s not teaching our student booms, he’s holding it down in training flight. He’ll be heading to scheduling soon, where he’ll forget the 2 things he knows in GTIMS and learn G2.

SSgt Ben Blake – Ben came to us from the -135. He’s currently the in-processor of our FBs and has the biggest office in the squadron. He’s an expert in squadron reorganizations and furniture disposal. His hobbies include measuring rooms, putting work orders in for NIPR ports, and complaining about those things.

SrA Alexis Burnside – Alexis is our newest MB and is always good for a short notice tasking. She’ll be heading to scheduling soon where she’ll embrace the chaos. She likes to confuse anyone over the age of 25 with words they don’t understand. Dead ass.

SrA Caleb Heistermann – Caleb survived the kidnapping our sister squadron subjected him to. He’s one of our go-to instructors and enjoys long walks on the beach, babysitting students on exercises, and teaching SFO in the rain.

Stan/Eval:

SSgt Andrew Dawes – Dawes is our senior, and only, evaluator in the squadron. He's holding down the Stan/Eval shop and always seems to be in the FuT or BOT giving a check. When not doing that, he rightfully likes to terrorize the pre-IB students.

Tactics:

SSgt Zachary Caldwell- Zach was our go-to exercise guy for like a year. He's always ready and willing to be a NORE crewmember. He's rapidly accruing flying hours and we can't wait to see what he does next.

Operations:

SSgt Donatello Donati- Our resident sim scheduler, Donni is organizing the chaos that is scheduling while also prepping for his Altus course. His time in scheduling is coming to an end, but we can't wait to see what he does in the next shop he's in.

SSgt Gilbert Martinez – Another sim scheduler, Gilbert is getting ready for his Altus IB course. He is super stoked to TDY to Altus and will likely spend just as much time on the golf course than in the classroom. He's high speed and won't have any issues.

Readiness:

TSgt Bruce Wayne Freed - Bruce holds down readiness while rocking enough mustache for 3 people. He's our go-to guy for all things readiness and is always reliable for a short-notice tasking.

SrA Ryan Terry – Terry is one of our busiest IBs. He seems to always be the guy available for Saturday flights, but he'll squeak in a coronet every now and again. Ask any questions about what happens in Readiness, seriously, he'd like to know too.

SrA Brandon Van Dyke – Our CATM and CBRNE scheduler, Brandon is also our resident on-call Honor Guard member. He's always good for an honor guard detail and is looking forward to getting back in the jet.

Awards and Decs:

SSgt D'vante Wells – One of our go-to MB's, D'vante always seems to be on the road hacking the mission. He helps out in awards and decs when he's actually in town.

Front Office:

SSgt Andrew Hare – Our enlisted exec. He's always happy to run a staff meeting or speak in public in any capacity. When not routing appointment letters, he's prepping for his Altus class date. One of our most reliable MBs.

Safety:

SrA Vincent Massie – Vincent hassles us about Supervisor Safety Training (that's still a thing apparently) and our Airfield Driving expirations. He's crushing it in the safety shop by getting us ready for inspections. He never seems to be available for other inspections though...

On Loan/Attached**OGV:**

MSgt Jon Lauterbach - After his time as our interim SEL, Ops Sup, Senior Evaluator, Instructor, DTS approver, DDRP Monitor, and training guru, MSgt Lauterbach is taking a break by being the KC-46 OGV evaluator and developing AI tools.

OST:

MSgt Jessica Harrell – MSgt Harrell is our group training guru. If she's not building and developing new training folders, she's likely instructing the students or away on a sweet trip.

XP:

TSgt Ian Sweaney – TSgt Sweaney moved over from OGV and is our XP guy. When not preparing for an exercise, he's either instructing or designing and selling patches to the entire wing.

OGS:

TSgt Nat Forrider: Our OGS expert, TSgt Forrider is hidden away in secured facilities or out instructing the students. His hamstrings are the first to give during friendly intramural softball games.

SSgt James Karlson: Our other OGS expert, James is ditching us for the east coast very soon. We can't blame him. We'll miss him and will raid his house next time we're in the area.

Current Ops:

MSgt Travis Burnett – MSgt Burnett departed the squadron shortly after his arrival and is the boom rep in Current Ops. As a KC-135 transplant, he's building his -46 hours when not executing or planning our missions.

OG E&I:

SSgt Ben Varnell – Ben is our OG inspections guy. He made the whole squadron hang out in the bathroom for a tornado exercise. That was a strange hour. I'm starting to think there never was an exercise. He's a newly minted evaluator and enjoys terrorizing Lieutenants.

OG Enlisted Exec:

SSgt Brittany Frazier-Noyes – Brittany is our linguist cross-trainee and is building her experience as a boom operator. She's working in the OG as an exec, but is always looking for chances to fly.

FBs:

SSgt Mackenzie Rodgers – A KC-135 refugee who's genuinely always happy.

Amn Saif Chanura – Reallllly enjoyed his first TDY.

Amn Gijelah Gonzalez – Don't call her Gonzo.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

350th Air Refueling Squadron

“RED FALCONS”



Squadron Senior Enlisted Leader:

(S)MSgt Antoine Nguyen – A few months ago, before Chief BG arrived, Antoine was alone, afraid, and begging for help. The second he secured backup; he immediately booked a cruise and sailed away while the squadron deployed for Epic Fury. Antoine loves giving people a hard time about taking leave, which probably explains why the squadron currently has 900 days of use-or-lose. He's hard to read, but behind the stoic exterior is an absolute Bro with a huge heart. When MSgt Piggott's dog passed away and was cremated, Antoine didn't skip a beat, *"Damn, I could have eaten that!"* Thanks for looking out for everyone, "Big Dog", you can breathe a sigh of relief now that the A-Team is here!

Operation Superintendent:

MSgt Andrew "SHRIMP" Piggott – Piggott has more capabilities than a Swiss Army Knife made by Chuck Norris' mentor. He also has more connections than AT&T. A war-hardened Patch coming from Scott, he solves more mysteries before brunch than the Scooby-Doo gang ever did. You haven't flown in a year and your waiver has been sitting for months at AMC? He makes a call and it's approved before you've wiped your eyeball boogies out the next morning. You want a KC-135 yoke cap? He'll bring a pile of them in tomorrow. He never built a vehicle, or painted one, so he decided to build and paint a 1977 Volks Bus. It gets more attention than tape testing fat stomachs on the Amn/NCO/SNCO page. He also never passed a kidney stone at 30,000 feet, so he decided to do it. All the mysteries solved. Courtesy of SHRIMP.

Future Operation Superintendent:

MSgt Daniel Jordan – Jordan loved McConnell so much that he decided to come back after his tour at the CRG and is a self-proclaimed slum lord. He's been here since March and has been living with his girlfriend's parents because he didn't want to spend more than 100K on a house (BS...we've heard what her mom makes for dinner. "MAHHHH! MEATLOAF!"). You're 40. Living with your girlfriend's parents is weird, but whatever. He is also very handsome. Jordan is like if the Dunkin Donuts guy, Mario, and one of those cool Cholos from the 90s had a baby. He is an absolute homie and we are blessed he's part of the 350th SNCO Holy trinity. Stop by his office anytime for a laugh...he may even offer you some pickled asparagus!

STAN/EVAL

SSgt Caleb Schoen – Just pinned on Staff Sergeant back in February. However, he was still getting paid as a SrA up until June. We are still trying to figure out why he never said anything to leadership about it. Being Feist's handler at the casino must pay pretty well for Schoen not to care about his mil pay.

SrA Cade Stinson - A seasoned boom who has seen it all, SrA Cade Stinson can usually be found boring people with CFIC trivia, complaining about the Air Force, and telling everyone he's going to work for METREA. He had a promotion statement this year but missed his opportunity to test when his truck battery decided it had also had enough and died at the worst possible moment. He's a stellar boom, and we wish him the best as he joins the METREA ranks if the Air Force will even let him leave. This stooge got overpaid for his deployment and now owes Uncle Sam \$26,000!

A1C Skylar Allison - Skylar radiates the chaotic energy of a Gen Z surfer, permanently looks like he's running on fumes, and addresses SNCOs with a casual "*BRAHHHH*." He lives life fast, whether it's getting a 120-mph speeding ticket, rolling his ankle jumping down the crew chute, or getting caught using a deployed balcony as a urinal. After crushing MCT and his first deployment, we've got a surprise waiting: you're going to the KC-46! Enjoy BTX, *DUUUUUDE*!

Ed "MIYAGI" Soto

The squadron's resident philosopher and Mr. Miyagi, Ed Soto, can usually be found having thought-provoking chats about life or putting things into perspective for our "Surfer Brah Airman," Skylar. As the steady hand running Stan Eval, he embodies the calm, level-headed crusty SNCO that every unit needs, and thank God he's here. Armed with a wealth of knowledge of all things KC-46, we plan to tap into his beautiful brain during our conversion. We are truly blessed to have him on our team. Love you, Ed!

Training Flight

TSgt Nasia Tollinchi – Tollinchi just snatched herself some orders to Mildenhall! She's super excited. So excited that she decided to flip her significant other's car on the highway. Luckily, she came out unhurt. Good luck in Mildenhall. Remember, they drive on the left side of the road. We wouldn't want you to flip another car.

SSgt Austin "GRINCH" Buresh - Austin is the squadron's newest Weapons School grad, "GRINCH" who apparently enjoyed his time there with Richards so much he's already planning his escape back to teach next year. In the meantime, he's taken over as the NCOIC of Training and Tactics, so get ready for some WIC-level standards and PowerPoints. We're thrilled to have him leading the shop, even if his heart is still at Fairchild. Welcome back, GRINCH!

SrA Kyle Stumphauzer - Stump and his bestie Richards have been inseparable since Basic Training, to the point we're actively checking base legal to see if they qualify for common-law marriage. True to that co-dependent nature, Kyle and Max only agreed to go through BTX after confirming the other was doing it too. We've been persistently working to get him back on flying status after a mishap in the altitude chamber, but we are hopeful to see him back in the air soon! Also, he carries around a jug of milk...clean that thing out weirdo!

SrA Duell Arnold – Duell managed to fly under the radar this year after last year's debacle with his GTC. It makes me sad I don't have anything on him, which is a good thing, I guess? Anyway, I hear he can squat a school bus. Good for you. Duell is a smart, and down to earth boom who wasn't initially in love with the idea of conversion but has recently come around to the idea and is planning to attend BTX in the near future. You're going to kill it dude!

SrA Sidney Ferguson – Became an instructor over 7 months ago, but thanks to OEF, she has yet to get a single instructor hour! That must be some kind of record! She has also been tagged to go 46. So, I don't think she'll be getting any instructor hours any time soon.

A1C Christian Pumphrey – My goodness. This dude is the epitome of service before self! He'll raise his hand for anything! Got a doo-doo deal? Pumphrey is your guy! Got a 4-month deployment? Pumphrey is your man! Need someone to convert to 46? You guessed it! Pumphrey will do it! In all seriousness, we're lucky to have him.

Scheduling

SSgt Corey Marion – Marion has spent the majority of this year taking care of his body before getting out in November. Who can blame him? We'd be doing the same thing too if we were getting out. Anyway, Marion has been accepted to a PA program and is excited to start the next chapter without having to deal with AMC BS. We're super jealous and good luck with school!

SrA Kaleb Brewer - After getting mixed up with "bad influences" (ahem, *pilots*) and a 9-month tangle with the authorities, Brewer played the ultimate UNO Reverso card: NOT GUILTY! He celebrated his freedom by creatively dodging his long-overdue checkride with (S)MSgt "THE HAMMER" Nguyen before finally getting back in the air. Now with orders to MacDill, we're stoked to see him back on track and mentoring Eberhardt—just steer clear of those pilot parties!

A1C Tomas Guana – Have you ever gotten drunk and then fallen asleep with a plastic bag over your head? No? Yeah, neither have we. But Gauna has. Did your parents never teach you not to put plastic bags over your head? Stop being stupid. Oh! And he also found himself a deployed girlfriend. Pretty sure she's honey potting him.
#don'tcashadvancethatGTC

Ray "BIG CHIEF" Lewis

Hero's get remembered, but legend's never die! He entered the Air Force when Wilbur and Orville needed a refuel, "BIG CHIEF" is currently the heart and soul of 350th Scheduling. Fueled by a steady diet of Spangles and Braums, he can usually be found screaming "**KEEP YOUR FILTHY HANDS OFF MY BOARD**" at pilots and booms. After rekindling a high school flame, he is now engaged after only a month of dating, we're all just waiting for our wedding invites. Congrats, Ray! "**Kay love you, bye!**"

Readiness

SSgt Alexander Bengel – If Johnny Bravo, Keanu Reeves, and Dog the Bounty Hunter had a baby, that baby would grow up wishing it were as cool as Alex. Nothing but stud in this muffin. He's always ready to flex, whether it's his muscles at the prison gym downstairs or by dropping knowledge and course corrections on some rookie boom juhbronies with authenticated AR know-how, he is always ready to produce all the freedoms. Everywhere.

SrA Alexander Robinson - SrA Robinson arrived just in time to watch the squadron deploy, quickly becoming the unit's workhorse and one of the only instructors left to fly with students. That non-stop grind led to him sleeping through a Weather Evac alert (2 hours late), forcing MSgt Piggott to personally beat his door down for a wake-up call. His relentless "get it done" attitude earned him the Chief's Choice Award, and while he claims he studied for Staff, we're hoping those study sessions weren't more naps.

A1C Ryan Parks - A1C Ryan Parks is the supervisor's dream airman: highly intelligent, mature, and always "down to clown" with a smile, whether it's flying a mission or taking out the trash. As the ultimate "yes man," he didn't flinch when asked to swap to the KC-46, heading to Altus instead of CFIC, where instructors are currently asking, "Where the hell did you find this guy?!" If converting to the KC-46 wasn't punishment enough, he's been driving home from Altus every single weekend; his wife must be awesome. We're glad to have you, Ryan! You're going to continue to do great things for the 350th!

Tactics

A1C Alexander Garcia - Alex is a hilarious ball of energy who wants every TDY, every beer, and to do every job, fueled entirely by his post-apocalyptic hoard of Busch Light Apple. He's currently tied with Cade for the "Resident Cat Burglar" award after flying commercial to MacDill, stealing the 91st ARS's metal art patch, checking it as additional baggage, and gifting it to MSgt Piggott with the airline tag still attached. Alex is beyond stoked to stay a -135 boom and just snagged orders to Mildenhall—we're going to miss you, buddy!

Safety

SrA Kelsey Lyons (formerly Collins) – Kelsey is like Katniss Everdeen. Very quiet and humble. You likely won't hear her come or go, but she is there. Always. Waiting. Watching. Listening. Knowing. We're glad she likes us. Or we think she does. We're all alive still. So, she must like us.

Awards and Decs

A1C Tyler Ferrera - A1C Tyler Ferrera is a 20 something year old stoic Airman who crushed pre-CFIC, catching the last plane out of Wichita before the squadron killed the program for conversion. But after one dinner with Parks and Piggott hyping up BTX, Tyler is already volunteering to head straight back to Oklahoma. We haven't figured out if he genuinely loves Altus or just already hates the idea of being an instructor and being forced to talk. Q1 or bust buddy, keep kicking ass!

A-Flight

SSgt Jesse Lee – Lee deployed to a really rough location. To make things worse, he came back home to not one, but TWO wiener dogs! Congrats and enjoy your hairy wieners!

A1C Connor Aversa - Connor is the 350th's secret weapon, a relentlessly positive force and a guy who would volunteer for literally anything with a smile. We're pretty sure his default setting is "yes," which must be how he volunteered himself right into a new assignment. He recently caught orders to Kadena, and though we're sad to see him leave, we know he's going there hungry and ready to steal all the good TDYs. Go get 'em, Aversa!

A1C Cody Rommes – Rommes was DNIF for most of the year. Then he came back up and requal'd in the aircraft. The day after his requal was complete, he found himself on a commercial plane overseas to support OEF! Get it, buddy!

B-Flight

TSgt Anthony Feist – Feist is the shiny penny NCO that all the flying squadrons want. Other KC-135 squadrons ask us to send Feist to them. They don't know that he's kind of an asshole. He'll make airmen stand at attention when talking to them and telling them how dumb they are. Bro is power tripping ALLLLL DAAAY, EVERY DAY! A true, old-school NCO. We love it! He also loves to brag about how he's certified on a forklift. Yet, it took him 8 tries to line up the forklift to the K-loader. If you're not that good, maybe don't brag about your forklift cert?

A1C Alexander Eberhardt - Have you seen Bubbles from *Trailer Park Boys*? False alarm—that's just Alex squinting through his hard-fought "approved for flight" glasses. When he's not setting records for the "longest lunch break" (aka a 4-hour coma), he's setting up his new bachelor pad, following Brewer or Stinson around the Squadron doing God knows what. If only he put as much effort into checklists as he did into his killer online DJ sets, he'd be unstoppable. Glad you're on the team, DJ DUMMLCAME!

C-Flight

SSgt Joseph Kastendieck – Kast originally got non-vol'd to be an MTL. Somehow, he weaseled himself out of said MTL duties. But the AF said, "Not so fast! Here are your Altus orders!" Anyway, I'm sure he will do just fine down there.

A1C Ethan Hayes – One of our newest booms, Hayes will volunteer for any TDY and deployments with a smile on his face. If only he could watch what he says around people. Just watch what you say, and you will be fine, buddy.

On-Loan

SSgt Hector Agosto Rivera - After a brief 9-month identity crisis trying to become a recruiter, the universe corrected its mistake and sent SSgt Agosto Rivera back where he belongs (their loss!). He was so eager to get back in the fight that he immediately volunteered to deploy right before his PCS. Now he's snagged orders to Mildenhall to give his family an overseas adventure, and we couldn't be more stoked for him.

TSgt Neil Patras – Neil is still hanging out in OGT. When OEF kicked off, leadership called him to let him know he was on the hook for the deployment. All we could hear over the phone was him huffing and puffing for what felt like an eternity before he said a single word. Way to make things weird, Neil.

SrA Max "RAZAR" Richards - Meet the other half of the squadron's most committed relationship, who apparently couldn't bear to be separated from Stumphauzer for BTX. If he tells you to start taxiing during a klaxon response in the NORI, don't listen to him, because it's probably wrong. Since he messed up so badly during the NORI, we sent him to Weapon School as a punishment. He came back with a new callsign, "RAZAR", and is eager to do the "Lord's Work". What a stupid call sign.

Moved on to Green Pastures

TSgt Benjamin Fredrick – Left for Macdill in January, and SMSgt Rogers is lucky to have him!

SSgt Erik Gutierrez – Left to be a recruiter in California. Please, don't send us dirt bags!

SSgt Gabriella Martinez – Gabby originally received orders to Altus. She told AFPC, "No, give me MacDill orders instead." And somehow, AFPC did just that. That's some voodoo magic.

SrA Stephanie Peraza – Peraza stole our PN and then submitted a BOP to MacDill. You're so ungrateful. At least I hear your new leadership there is giving you a hard time, which makes our hearts happy.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

18 ARS

“CAN DO!”



This unit did not submit

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

905 ARS

“Rhinos, REVEL IN CHAOS”



This unit did not submit

McCONNELL AFB, KS

924th ARS

“Where it Counts”



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”



This Unit did not submit

MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, TN

**134th ARW / 151st ARS
“Sylvester’s Squad”**

“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



This unit did not submit

PEASE ANGB, NH

133 ARS / 157TH ARW

“SABERCATS”



This unit did not submit



PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

64 ARS / 157 ARW

PHOENIXES



HONOARY BOOM:

CMSgt Ryan Flynn- He pretends to be maintenance but hasn't learned the "gym" and pretending to write EPB's isn't an AFSC. It's a miracle he looks as shredded as he does, being his primary diet consists of chicken wings, beer, and fries. I guess that's the secret to maintaining a perfect body while riding around on a \$200k boat that he decided to retirement gift himself. Other than his use of the phrase "crushing it," we appreciate his ability to make sure no one is late to an EFDP, regardless of who we go to war with. Chief Flynn has mastered the art of delegation and has earned his place here with the boom operators unanimously. We will miss him dearly, and you can count on paperwork not getting done anymore.

SEL:

SMSgt Kevin Calloway- By far the best loadmaster in the squadron. His specialties include admin, advice, admin, and paperwork. He is also the only loadmaster to admit that being a boom operator is harder. Couldn't have asked for a more perfect boom to fill all the meetings we don't want to go to!

Ops Sup:

MSgt Erica Lawson- As a friend of Josh Skersey, you never really know if you're on her good side or bad side. It really just depends on if squadron has PT that day. Since she knows everybody important, it's critical you stay on her good side if you have intent to get orders anywhere, but she will talk your ear off in attempt to avoid a meeting that she created anyway.

Ops:

SSgt Natalia Berry- She's dead to us now. She wants to join the guard, but the fact that she has the smile from the movie "Obsession," makes us believe she's not quite sure what her future holds. The only guarantee is her stepping on other instructors in-flight for their hours. She hasn't won all the awards in a while, thanks to being deployed, but she did leave them laying around every shop in the squadron to remind us who's boss.

TSgt Austin Blodgett- Having been here for two years, he's approaching the usual time that he trades up all of his things. His car and house aren't suspecting anything, but his wife will likely fight for custody. Having more hair on his head than anyone in the squadron, he tests the credibility of first sergeants far and wide. When he isn't scamming other booms, he's living in the shadow of better IBs in the squadron, but that's only because he's 5' 6" on a good day.

TSgt Dan “Old Man” Childress- “Hi, it’s nice to meet you. I’m not going to work very hard; I’m retiring.” A real Dan Childress quote living in infamy. We respected his honesty, so we just deployed him. He’s basically the stepdad of the squadron that you don’t want but need. We still haven’t convinced him that he’s on the KC-46, but we’ll get there. As long as he gets his dinner and TV show by 1700 and in bed by 1900, he is great company.

SSgt Brent Collins- It’s hard to say anything mean about this guy, but that’s what makes us think he’s up to something. This guy spends his free time weaving wicker baskets, shaving sheep, and living like he’s in the “Little House on the Prairie,” these are all the first indications of a serial killer. Keep your distances friends but listen to his instruction. We’re promoting him permanently to staff/planner for the rest of his career hopefully.

SSgt Shaina Cox- Who? Just kidding, we just didn’t know she was a boom operator until a few weeks ago. She flies a desk much better anyway, and her hard work is much appreciated by the entire 4-person shop!

TSgt Ryan Edsall- Do not talk to Ryan. He will yell at you. We’ve heard Ryan is a good skiing partner, but sometimes it ends with inadvertent defecation, and will jump off a ski lift to make it happen. His first year here he collected enough hobbies to be just good enough at none of them. Don’t let him get near your lunch, because after he pretends that he can’t afford food he will absolutely rob your food in attempt for survival, since his mom doesn’t feed him. After bringing his mom to the squadron, he made sure to never let that happen again.

A1C/SrA/or SSgt Tyler- “Oops” Freetly- All the chicks love this dude cause he’s 7 foot tall, until he starts talking and scares them away. He recently departed Pease and got hired by the reserves out of Travis. We’re sure his white third gen Tacoma will be unique in the streets of California. Begone big balls.

SSgt Jaime Lozoya- When he isn’t in the basement gaming and drinking or door dashing KFC and Pizza Hut, he’s out spitting game to the huzz with the young lieutenants. He finally escaped awards and decs, but he thought the word “turnover” just meant he was getting a tasty pastry.

TSgt Lyndon Nguyen- As the only self-proclaimed minority, this guy will sling paperwork at you like the mortgage company. As a new biker, he just uses that as an excuse to wear tights at work. He’ll remind you his “off-road truck” is better than yours, but as a typical “rooftop” California nut hasn’t been camping since his last squadron award. The first time he saw a firearm in New Hampshire he threw everything out of his pockets, not knowing that you’re allowed to own them here. Afraid of the height-to-waist ratio changes he now runs like Forrest Gump and smiles just as much.

SrA Austin Ouellette- He’s brand new, but man he has had no shortage of abuse. We’ve had him do two tours with high school kids, and after he GKed them to a mission boom level, we can assure you they’ll never come back. We don’t have to roast him here, because a 13-year-old did that for us. “You’re in the wrong squadron; you don’t do anything here!” -a 13-year-old that could see right through Ouellette.

SSgt Jakob Rafferty- The silent professional that ages like milk. Tornados, chick-fil-a, and coke zero consume literally 112% of his diet. Standing in the blue corner at 5’6”, literally nothing can stop him from leaving work when he wants. If he wasn’t good at Ipads we would probably put him in the vault, because his personality matches those creeps. This man wants to give us being a boom to be CE and we look forward to seeing him when he fixes our air conditioning.

SrA Aaron Rasmussen- When he is not at work, he is very busy, and when he is at work, he is not at work. Everyone tries not to get close, because they’re not sure of his next move, but as a freshly married man (which is wild since he got caught with a random man in his bed), we see him even less now. We hope he’s enjoying retirement and hope to see him soon!

SrA RJ Ripley- World’s #1 Chicago sports fan from California, he remembered watching prime Michael Jordan from the womb. He’s too chill of a guy to make fun of, and we think he should be a therapist, but that would involve talking to people. What kind of boom operator enlists with a bachelor’s degree anyway?

SrA Amalia Rosa- She is probably watching anime or playing Fortnite as this is being written. Someone should probably let her know she can’t pay for Zyns with V-Bucks. She has the hidden talent of hyperextending her knees to turn into an ostrich to add +10 speed to her 2-mile run. If you ask her about the plan for when she gets down, you better be wearing shoes because it’ll knock your socks off.

SSgt Austin Savage- The master of being a ladies' man without the ladies. Despite his attempts, they will all know where he's at despite the OPSEC risk. Being the worst EPB/award writer of the 21st century, he was able to win every award thanks to the art of "process of elimination." Hockey is not an AFSC, and we are not sure how else to tell him that, but since he refuses to do college it's a good thing he's pretty good at it. It's important someone tells him that 2 Redbulls and an oatmeal cream pie isn't a healthy breakfast.

SSgt Greg Schuetz- He's better than all of us, and he knows it, and likely should be in a wing commander spot by now. We appreciate Birmingham letting us have him so he can fix the booms here! His hallmark movie life living on a horse farm sounds fake, but I can assure you there are not benefits to it, other than having the only roommate on planet that can withstand his "Pokémon" (dirty scalper) talk.

SrA Jovani Zavala- We literally can't understand him. English is not his first language, or second, or third/fourth. He is a hard-working guy and shows up to all training, but we can't afford a translator since AMC is out of money, so he just sits there with a smile. His premier addition to the squadron was critiquing taco Tuesday and making the lieutenants apologize for feeding everyone (they will NOT play Colombian music again). We do genuinely love his attitude, we just wish we had a way to tell him without google-translate.

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

203RD ARS

“ ’A’OLE MAMAO LOA ”



This Unit did not submit.

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

613TH AOC

“NOT GONNA SUBMIT-O ”



This Unit did not submit.

PENTAGON, VA

HAF A5/7

“THE VOICE OF TOMORROW’S AIRMEN”



This unit did not submit

RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY

HQ USAFE-AFAFRICA A3TV / A3/10 / A34

MAJCOM Functional Manager/Operations Directorate/Air Mobility Division



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS

344 TRS/CENTER OF EXCELLENCE

“SPARTANS”



This Unit did not submit.

AETC A3/6



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Flying Training Center of Excellence



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HQ AETC/A3FH



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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HQ AETC/A3VM



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PITTSBURGH IAP, PENNSYLVANIA

171st ARW



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POPE AAF, NC
49TH CTS
“KNIGHTS”



Ops Sup: MSgt Brandan ‘Signal’ Nichols - He was a KC-10 Boom and he'll make sure that you know it. He pinned on Master Sergeant, then decided that working in the office in the morning was below his rank, so he got promoted to Ops Sup and hangs out in the back of the basement doing what seems like a lot of nothing except working on a way out of Pope. He also swapped to the -46 just in time for the planes to land at Pope, break, then disappear. Really good at casting a rod, maybe he'll catch a fish someday.

Exec: SSgt Jonathan ‘Chicken Toe’ Meshaw – Meshaw has spent his time at the CTS pretending to do a lot of work when in reality he's playing wordle, quordle, octordle and really any ordle. Youd think that after as many games as he's played, he'd finally be good at it but he's still looking for his first win. When not at “work” he spends his time with his wife and son who officially knows more words than his dad. He will tell you he catches huge fish but only has pictures of little blue gill. Ask him about the time he pushed his toddler into the lake.

Training: SSgt Trinity ‘NAB’ Gonzales - Came to the CTS not knowing what was going on, decided she didn't want to learn, and had her second daughter. Once she came back from leave, her time was invested in finding a way out of being a Boom, and now rocks it as the UTM for the ASOG down the road. She has been renamed to NAB (Not A Boom) and her favorite band is 'The Wheezer.' She promoted though, so whoop!

Separated: SSgt Sean Wilson – Seldom Seen, Never There. Pretty sure he's separated now but theres no way to tell since hes in the office about as much as he was before.

ROLAND R. WRIGHT ANG BASE, SLC, UTAH

191 ARS

Home of SLARCO



Greetings from SLARCO. Since our last input of the boom signal, we have seen some significant changes within the section. This has been an interesting year as it has been for all booms. Couldn't be prouder of our Booms with everything they've accomplished and endured. True professionals and incredible humans, they have epitomized "Super Omnia" upholding the SLARCO standard.

CMSgt Charles D. "Hud" Hudson – (class 01-05) – Chief Hud. The steady leader. Don't let the strong silent front fool you. He will take you to school on the foosball table and at the gym. Our resident history nerd. Ever need a history or geography lesson, he's your guy.

SMSgt Jason D. "J-Blo" Blood – (class 00-13) – J-Blo is the new OGV boom. Don't worry kids, underneath the RBF and tough guy persona is a squishy teddy-bear. Just follow your checklist and DFIU.

MSgt George A. "ASH" Kalakis – (class 04-12) – ASH is our long-range scheduler. From terrible C17's to the new KC46 schoolhouse, we just want some easy fighters occasionally.

MSgt Brandon M. "Rook" Molder – (class 12-04) – Brandon was recently selected by NGB as the next Assistant ANGLO at Geilenkirchen. We promise neither of the two previous SLARCO Booms had any pull on him getting hired. While we are happy to keep the GK tradition in the family, Brandon may be looking at a Guard wide boom mutiny.

MSgt Bradley D. "Mayhem" Harris – (class 13-02) – Mayhem has spent the last three years as the Assistant ANGLO at Geilenkirchen. His hair is somehow blonder and he keeps saying, "Ja?!" He's not looking forward to trading the lederhosen for a flight suit again.

TSgt William D. "Mild Bill" Nielson – (class 14-05) – Mild Bill. He's everyone's favorite uncle we never had. He skillfully juggles Title 5 life and burning a status. Think Clark Kent to Superman, without the abs and hair...

TSgt Cody S. "E-or" Harper – (class 15-03) – Shane, or Cody? Still one of the original alert ninjas. He's in the feeder program for United Airlines. We can barely handle airline talk from pilots, now they're taking our booms too.

MSgt Kyle A. "Tater" Hansen – (class 16-10) – Tater is our training NCOIC. "Training Kyle is a dick!" If you listen close, you'll get some great life lessons we call "Kyle Quotes"

TSgt Amy "Black Pearl" Young (class 19-07) – Black Pearl is our mother hen and keeps us all in line. Our Swiss army knife for office work. She will do it right the first time while we are still logging into the computer.

TSgt Stetson G. "The Vig" Vigil (class 14-08) – Stetson continues to search for decent trips in Current Ops. We're still waiting... It's not hard to buy Hawaii and Europe trips...

TSgt Cody K. "Biebs" Larsen (class 16-09) – Biebs is the sneaky little brother always with a smarta\$\$ comment. All thrust and no vector. Beatings from J-Blo will continue till his attitude improves.

TSgt Zachary F. Tingey (class 17-13) – Tingey is our LTMPA maxing mastermind. Never in the room too long, he gets his sh!t done and disappears.

SSgt Michael A. “Thing 1” Ryskamp (class 21-18) – Thing 1 loves telling all his FAFO stories from the police department. We will just be happy when his forever DNIF is over and he returns to flying.

SSgt Cameron T. “DJ Solo” Hamer (class 21-27) – DJ Solo!!! (cue DJ horn). Strutting around in his 44XXLong flight suit. We need to get on a step stool out to slap the smarta\$\$ comments off his face.

SSgt Skyler Geerdes – Skyler continues the family name and legacy in the unit. We stole her from AFE. She’s a Delta stewardess / flight-attendant / cabin crew, whatever they’re called. Regardless, her pax brief is finally up to Q1 standards.

SSgt Ben Bitzer – Ben is a prior Coastie. So far, he’s enjoying the sky more than the sea. Another Delta stewardess. He doesn’t stay in one spot for too long.

SSgt Dayton Long – NOTSO is another stolen crew chief. His baby face drives all the cougars on Waikiki crazy, making him the best wingman out there.

SSgt JC Morales – JC is an AD turned ANG. Took him an overseas assignment and stint with an AFRC TFI unit to realize he should’ve started with us. He finally came to his senses.

SSgt Brielle Springer – Brielle was stolen from AD. The jury is still out on her instructor skills. She is the schedulers dream as a hungry guard bum.

TSgt Jasmine Ojeda – Somehow, she finally learned that being a boom is better than a crew chief. Second times a charm. She’s fresh from Altus and we’re teaching her how to be a SLARCO boom operator.

Test Detachment

SMSgt Santiago “J” Avila – (class 00-03) – J moved from SLARCO to the Air Guard AFRC Test Center (AATC) KC-135 Test Detachment. While still maintaining currency with us, he now cares more about test points and building his network with contractors for his “retirement gig”.

MSgt Sean G. “BINGO” Price – (class 10-13) – BINGO moved from SLARCO to the Air Guard AFRC Test Center (AATC) KC-135 Test Detachment. He has emphasized his nerdiness to improve the old girl. Blame him for any extra work you must do as a boom now.

Traitors

TSgt Bryan J. “Private” Hall – (class 15-05) – Pilot. He’s a pilot now! Finally!

TSgt Aaron A. “Rico” Arteaga (class 19-05) – Pilot. Rico is still pretty. Two words...” Go-Around”

SrA Zachry T. “Thing 2” Atkinson (class 21-18) – Pilot. Thing 2. Still fighting the good fight with the hairline that’s now on full retreat. Don’t worry, Ryskamp, he’s not leaving you.

SrA Branson J. “Bay-Blo” Blood (class 21-26) – Pilot. Bay-Blo. Everyone was sooo shocked he was hired...

TSgt Brandon T. “Maggie” MaGee (class 20-08) –Fire Dept. Maggie is trading the flight suit to save cats in trees. Bro, if they climb up there, they can climb down.

TSgt Samuel P. “Pader” Cayias (class 17-12) – Pilot. Pader will be leaving us for the front of the jet. Can’t believe they hired you with that poor excuse for a mustache.

SSgt Delany Hardy – OHANG. Delany came to us from Security Forces. Always high energy and willing to learn. Not sure she ever flew with a Utah crew? Still a boom, she transferred to the OHANG.

TSgt Ty C. “Big Willy” Willie (class 20-27) – Pilot. Maybe Big Willie will finally get his age waiver? Meanwhile he tries to compete with Rico on who’s prettier.

TSgt Michael A. Hastings – AZANG. Mike tried sleeping his way to the top. We were glad to have him as a SLARCO boom. Now go back to where you came from!

Boom Stowed

CMSgt Daniel B. “Ben” Williams – (class 91-10X) – Retired 2022. Ben loves life being Grandpa!

MSgt Kurt A. “Kurtz” Armstrong – (class 00-10) – Retired 2022. Look for his long flowing beard blowing in the breeze on his side by side

SSgt Ian W. “MIP” Davidson (class 19-06) – Separated 2024. MIP hung up the flight suit and moved to where the grass was greener. Probably the kind of grass that is still illegal in a lot of states....

TSgt Peter A. “Peter Man” Graf (class 19-07) – Retired 2024. He may look like the Nam Veteran guy on the Harley, but those patches on his vest are a bit more recent.

Boom Stowed and Latched

SMSgt Marty James Nielsen – (1960 – 2023) Marty was larger than life in his heart and his stature. A true gentleman, he always stood to shake your hand and look you in the eye. His family, faith and patriotism were never in question. Till Valhalla brother.

RAF MILDENHALL, UNITED KINGDOM

USAFE A3, 100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS

“Bloody Hundredth, HELL YEAH, BROTHER!”



0USAFE A3/AV:

(M)Sgt CJ Vandenburg – Shows up once a quarter to scare MCT booms and mostly to escape from the cubicle farm at USAFE HQ. Thanks for the assist with our manpower gap!

351 ARS Leadership:

SMSgt Myron Somero, SEL- There's not much dirt on Myron, he is clean. Maybe too clean... He's too good at his job that only a CMSgt can fill his spot. Keep crushing it sir!

MSgt Nate “VANDAL” Perry, Operations Superintendent- Went on leave one time and came back to find his office wrapped in foil (all of it), pink wrapping paper, and hidden AI-generated pictures of himself as various bald characters hung around the squadron. He now has a portfolio of Halloween costume ideas for life, so I think he owes us a favor. Liked the pink so much that he left it, we're not sure if it makes his couches more welcoming or not. From first glance he gives off Grumpy Cat vibes, but as you get closer you realize how uniquely awesome this guy is!

A-Flight:

MSgt Travis McGarrell, Flight Chief- Who is this guy? A couple days before we thought he would show up, he said, nah, gimme another month! He's been hiding in Florida as probably the last KC-10 Boom Operator alive. We're going to teach him about neck and back pain, but probably not before SECWAR is coming for his beard.

(T)Sgt Daniel Zopfi- Zopfi is getting ready to PCS to Fairchild, finally got that extra stripe. Most of the young booms are excited because they are scared to fly with him and the rest figured he had already left since he's never at work. Little do they know him and his wife just had a beautiful baby girl!!! She is amazing and I know Daniel will do a great job of scaring away all the boys that come her way. He's the NCOIC of A-flt, but nobody knows that.

SrA Claretta Kernlyons- She was able to escape IB Upgrade in Fairchild, but we got her the second she finished MCT. Keep it up! Bees fear her...oh wait other way around. Ask her about how much fun she had at Boom Olympics.

A1C Johnathan Diaz- #1 Baby boom alert! Pretty sure he in-processed and brought a couple kiddos around the squadron, but we haven't seen him since. Nothing else to note, he just got here!

A1C Joseph Haley- #2 Baby boom alert! He may or may not be a Lord of some land in Scotland... as you were. About to be best friends when Hilty when he gets back from WIC, this dude used to work at AutoZone!

A1C Jayden Petzoldt- #3 Baby boom alert! Some reason Pretzel thinks he'll never get an office job and just fly in A-Flight his whole time here. Get ready for a rude awakening dude. A professional Jazz and Pool player...and shows up without Blues. His dorm is about to look like an episode of Hoarders because of all the furniture he packed into his 5x5 dorm. We are going to put our fake hammer BARON on him.

B Flt:

TSgt Kadrick "COBB" "DUSTY" Barnes, Flight Chief- Self named the "Chief of the...Bloody...Booms" or something like that... This is the DUSTIEST boom in the fleet. This man should've been named Pinocchio with the endless amount of lies that come out of his mouth. Always trollin' about some nonsense to make himself laugh. I think the years are starting to get to him though, he "can't keep up with these youngins' no more."

C Flt:

TSgt Madison Sibinski, Flt Chief- I think it's safe to say Madison is banned from all Lime Scooters while she's TDY. It's just better for everyone. If you see Madison with her 'lil YETI cup, don't ask questions. There's always some kind of cocktail in there and it'll knock you out. Girl is still in love with the Jonas Brothers like they aren't old enough to be her dad. Speaking of dad, her flying family abandoned her here in Mildenhall to go do bigger and better things, how dare they!

D-Flight:

SrA Aleah Larson- Our newest penguin. She wore a flight suit for something like 4 years in Flight Engineer limbo for a version of an aircraft that no longer existed and never left the ground, so she swapped over to the boom life and is about to accumulate a pile of flight hours to make up for the missed time. Scheduling, here's your boom!

Training:

SSgt Mendeleev Lahens- Bro didn't know you couldn't be NCOIC of training and always be TDY. I bet his wife is starting to forget what he looks like. Big arsenal fan. Almost got kicked out of a bar because of it or maybe it was because he had his dogs out past 9pm.

A1C Edgar Lopez- Single handedly running training on his own or hiding in A-Flight trying to show the baby booms his muscles and general knowledge.

Scheduling:

SrA Reece Carman- Dude is still in scheduling but finally knows how to do the job. He wants to follow his bestie Hilty and join the tactical gang. I think he's just trying to do anything to get out of scheduling at this point, but maybe not anything. He would never get rid of those red tinted 70's sunglasses, am I right? I think they give him special powers with the connection he has with them. I honestly can't picture his face without them. They are one.

SrA Sebastian "STACS" Moran- What's worse?.. His memory of how you shouldn't open the cargo door while engines are running, or when he lost all his per diem on slot machines. I wish I could say "they grow up so fast" with this one, but I think he's going to take a while. Chugging limoncello is his favorite hobby. Guard units are waiting with baited breath for his ETS, hoping to recruit this delinquent to their team.

SrA Katelynn Paller- Ya girl is an instructor!!! I wonder if it was because she knew her stuff or if she just scared all the CFIC instructors. Honestly our most entertaining systems briefer, so many quotable quotes! Either way we're so proud of her and can't wait to see her grow even more! Katelyn is always down to clown especially when you throw kitty control on the radio. Get it gurllllll.

SrA Jordan Page- Jordan just finished CFIC!!!! Congrats you 'lil Italian man. He loves Olive Garden since he's Italian and thinks it to be the most authentic Italian cuisine you can get. He's been hitting the gym more recently and is crushed that he can't fit into his Spiderman graphic tees anymore.

SrA Maya Posada- This girl is living out her college years and we're here for it. Always on the move hopping from coast to coast and making the world envious. She's always giggling and calling breakaways on accident.

SSgt Chance "Gunny" Hackenburg- I don't know if Gunny doesn't know how to turn off his CAPS lock on the scheduling phone or if he's always angry. HE TALKS LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME. HACK ARE YOU GOOD BRO? STOP YELLING AT ME AHHHHH...HE RECENTLY GOT MARRIED AND WILL BE LEAVING TO FAIRCHILD SOON, KEEP YELLING BRO!

Stan/Eval:

(S)rA Theo Hind- Theo is single handedly running the SARM shop. This little Frenchman is crushing it in our boom community! He drinks one smoothie every quarter to feel something. Hey, it's better than blacking out and getting lost and found every weekend! Keep it up Theo oui oui (we don't actually know where this guy is from). Watch out he's a black belt in TaiQuanDoo or something. Big fan of red-light therapy where it counts...wink wink.

Tactics:

(S)Sgt Aidan Hilty- Don't remind this guy he made staff...he will tell you. He has 90 days of leave and he's going to lose it all because he's choosing to hack the mish. Hilty is finally living out his fantasies of being a tactical nerd in WIC. Should be a breeze for him given he has the same brain as Will Hunting. He bought a motorcycle instead of a Miata, so maybe there is some growth there, or maybe his 10-car garage doesn't have enough space around the 20 toolboxes he has. This guy has his own personal AutoZone in his yard.

SSgt Dan "BARON" Demma- Where is Dan? Behind that blade of grass!! Or at least he looked like a blade of grass next to our Commander and Chief, how about the speed of that salute! Crisp and unreturnable. This guy has mastered the mortal combat drunk sway but can't hold his shots down. Don't let this guy lay eyes on a vape.

Awards & Decs:

SrA Adam Salazar- If ProjectX was a person it would be Adam. He is always on the move partying it up, just not at work. Hell yeah brother! Maybe just don't get honey potted into getting your phone stolen next time. It happens, or maybe not, just to you. How is bro always on leave?

100 OSS Wing Execution:

MSgt Michael Dmytriw, Flight Chief- Mr. Grumpy pants is so happy he swapped his assignment back to the Motherland for his 20th tour at Fairchild. We'll be sad to watch him go but we may not even get to see him leave since he'll probably give us the Irish goodbye. Don't get him going on SFO procedures, he might just extend for 3 months just to fix the program. We will miss him, but he's gone to be with the love of his life.

SrA Morrigan Moyer- The OSS "Enforcer," catch this former D1 athlete on the volleyball courts and she'll make sure you know your place. Even told the WSA what's up, calling out anyone (probably some O-5s in that group) for their shady tactics. She's been crushing it upstairs, so much so that she even pulled a MAJCOM award win while DNIF. We might be secretly hoping that AFPC will forget about giving her an assignment.

OGV:

MSgt Randy Miller- How long has this guy been here?!? He may never leave, pretty sure he's just gonna side into sim instructor at this point. His British citizenship will be finalized before he gets to PCS. The scariest OGV Boom to ever walk...don't upset him otherwise he will scream at you.

100 ARW:

SSgt Jeff Michal, SPARK Cell/Innovation- He hated being a boom so much he saved 6 months' worth of terminal leave, we might see him one more time before his final out, but who knows? If you ever have issues with Puckboard this guy is the go-to, but he's been at the Wing Spark Tank for so long he forgot how to sync his pubs... Crushes it at hockey and rocks a polo more than a flight suit, this guy is primed for retirement.

PCS'd/Separated/Retired:

MSgt Fernando "Bromie" Brome, SEL- Godspeed Bromie! Off to Scott AFB and they are going to love him. The squadron will truly miss seeing your grills in as soon as the beer light comes on. You always wore a smile, and grills, at any chance you got. Keep up the positive energy. We can still hear his laugh echo through the hallways, or maybe we can still hear him all the way from here. No volume control on this guy!

SSgt Jamar Campbell- Bro is off to Fairchild and seems excited, I think? I don't know, I only see him at the hangar fly on Fridays. Jamar held down the OGT fort for a while and is the reason we have so many new great IBs!

SSgt Cory "Emer" Drummond- We are going to miss seeing you perform your "hood electrics" brief, but now all of our baby booms call the IDG's Compton, Detroit, and Baltimore... Don't know if it helps or makes them more confused. Boomers will miss you and your contagious vibe. Wish you nothing but the best as you close out your active-duty service soon-to-be-Dr. Drummond!

A1C Danny Fragoso- We're not sure what to say for this one... Bro literally dropped one in an air sickness bag and tried to blame it on his CoPilot. What a legend. Was it ghost wipes at least? Has the most Gazelle-like running form we've ever seen. Runs about 10 miles a day. Who does that? This guy. Good luck with your future endeavors (rumor is veterinarian school) and your bowels.

MSgt Cheyenne "Wildcat" White, CAG (Commanders Action Group)- This is a big loss for Mildenhall. Cheyenne came to Mildenhall with a big smile and a comforting spirit. She immediately became the squadron mom. You could go to Cheyenne for anything, and she would know how to help. She crushed it in IB upgrade and is now off to Fairchild to spread more positivity, unless she has tequila in her. If that's the case, your best bet is to run away and don't look back, or she may beat your...

(T)Sgt Katlin Hubbard- Kate gives black cat energy but is also the biggest Swiftie you'll ever come across. We never believed Kate was going to leave Mildenhall, not only because she's been here for 5 years...but she was the glue that barely held the booms together. It isn't the same without Kate here, almost like we pulled the center piece of our puzzle out, but we know other people need to experience her as a friend/coworker. She will be truly missed and used an example for years to come! "True true".

SrA Jeff "NOMAD" Mayfield- No, Jeff isn't lost after a night out again...he just PCS'd to March. Jeff has grown into an amazing instructor for the boom community and has developed so much as a person. The only thing that hasn't improved is his tolerance to alcohol or even worse jumping out of moving taxis in Cambridge. Get this man a leash! Missed us so much after leaving to March that he came back a couple weeks later, how's that for MCT!!

SSgt Gabriel "Husky" Padilla- Not only does Gabe know what every single wire powers on the KC135, but he can also do an outstanding impersonation of Tim Robinson. Once you get him going, he won't stop. Gabe also loves to ask the craziest questions to booms who can't spell boom yet. He's just too smart for these people, send him to NASA already.

SrA Alex Robinson- Alex is crushing it in McConnell! We don't know how he's getting all these awards/participation trophies. Maybe it's because everyone is gone...All jokes aside, Alex has grown so much since his first day in Mildenhall. His Wreck it Ralph energy has calmed down a bit for sure, unless you bring him a long island iced tea or interrupt him mid-urination.

SrA Jonathan “Lil Jon” Ross- Ross slipped away, got married, and somehow found a way back to Tampa. Have fun back at MacDill, stay safe in car parking lots, and enjoy that inevitable KC-46 cross-flow!

SSgt Jesse Santiago- Is bro even a boom anymore? Applied for OSI, but became a 46 boom instead...nice try OSI, we're on to you.

SSgt Kevin “Sat” Satberry- If you ever lose this man on TDY, check the hotel bar first. As a significantly seasoned boom, he's off to see faces from the past at Fairchild.

SSgt Tyler Young- He was our quiet professional over in Awards & Decs, everyone thinks he's a new staff from his youthful ambience, turns out he already made Tech! Congrats and good luck with the Squares at Fairchild!

SSgt Jacob Bitter- Left a 24-rack of Yuengling in the SELs office, was this a bribery attempt? Maybe that's how get got that sweet gig down in Birmingham, we'll never know.

SrA Zachary “G-LOC” Donato- Zach has left the Air Force to become the CEO at ZYN. We're going to miss this guy and his quirky habits and caffeine pills. Bro's diet is so unique, now I see why he fell out in formation. We wish you all the best Zach!

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***“ALL THINGS AT
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Aircrew Training and Tactics

“Low Hanging Fruit.”



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Standards and Evaluations

“We are here to help”



CMSgt Christopher “Chris” Staton – KC-135: Chief has been settling into that new stripe extremely well. As the A3V SEL, Chris is using that new stripe to make sure the golf tournaments go off without a hitch, ensuring everyone is up to date on their flu vaccine and piggybacking on the things that the branch chief just said. If he is not in the office, you can probably find him at a Cardinals home game, sitting in his truck parked in the AMC award winner’s spot while daydreaming of the UK or in the woods hunting Illinois tigers or something like that. Chief has been crushing it up here on AMC Staff. He has been crushing it so hard that he has been trying to get this innovative idea pushed to turn his job into some “AMC Road Show” position where he can go TDY once a month and showcase what the staff is doing. We all know that he just wants to travel the world again and drink with his buddies. Nice try Chief! We are on to you.

SMSgt Justin “JT” Thompson – KC-46: JT has been crushing it as the sole KC-46 boom operator in A3V for a long time now. He even shoved his new inbound off to A5/8 because he wanted all the glory. Filling a long vacant role, JT hit the ground running by starting the small task of developing a -9 for the KC-46. You know that he is in the office when you can hear things like “I love this airplane” and “We don’t need new cameras....operators just need to stop being punks!” JT has recently got orders to McConnell AFB. We suggested that he might want to seven-day opt and just retire, but he keeps saying that he is not ready to hang up the hat yet. So much so that he had a lapse in judgement and submitted for retirement, only to turn around and beg AFPC to cancel that application. JT, whether you are retiring or PCSing (because we really don’t know), good luck with your future endeavors. It will be tough finding someone else that can level those bubbles and give us our time back.



SMSgt Matt “CHAPS” Giles – KC-46: See A5/8....Thanks a lot JT.

MSgt Greg Albers – KC-135: In true boom fashion, Greg finally cracked... his *back*, that is. After surviving an endless barrage of staff work, boom evaluations, and enough PowerPoint slides to qualify for a doctorate in bullet points, he’s decided it’s time to hang up the flight suit, and find a chiropractor with a military discount. Happy retirement Greg!

MSgt Matthew Nelson – KC-135: Matt loves staff work so much, he just couldn't stay away. After doing hard time at the AOC five years ago, he decided it was time for round two. Tired of solving Airmen problems out at Fairchild, Matt figured he'd trade in personnel drama for email chains that never die. Meanwhile, Albers practically did cartwheels when he saw Matt in process as he was finally able to go DNIF and chase his lifelong dream of becoming the world's most aggressively average medical profile. To top it all off, Matt bought a new house this year just in time for a Midwest hailstorm to redecorate it free of charge. Welcome back to the Midwest, Matt. You're doing great work in A3V.

MSgt Terrell Frideger – KC-135: Fridge joins us from across the pond, the land of tea, "cheers," and driving on the wrong side of the road. His exit from Mildenhall wasn't exactly subtle; local authorities still whisper about "The Incident," and a few traffic cones may never recover. Apparently, charm and confidence aren't valid driving credentials. Since joining the team, Fridge has demonstrated a rare gift: writing emails that read like they were dictated by a dizzy voice assistant mid-thunderstorm. Thankfully, he's committed to at least three rounds of emergency proofreading before hitting "send." We're working on getting him up to speed with Chat GPT. Fingers crossed AI can keep up with the chaos. In all seriousness, Terrell brings a ton to AMC staff, and we're thrilled to have him... and his cats!

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A5/8

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SMSgt Matthew “CHAPS” Giles: Legend has it CHAPS hasn't turned his webcam on in a Teams call since 2023, mostly because AMC staff life consists of sitting on double-booked meetings while quietly editing food vlogs. When he's not pretending to solve grand strategic requirements in A5 for the KC-46, Matt is out here absolutely *dominating* the digital culinary landscape as a viral food influencer, racking up an industry-shattering, empire-building combined 1,156 followers across TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram. Watch your back, Gordon Ramsay. Early next year, Staff is finally washing their hands of him and sending him to McConnell, where he'll return to his true calling: staring at RVS screens, reminding everyone how great the KC-10 was, and smoking meats for squadron buddies who only like his videos for free brisket. Good luck in Kansas, CHAPS, try not to get re-assigned to another staff shop on your way to the flightline! @disgustinglydelicious

TSgt Carrie “STARBUCK” McLaughlin: Carrie has decided to ride off in the sunset and start a new venture. She managed to find a Skill Bridge program that allows you to become certified as a SAHM. That stands for Stay At Home Mom for you peasants out there. She logs in weekly to her cert program and is learning tons. Rumor has it that when she completes her certificate, she is going to demand Keith pay her more. Go get that bag Carrie! Carrie has done amazing things for the enterprise. While working on “God’s tanker”, we hear that she *singlehandedly* got KC-135 winglets pushed across the finish line. At least that is what the “old heads” are telling us at the South Gate Saloon. Whether Carrie is telling war stories at the local watering hole, finishing her CBTs in bread making and how to remove vomit from the carpet, or tackling the declining birth rates by herself, she has done great things for the tanker world and will be missed! We wish you the best in your future endeavors!

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“NUCLEAR OPERATIONS DIVISION”

“We are not IGN...”



Boom 21: Fernando “Nando” Brome: My man is 9 years out of the nuke game and has to fill the void the illustrious Vic Boyd has left! Good thing this dude has personality and competence for days. I had no idea people still rocked solid gold grills in 2026, but Nando’s is pristine. He’s my “T-man” in the corner no matter where the road takes us, especially in New England. He is poised to do amazing things once he returns from his 15th week of house hunting and leave etc. Thanks for always bringing good vibes!

Boom 20: SMSgt Bobby “Sir Robert Moneyington III” Cash: Bobby is finally back in the game after his little AETC break, and somewhere along the way he finally got over the hump and made Senior! After surviving the Altus Airshow and figuring out how to feed several thousand people, he can finally breathe and slow down a bit. Feeding our group of 10 with TWO food vendors should be a piece of cake... although with Bobby’s luck, we’ll see! Welcome back to the game, Senior!

Boom 19: MSgt Christopher “CRACKEN” Shelton: (C)MSgt CRACKEN has been absolutely crushing it. His brain cannot be contained, like the muscles in his shirt. This dude is yoked and smart as hell. Thanks for making me feel inadequate in all aspects of life Chris. You can find him in the vault chowing on his meal prep AKA “Boy Kibble”. He keeps trying to escape the super fun land that is nuke policy, but the man keeps holding him down. This world can only hold him back so long before he releases the Cracken.

Boom 17: MSgt Victor Boyd: Vic has finally decided he’s had enough of the staff life. He went out and got his hair in regs while simultaneously completing his requal on the best tanker in the game. He is leaving us in our time of need but at least we don’t have to hear him complain anymore about staff. He takes with him a huge bank of knowledge in the 801X mission. He is leaving some massive shoes to fill. (Good luck Nando!) Thank God he is only a stone’s throw away! WE WILL BE CALLING YOU VIC!

Boom 11: SMSgt (ret) Bartek “Bach” Bachleda: I have yet to see this man. He is too busy out there living every 7-year-olds dream. Someone please explain to me how a boom becomes an EMP analyst! See, not all booms are as dumb as we look. We are Jealous. Good for you!

Boom 8: MSgt(ret) Marcus “Ocho” Barnes: Mr. Barnes is still deeply in love with the nuclear mission. He is crushing it in the NOC when he’s not with his hammer swinging brethren. He is absolutely rocking the Mad Scientist vibes with his long hair and beard! He really fits the image! Go ahead and full time with the guild so I can have your job!

Nuke Booms that have departed from the Alert Facility:

Boom 18: SMSgt Marcus Hudson:

Boom 16: MSgt Nathan Scheffel

Boom 15: CMSgt Jerome “JJ” Jefferson

Boom 14: MSgt (ret) Christopher Pederson

Boom 13: MSgt (ret) Dave Toreson

Boom 12: MSgt Nathan Bahr

Boom 10: MSgt (ret) Dave Drain

Boom 9: SMSgt (ret) Jeramiah “Doc” Love

Boom 7: MSgt (ret) Lamar Daniel

Boom 6: MSgt (ret) Anthony Erdeclac

Boom 5: MSgt (ret) Robert Hansen

Boom 4: MSgt (ret) Warren “.Com” Weldon

Boom 3: CMSgt (ret) Derek “DROCK” Grant

Boom 2: MSgt (ret) Mike OcConner*

Boom 1: MSgt (ret) Lance Quengha

Robert “Tanker Bob” Peifer – TB has been the corner stone of the A10N office. He is retiring soon but his legacy will live on. Thank you for everything you have done for the team and the mission. You will absolutely be missed! The token Nav that has been in A10N since its inception. Since the start, there have been Boom Operators in the division and the ol’ A-Model Nav couldn’t keep their names straight, so he reverted to numerical tracking (easier for the Nav brain I guess). Thus “Boom #” was born in the small “Nuke Boom” community. See Above.

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SMSgt Marcus Hudson: If you're looking for SMSgt Marcus Hudson, don't check the boom pod—check the nearest SIPR terminal. Despite being a career Boom Operator, he spends so much time huddled in the vault that we're starting to think he's secretly LARPing as a 1N intel analyst. Hudson is famous for his daily mantra, *"I don't even want another roof on my stripes,"* all while actively doing Chief things, solving Chief problems, and exuding undeniable Chief energy. He recently took his talents to AMC/IGN, where his primary duty is to ruthlessly evaluate the exact same A10N policies he helped write. We have to respect a man who figured out how to get paid to grade his own homework. Finally, we'd like to officially congratulate him on surviving the Fairchild inspection. It was touch-and-go there for a minute, he damn near re-enacted Anger from "Inside Out", but his team helped him make it out the other side. Keep passing gas and pretending you don't want E-9, Senior!

MSgt Derek “Knows a Guy” Lyles: Derek has reluctantly succumbed to his role of a non-flying nuclear hammer...that still is looking for any means to leave the high tower of IG to fly with the crew dawgs again (we are working on it Derek). Finally getting the first KC46 NORI across the line, he thinks his job here is done, and he makes sure to let that be known. His infatuation with the Curtis LeMay approach to inspections, he wants to burn the bridges to light the way for his replacements (not gonna happen brother). In all reality, Derek is an expert in his

field and has a phenomenal way to deescalate HHQ directive arguments with logic and data to those who can't read good. We hope the best for him in the last stretch of his career...in the IG or somewhere else on staff...as long as its in a flying position.

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906th ARS

“SPARTANS, COME TAKE!”



Ops Sup Note: As I get ready to rotate out of here, I just wanted to take a moment to say how proud I am of every Boom in this unit for the resiliency and professionalism they showcased as they were called to action in the infancies of both Operations SOUTHERN SPEAR and EPIC FURY as well as those who held it down back at home station to ensure business kept moving as smooth as possible. I'll miss you all. That being said...

MSgt Kyle Jackson – “Bass-clef Kyle” literally deployed to a Caribbean island with a rooftop pool and still couldn't wait to PCA to his staff job. Is he the guy you'd want to wingman you at the pool bar? Maybe. Is he a 10/10 short king? Hell yeah, but that's probably why he rarely showed up for beach volleyball. He will be missed while he's at staff, but if he ever wants to bump some OutKast or talk about the Bears (while we all smile and nod) then he knows he's welcome back any time.

MSgt James Coomes - Officially he's our First Shirt, but still kind of a Boom in a weird red-headed step-child kind of way so technically that makes us step-daddy, but we have yet to get a single Father's Day card? SMH. Time to get the belt out...

(M)Sgt Hongtao Wu – You ever been ghosted by a whole entire Air Operations Center? Apparently, the 618th picked up and moved into their shiny new building and unloaded this guy faster than the contaminated Taco Bell from last night's binge drinking session. It's okay little buddy. We don't mind taking you in. Just gotta get you down to Altus and get that KC-10 stench off of you first. Hopefully soon you can ditch that 850hr patch you made for yourself.

TSgt Matt Sadler – You could literally see the Guard stank latch itself onto Matt the moment he walked in to the 906th. He hadn't even fully in-processed before he was out golfing with leadership and guzzling Guard glizzies and gonads for job offers. Still drives the biggest truck in the squadron and I'm sure he'll tell you it's to match his big brain (which, to be fair, is pretty big). Matt, you could've spent that \$80K on a lifetime supply of Viagra and been better off.

(T)Sgt Matt Ronnfeldt - Israeli legend speaks of a man known only as "Strong Legs, Big Mustache"....and it's actually just Matt prancing around the Holy Land in Lululemon shorts for Jesus and the whole world to see. Rumor has it that the man upstairs actually delayed his second coming so he wouldn't get outshined by Matt's legs. We won't make fun of him too much though. He's like Rain Man when it comes to being prepared for the "what-if", so when AI finally manages to take over humanity we're gonna be getting real cozy with ol' Strong Legs.

SSgt Liam Kilbane – Imagine bending over backwards, moving heaven and earth, doing the UTMOST to return someone early from their Caribbean deployment so that they can go on their “boys trip” to Japan, and getting nothing in return. No sake, no shochu, nothing?? He's probably still mad that we told the whole state of Florida about his colonoscopy. Spends 100% of his time talking about sports and trying to get back to Kadena. You BOP'd here, bro. I'm sorry we don't have vending machines with slightly used souvenirs here for you to raid.

SSgt Alisha Morris - Consummate professional (well, maybe 90% professional.) Also, habitual line-stepper. She's like that kid that you feel is doing something wrong but really isn't so you can't get mad at them. Just put on Staff so we're genuinely excited for her to grow into her NCO role, and we truly hope she gets the most pain-in-the-ass, most schemingest, most habitual line-steppingest Airmen ever. She will be missed as she moves on to Mildenhall, and we're sure they'll enjoy the Alabama Experience.

SrA Anthony Toliver – “Something, something Cowboys...” Arm like Dak Prescott, hairline like LeBron. Honestly, we would give him more shit about his hairline, but we literally had another Airman be diagnosed with actual alopecia after the on-base barber scalped him on accident, so Tony escaped the heat for a little bit. Matter of fact let me go find him right now-- "Bruh get yo offensive holding, ten-yard penalty hairline having ass..." Anyway, finally became an instructor this year so now he's actually useful.

SrA Kylie Navin – Intense as a chihuahua, clumsy as a toddler, and the same size as both. One of our hardest workers but struggles to stand out above the crowd (Get it? Cuz she's short?) Hobbies include dropping down locks on people's heads, emotionally neutering her boyfriend every chance she gets, and actively deciding not to filter the shit her brain thinks about before she says it. Pretty sure she's found her calling working as a substitute teacher for the Freeburg Mighty Midgets (It's a real school. I promise).

LOSSES:

(M)Sgt Craig “CJ” Vandenburg – The easiest way for the squadron to make money would've been to let everyone place bets between Vandenburg and Sadler to see who could out-country the other. Made MSgt and then left us to be command evaluator over at USAFE.

SrA Edwin Mensah – Now working at the 618 AOC as a contractor. I'll tell you what, life outside of the uniform has done wonders for Ed's mental health, attitude, and his alopecia. TYFYS

SrA Joseph Laborin – Joey wasn't long for the flying life...or the military life. Hell, he's probably still trying to figure out adult life, but we were so happy to see him live out his dream of being Security Forces just before he separated. TYFYS

SrA Elijah Rias – The squadron designated talker. Except he spent all his time talking about how other people talked too much. Left the military this past year, but if you keep quiet you can still hear his voice echoing up and down the halls of our building. TYFYS

GAINS (we'll get y'all next time):

MSgt Victor Boyd Jr.

A1C Timothy Goehring

Amn Landon Johnson

A1C William Franklin

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Boom Signal 618 AOC

CMSgt Chris Staton – 618th AOC/SEL

Chief traded in the boom pod for the command suite in the new AOC bldg, proof that hard work eventually pays off...or at least gets you a nicer chair. Between meetings, he can be found roaming the halls harassing junior enlisted about a “great opportunity” he has for them. Rumor has it he’s retiring, but the Air Force had one last trick up its sleeve: sending his wife to Altus. Retirement or not, there’s one thing we’ve learned—Altus will always find you.

SMSgt Aaron McLaughlin

Our resident ARDOT guru and the guy you want in your corner when things start going sideways. Always looking out for his people and making sure everyone is taken care of. If ARDOT has a problem, Aaron probably already knows about it and has somehow fixed it before you finished complaining.

TSgt Erik Alexander

Former KC-10 Boom who found a new home at the 618 AOC after the Extender rode off into the sunset. Started out as a Coronet Mission Director, crushed it on the ops floor, and was promptly rewarded for his competence with the Tanker Barrel and about ten other jobs nobody else wanted. As for life after TACC, he’s interviewed just about everywhere and still has no clue where he’s landing next. Wherever it is, they’re getting a good addition to the team. Until then, keep running up those hills!

TSgt Ladarious Malone

Planning to retire out of Scott AFB, because apparently once you get here, leaving is optional. Whatever comes next and wherever he ends up, we're pretty sure he'll get there in his fancy, souped-up car probably faster than the rest of us. Best of luck on the outside and enjoy life without additional duties.

TSgt Samuel Gulley

KC-135 Boom who somehow wandered away from the tanker world and landed in the Airlift Directorate at TACC. He went from passing gas for a living to helping move everything but gas. Don't worry, Gulley, we're sure the airlifters will eventually forgive you for reminding them that tankers are better.

TSgt Kaleb Ballor

The mystery man of ARD. We don't know much about him, which either means he's really good at staying out of trouble or even better at hiding the evidence. Either way, we're pretty positive he'll be a solid addition to the team.

SSgt Raphael Duncan

Duncan is our permanent night-shift resident, and at this point we're not entirely convinced he can survive direct sunlight. When he's not keeping the coronet missions running after dark, he's gaming behind another screen or catching a sporting event. Basically, if it involves stadium lights or a monitor, Duncan's there.

SSgt Mathew Mossing

Coronet Mission Director by day, soccer player whenever his knees allow it, and full-time chauffeur to three tiny commanders who completely run his schedule. His wife recently graduated from nursing school, so between her new career, three kids, and soccer, Matt's basically running a Coronet mission at home, except the receivers are always hungry, running late, and nobody follows the frag.

SSgt Alejandro Garcia

A solid addition to the team who comes in, gets the job done, and keeps the Ops floor moving without ever needing the spotlight. Dependable, hardworking, and exactly the kind of guy you want in the fight. And just when Alex thought he had life figured out, his boom operator wife crossed over to the **dark side**—meaning she's now the boss, and Alex officially has to salute his own sugar momma. Priorities have been realigned.

SSgt Keaton Key

Former KC-10 boom extraordinaire. New dad, but somehow still finds more time to fly RC airplanes than raise his newborn son. But seriously, he's a great dad, dependable, and will always find time to sit down and have a drink with you...may also have a problem.

SSgt Ryan Hicks

Another former KC-10 boom operator. Coronet Mission Director turned backshop warrior, because apparently coordinating missions wasn't enough excitement for a guy with five kids at home. Somehow, he even finds time to coach his son's football team, proving his entire life is just managing chaos in different uniforms.

SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

USTC/J3-WR



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SELFRRIDGE ANGB, MI

127 Wg / 171 ARS

“SIX PACK”



This unit did not submit

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

911th Air Refueling Squadron

“Red Eagles”



This unit did not submit

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

77th ARS

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"

2024



SEL:

CMSgt Mark McCelmurphy- Chief is finally getting the retirement that he earned!

Ops Sup:

SMSgt Chris "Sugar" Davis- CD just took over from the mayor as the new ops sup. He is still working on trying to manage having to be at all the meetings and all the tee times that he has in place weekly.

Scheduling:

MSgt Mitch "PIGEON" Miller – Anyone know where he is? We don't either... Man has a basketball team of kids and one of them is always sick. Wants to fly but somehow doesn't make it on the schedule.

MSgt Corey Lawson – We can't tell if he is still a crew chief or a boom lord help mx if the forms are not transcribed right. Man of the TACC orders.

TSgt Joe "Jihadi" Stansfield – This guy is so quiet but dang when he talks it is funny as all get out. He is trying to fight the war as well as deleting all his AARP emails.

TSgt Bryan Snow – This is a man of many words and not a lot of production. He also tries to fly and somehow can't maintain his currencies as an AGR. Great guy though.

Training:

MSgt Rob White- Good deal Rob we will leave it at that. Man has 3 cars that never run, but will drive his motorcycle in the snow by choice.

TSgt AJ "DIM" Gac–Finished his vacation in Altus and decided to come back to North Carolina, where people might finally understand his "Accent". Where did you learn to talk like that? Boston? Florida? Nope, just from a TBI. At least your mom is awesome!

Stan Eval:

MSgt Brian “Reggie” Register- Ozempic needs to reach out for his weight loss plan, shedding weight left and right in the desert. He is currently seeking out a whole new wardrobe, but wait until the East coast lunch pushes catch up to him.

MSgt Kristian “K2” Kankelfritz – Catching up on how to do Stan/Eval office work while trying to also fly 8 times a week. If you need him he’s flying or TDY, when you don’t need him he’s at work

TSgt Tim Hohnadel – The only guy who knows how to do iPads in the whole unit, give it about 6-9 weeks and he will text you back so hopefully you don’t need anything.

OGT:

MSgt Andrew “Stewie” Steuart – He is a boom we think but for now he is a man of many hats and he loves his life planning all UTAs and the UDM of the WG.

Current Ops:

SMSgt Kenneth “Mayor” Fallin- Kenny is finally retiring! He just doesn’t know the date. Our old chief boom decided that he missed planning missions and talking on the phone all day so he sent himself to current ops. Get that man a Bud Heavy!

Boom Pod:

TSgt Camilo Abreo-Perez-TR

SSgt Bryson Barron- Always gone on a TACC trip nobody has seen him or his mullet in forever.

MSgt Jeremy Bennett- TR

SSgt Caitlyn Casper- Brand new momma! Congrats Caitlyn!

SrA Jalen Cottle-TR

TSgt Everett Dunham- Still driving around a Subaru (iykyk) Should be having wrist surgery soon from all the foos he plays.

TSgt Wes Hargroves- Always gone on TACC trips or doing something in the woods.

MSgt Brian Healey-TR

TSgt Nate Horton- We don’t know if he still works.

TSgt Brian Lester- Works for FSI but you would never know because he is always at East Coast or on the foos table.

SrA Lucius Mcravin-TR

TSgt Pat Muckey- The man the myth the legend. He is probably somewhere on a Muck Ruck, wreaking havoc.

TSgt Ralph Nickens- TR

MSgt Jeremy Reynolds- TR

TSgt Ryan Woods- Probably being a bartender somewhere or on a TACC trip.

MSgt Derick Yelverton- New grandpa but still showing our young kids how an old guy keeps up!

SSgt Matthew Bradfield- Brand new dude still in MCT.

SSgt Samuel Norwood- Still in MCT.

SIOUX CITY ANGB, IOWA

174th ARS / 185th ARW

“THE BATS”



This Unit did not submit.

TINKER AFB, OK
10TH FLTS BOOM SIGNAL
SABRES



This unit did not submit

TINKER AFB, OK

465 ARS

“SHIT HOT OKIES”



This unit did not submit

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

6 ARS

“VIS EXTENSA”



COMMAND SECTION

Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Paul McIntyre – “Wrangler” is our fearless leader who wants to make sure we are all aligned with the Commander, which is why he graciously repeated everything the boss just said, word-for-word. We just wish he was a bit more aligned with gravity. Proving that while he has no problem backing up the Commander, backing off the stage is a different story.

Operations Superintendent:

(S)MSgt Danielle Repp – Danielle demands perfection... and that you update your schedule in Puckboard. Make sure you're restraint is squared away my friends, there's no timeframe for Q-3s around here.

Enlisted Exec:

(S)Sgt Aziel Alvarado – They asked if he wanted to become an enlisted exec and he said “no, thank you”. Now he's an enlisted exec. Thanks for jumping on that grenade for all of us!

Safety/Compliance/FACMAN:

(S)Sgt Marvin Casillas – Our resident squadron penguin. Since he's permanently broken, we finally let him waddle out of the Scheduling shop to become our new Facility Manager/Safety guy. He might have wings, but they are strictly decorative at this point.

Commander Support Flight:

TSgt Tanner Niggli – Currently fighting the war on terror. Please do us a favor and change your last name. Thanks.

SSgt Chris Cicogna – “Jersey Shore” is a new addition to the squadron hailing from the East Coast. He “works” in CSF but can usually be found napping in his car or DNIF at home. If you have questions about pork roll, he's your man!

A1C Mark Yochum – Mark Yochum is the most interesting man in the world. He's also the hardest working 28 year old A1C by far. When he's not talking about selling cars or basketball, he's asking questions about BTZ. FYSA, he requires wellness checks during TDYs because he'll disappear while partying. Please stop smiling, Mark. You're freaking us out.

Operations Flight:

TSgt Lucas Balcarce – The 9th ARS didn't want him, so they sent him to the OSS. The 60th OSS didn't want him, so they sent him to us. We didn't want him so we sent him to the Space Force. Live long and prosper, Lucas.

SSgt Jesse Santiago – “SANTI” is the scheduling hammer... but somehow, he also blames everyone else for the schedule being jacked up. He is not our vehicle purchase advisor as his truck only lasted 6.9 days before the engine blew up. When he's not snitching on folks for not having their SCI documents completed, he's snitching on folks for not signing up for their BOTs or FuTs.

SSgt Victor Menchaca – “BIG CHAC” is on his way to become our newest instructor in the squadron. When he's not working with dead trees making custom wooden gifts (he's really good at it), he's running the scheduling shop like a boss (he's not really good at it).

A1C Matthew Eng – “Hollywood” aka “BIG MILK MAN” was our first -46 baby boom. He was thrown to the wolves immediately...going to an airshow for his first TDY. Rumor has it that he has a specific back arching body posture for arming the jet doors. He's been shamed into shaving his mustache off (unanimously voted the worst in the squadron).

Amn Chase Burkhart – Chase is our newest shiny penny, we can't wait to use and abuse him on locals and CDS coronets.

Amn Arturo Zapata-Diaz – If you're looking for him, find Chase, Arturo won't be too far behind.

Mission Support Flight:

MSgt Ryan Young – “Young \$” is crushing it in MSF. You can find him these days in the cockpit day dreaming about running TOLD, manual pressurization and

SSgt Alfred Bonilla – “BA” has deployed 407 days in the past calendar year. He's currently our only GPC holder in the Sq so go to him with your random purchase requests. He'll literally swipe the card for anything, even if the account is empty.

(S)Sgt Austin Cullers – Austin is the EFB SME in the squadron. He holds the patent for the basketball shorts outfit, no one holds that kind of swagger and makes it look so good. Thanks for shaving your mustache, you were scaring the children.

A1C Jayce Knispel-Schabo – Jayce immediately became a combat veteran during Operation EPIC FURY after graduating MQT. He amassed four combat sorties totally 16 flight hours while deployed for two months. Thank you for your service.

Mobility:

TSgt Alex Silva – One of our newest additions to the squadron, Alex is working his way through MQT. As a former Security Forces Non-er turned RPA “Pilot” turned Combat Stewardess, he's attempting mediocrity in another career field.

SSgt Tristan Shannon – Tristan is also fighting the good fight from a tropical island. He's our current Fantasy Football Champion and commissioner which seems like a conflict of interest but no one else wanted the job.

(S)Sgt Alexander Danclar – “Dirty Dan” is our local war hero while hackin’ the mish in Mobility as a UDM. Other than looking like he hides pickles under his tongue, he strives for greatness. Maybe this year he won’t auto draft his fantasy football team so he can earn his first win.

Training:

TSgt John Levario – John runs a tight ship in DOT. He's our go-to for anything and everything Boom related. Make sure your GK is up to speed! He's such a nice dude that he'll hook you then apologize afterwards.

SSgt Benjamin Gauspohl – “Gas Pole” aka “Big Ben” is one of our newest Instructor Booms who loves dog sitting, gaming, wearing morale patches, and the proud owner of the absolute best mustache this side of the Mississippi. Honestly, we aren't sure if the baby Booms respect him for his instructional ability or if they are just completely mesmerized by that glorious lip sweater. Mustache ride please!

(S)Sgt Taylor Adams – Taylor is doing an absolute stellar job over in Training... during those rare windows when she isn't deployed, or on leave for two months. If you can't find her at her desk, just listen for the sound of a motorcycle speeding out of the parking lot.

Tactics:

TSgt Russell Molina – If you ever feel a sudden, chill breeze in the squadron, that's just Russ gliding past. Operating entirely incognito from the darkest corner of Tactics, Russ has officially transcended 'laid back' and achieved legendary myth status. We're pretty sure he exists, but until we get photographic proof, we'll just assume he's a phantom operating from the shadows.

Integration:

TSgt Curtis Clawson – “ClawDaddy” is our resident KC-10A relic. Chances are if he starts telling you a war story, it's going to be about Big Sexy. Good luck finding him, he's probably “at an appointment with his kids.” Have fun retiring as a Tech.

SSgt Daniel Franey – “T-3000” is FINALLY back in the Sq after his not-long-enough stint in Current Ops. If you're wondering what he looks like, just look for his rolled-up sleeves, mo-ped and NYC attitude (he's from Long Island btw). Thanks for not making us write you paperwork, Dan.

Standardizations & Evaluations:

SSgt Connor Myers – Connor “Midwest-life Crisis” Myers has recently “earned” the coveted title of Evaluator even after a single CGU-1/B attempted to derail his entire career path. A true team player, he will literally do anything to escape his desk, even “sacrificing” himself to deploy to the beautiful beaches of an undisclosed location in the Caribbean. His hobbies include pretending to be a stepdad (his immune system is more compromised than the toddler's). Seriously, he's contracted an illness on his last eight TDYs, to include pinkeye.

On-Loan/Attached:

SSgt Tyler McPherson – “Mr. Feast” was sent to Wg Tactics then was the #1 volunteer to deploy in support of Operation EPIC FURY. is the Guinness Book of World Records holder for being the first Boom to deploy and come back in worse shape than when he left.

SSgt Grace Yoder – Leadership sent Grace to Current Ops for a more stable home life. Rumor has it, she’s still not fully qualified...

Outbounds:

CMSgt Michael Thomas – Chief stayed in the 6th long enough to get his patches made then left us for the - 135. #Ducer4Lyfe

MSgt Phil Stacey – Congratulations to Phil, he narrowly survived the cut to become our newest Instructor Boom. We're thrilled he's teaching in the sky, mostly because it keeps him off the road. If you need proof, just ask about his legendary joyride in St. Croix, where he managed to write off a rental car in the middle of the jungle. Also, don't ask him to approve your voucher, he'll send it back indefinitely with JTR attachments.

(M)Sgt Padraic Condon – Paddy Congrats on your assignment, can't wait for you to leave.

(T)Sgt Jeremiah Guinto – “Molotov” holds the record for total days in Instructor Upgrade. He worked his tail off the last two years and was finally rewarded for his efforts. Best of luck in the 801x office, we're all counting on you.

SSgt Zach Ubben – Congrats on getting hired by the 70th! Good thing they didn't ask for a character reference.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

9 ARS

“GUCCI PRIDE, WORLDWIDE”



CMSgt Waldell ‘Doc’ Graves: Doc has his own merch line that he gifts out. It’s kind of a flex. He’s retiring and the whole Air Force will be missing him. His new job will be bugging people at the commissary about his time in service and logging 6.9 hours in the KC-46.

CMSgt Tranq Herrera: Let’s get down to business, to refuel some jets. Please don’t ask for fighters, I just fuel the best. Every plug is picture perfect, every contact true. By the end of this SEQ, I’ll make a boom out of you!

SMSgt Shawna Wise: When she’s not being mistaken for Daniele Repp (the other brunette boom) or telling you how long her husband has been deployed...285 days BTW...we get it you’re lonely, she can be found in one of the many offices she has. Seriously she must have one of the craziest SURF sheets in the USAF. I mean every week she’s in a new position. That must mean she’s either good at her job, or she keeps getting fired.

MSgt Clay Wonders: You’re probably scratching your eyes to see if you’re looking at this list right. Yes, we made a big trade deal to bring over the man, the myth, the legend, Clay Wonders. He’s finally in the better squadron. Clay is one of the most educated 46 booms we have. If only he can educate his barber to learn more than a high skin fade.

MSgt Matthew Henry: Don't ask this man to write a 1206 or operate an iPhone, he would rather go back to the Motorola Razor, aka the KC-135. But don't get it twisted, he makes the smoothest contacts with the best of 'em.

(M)Sgt / 2Lt (S) Lucas Balcarce: Our newest instructor, and soon to be space cadet, Lucas is known for being the life of the party. If you need anyone to be a spark plug, he's your guy. Lucas "worked" over at OGT. If you are wondering where or what that is, so are we. He's been the lifeline of what it means to be Gucci. We have no idea how he made rank with all the diabolical shit he says... oh wait, his boss was in charge of the board.

TSgt Ezrick Whaley: EZ was too good of a chief boom that the group had to take him, now he's our OGV boom. He probably shouldn't own a motorcycle, I'll leave it at that. He always thinks he's the best person on any sports team, but his knees and cardio say otherwise.

TSgt Calvin Kim: Be prepared to have an hour conversation about magic the gathering with this guy when you meet him. Kim goes out to bat for his airman, but when given a gun... he'll try and clear it on the flightline. Anyway, after 12 years at Travis he is taking his dungeons and daddies to McConnell!

TSgt Cody Ivie: Our resident blue rope and not the BMT kind. He's old enough to be most Airman's dad but wants to become a rated officer. We hope your ETP gets approved grandpa!

TSgt Eric Esser: Sorry Eric, we don't have any parachutes on this plane. This man has had more jobs than Mike Rowe. He's been a maintainer, was some kind of flying nerd on the EC-130, then taught academy kids how to jump out of planes and now is a baby boom. I wonder what he will do next?

TSgt Michael Marquez: Showed up unqualified after BTX because of his code50 at AMC (Thanks Chief Arcibal). We asked Ez to spill the tea on this guy for weeks, but he never got back to us. To reward Mikey, we made him the Flight Chief of Training so he can write his own RQT and MQT profiles.

(T)Sgt Daniel Collier: It's slicked back not push back. Tactics is not a joke to this guy, even though he's not a patch. One of our sharpest booms we have. 6th or 9th time is the charm for rank!

(T)Sgt Austin Hess: Low key looks Erling Haaland, but without the goldilocks. Austin is the resident goober of the 9 ARS. If you get on his good side, he might show you his hot sauce collection. Congrats on TSgt!!

SSgt Cameron Carl: Don't let his cool mustache deceive you, this guy is a stone-cold killer... of beers. Cam is still trying out for the junior special warfare program. Maybe they will accept that he has T-Rex arms anytime he gets too intoxicated.

SSgt James Walker: Thank Cam Carl's wife for pulling out a tape measure at a party and shattering his reality of standing 5'6". James is a jack of all trades, fulfilling NCOIC for 3 separate offices. Is he good at work or is he getting fired from all these positions? He's one of the boys; he'll drive over an hour from Sacramento to hang out.

SSgt Joshua Shopp: Shopp is the most high-speed boom we have. He was our first in-house instructor candidate, but he didn't fall short of impressing us there. There's really nothing you can say bad about him... Except that time he told an Airman to spend the money that finance overpaid them.

SSgt Giovanni Castillo: We are still working on getting Gio a new flight suit. He is one of our newer evaluators, cream of the crop. And if you play on Gio's team, make sure he's the only one shooting the ball or else he'll sub himself out and watch you all lose.

SSgt Joey Svoboda: Apparently Joey was too good for the 9th, McGuire snatched him up. At least he can afford some more ragers now that his sugar mamma is an officer. Don't let this man get pissed hammered and go to a strippy! He somehow ends up with more phones when going out on the town.

SSgt Cameron Andrews: Cami Miami, the second-best Cam in the Squadron and leader of the West Coast Shithouse. We thought he wanted to deploy to get out of his exec gig, but really it was to regroup with the OG shithouse crew. This man is always ready to rage, 10/10 recommend for any TDY.

SSgt Kian Saadi: Second best mustache in the 9th. He's one of our pro paintball players, if only he could care that much about work. He wants to cross train, but can't keep up with his security clearance... so good luck?

SSgt Joshua Grabe: Grabe has been holding down the awards and decs shop and filling in for resources. If you need something, he'll get the job done. Unless you need to fulfill the no notice requirement... then he'll *cough cough* his way out of it.

SSgt Brandon Clement: He doesn't like the water or sand in Hawaii but will throw down on the IPAs from the bar. Honestly, we don't know what else to say, he seems like a good dude.

SSgt Cade Fraizer: Told us a story about how he did in a burnout in a duty to impress an intel officer...didn't work. If you couldn't tell he's from the Midwest. He's always down to clown but unfortunately came from the back of some nerdy airplane.

SrA Sean Ellis: Yep, you still see Ellis as a Senior Airman. He is the epitome of the Chief Senior Airman of the Air Force. His heart is a little broken after his boyfriend Joey left. He is the squadron lead safety rep, but don't ask him how to ride a bicycle.

SrA Rosendo Garcia: Chendo is the quietest person you'll meet. A hard worker and a great instructor, Chendo will help you with anything. But don't try and get a word out of him. Coming back from a 7-day deployment, he has been hitting the gym harder than anyone in the squadron.

SrA Jude Springer: One of our bottom IB's and one of our best dog watchers. He must be getting paid for that right? I mean he's able to afford a new Tesla.

SrA Pono Norris: Who would've thought that he'd be an instructor? Well neither did we, and he ended up being so sharp he punctured the aircraft while loading cargo. Have fun with the reserves Pono!

SrA Benjamin Crisp: He took it seriously when a pilot told him, "Go to school dummy", after he asked why he can't afford his partying habits. Horn's up brother!

SrA Nathaniel Aguiar: This dude is a war hero; he has 2 deployments to SOUTHCOM and EUCOM now. He's made a name for himself, from Splits to Mono. He's a crew dawg for sure. Ask him about his experiences, he'll tell you in the most ChatGPT monologue answer way possible. He's so good at being a boom, he's tried to make some contacts with only one camera. Bravo!

SrA Robert Trillet: A true hard worker. Ask him anything, he'll get it done. Well, as long as he isn't on baby leave... which happens to be all the time.

A1C Benjamin Firman: Our loudest boom operator, you can hear him a mile away. He's a thicc boom operator, standing at 6'4", 260lbs, but somehow his ego is bigger than that. He's a sharp boom, was one of the first to answer the call for deployment. I think he was either eager to get more flying experience, or he was excited to be able to drink legally.

A1C Romio Zamora-Carmona: Another one of our deployed booms who answered the call short notice. No wonder he wanted to leave, his car is in shambles, but luckily, he likes to work on cars (or does he just say that cause his car is always broke?). Anyway, this man decided to skip out on a commander's call to get a back tattoo and are still wondering how he found the money for it.

A1C Brecken Morrison: Nonchalants final boss. Brecken once ran a PT test in Air Force 1's. And no, they weren't the black ones, but that could've made for a good story. He's still a mystery to most of us. The only thing known with him is that he has Death above Destroyer. He gets all his fashion inspiration from Clay Wonders middle school yearbook.

A1C Colby Simons: Rockstar boom operator! Colby also deployed short notice. He's a workaholic... or maybe an alcoholic? One of those words. He seriously won't take a break, even though his liver is begging him. He hasn't even been 21 for a year yet. A top MB who gets the mission done and doesn't complain.

A1C Jahmeris Cenat: We thought we were getting a Tik Tok influencer, but instead we got a quiet gym bro. Honestly, we lucked out.

A1C Anthony Kaplar: Day 1 in the Squadron: Sat in the Commander's spot at the Commander's Call, told us he joined for the "dad lore", and got a SARM girlfriend. We would say that you are on your way to greatness young man! Cover up those mosquito bites next time brother.

A1C Aavin Luttrell: Is it Aavin or Aavin? We will let you decide. She loves learning so much she wants to stay in MQT to learn more from our wonderful instructors.

A1C Shayla Barnwell: Shayla doesn't quite understand military customs and courtesies yet, but we are working on it. We hope she tries out for the volleyball team next year!

A1C Robert Jennings: Drives grandma's car and hails from the local area, so it probably was a graduation gift. Second worst ping pong player in the squadron.

Amn Landon Casillas: The newest and youngest boom. We hope you don't suck!

TSgt John Varner: Honorable mention, John is our IDMT but does more work in the 9th than half the squadron combined. Big dog was tasked last second to head out the door and took it like an absolute G!

TRAVIS AFB, CA

70TH ARS

“HOME OF THE ORCA’S”



Greetings from Northern California, home of the 70th Air Refueling Squadron. In the past year we had a lot of changes with retirements and the KC-46 transition. Here is the list of who is new, who remains, and who has moved on.

Chief Boom:

CMSgt Matt McCoy – Our former Chief FE and SEL, now turned Chief Boom just settled down in the office. On top of learning the ropes of being a boom, he now must manage a group of misfit malcontents with learning disabilities and poor credit scores.

SEL:

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Boom Superintendent:

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Assistant Chief Boom:

MSgt Mark Short – When he’s not barking at strangers he’s leading us by example. Civilian firefighter always has a funny story to tell so grab a drink, pull up a chair, and get ready to laugh. Just make sure the doors are shut and nobody is wearing a wire.

Executive Assistant:

TSgt Scott Speck – Another FE turned boom with a vast intellect and going to school in SF. Keep an eye out for him in the news as he’ll either invent some new tech or be investigated by the SEC.

Operations:

MSgt Danny Fortier – Expert boom and local Diablo Blanco. “40A” enjoys riding his motorcycle when he’s not instructing or evaluating. He is the oil that keeps the squadron running, just don’t mention oil as he’s staying away from the Refinery.

MSgt Wes Sly – This former KC-10 Flight Engineer and expert prankster can be found flying every local or TDY humanly possible or at home churning out random items from his 3-D printer. Just don't leave your bags unattended or you'll be in for an uncomfortable surprise.

TSgt Josh Carpenter – When he's not out in the woods killing animals with his bare hands or open seas slaying fish, he's operating the State's power grid or flying missions.

Scheduling:

SSgt Seamus Burmeister – Our new scheduler Seamus had big shoes to fill taking over for Corbet, but he sure is a lot nicer. He is also our newest instructor just back from Altus so please ask him lots of questions when you see him.

SSgt Darcy Coulter – Fresh over from active-duty Darcy is learning how the reserves work. She is also helping to fill our quota of 2 females for the boom section so Callie doesn't get lonely.

Training:

MSgt Stephen Zorro – This Zorro doesn't carry a sword and ain't Mexican, but we stole him from our sister squadron anyway. His training expertise keeps us current and we much now more smarter with him around.

TSgt Taylor Dickson – You can take the boy out of the country but not the country out of the boy. "Dickbaby" is set to be our next instructor boom if he can stay out of trouble.

TSgt Jordan Smith – Our newest father in the boom section and back from baby leave. Another future instructor boom if he doesn't hurt himself on his dirtbike. If he does he can get work as a Glenn Powell stunt double.

Tactics:

TSgt Blazius Nimrichter – The man with the impossible name and vying for title of smartest man alive. Our resident technical expert and former FE can be found in SF going to school taking classes most of us can't pronounce when he's not flying missions.

TSgt Logan Talken – "Talking" Talken is our tactics guru over at the MPC. This former crew chief, 10 boom, and now 46 boom knows his stuff, or at least that's what he tells all of us.

Readiness:

MSgt Daniel Rufkahr – The Dirt Merchant is back from his time in the OSS and is getting ready to retire. If his plans of winning the lottery and moving back to Oregon don't work, then you may see him as a greeter at your local Wal-Mart or selling feet pics on OF.

TSgt Victor St. Martin – Let the record show that after taking roughly five times longer than humanly possible and consuming enough crayons to keep the Corps afloat. TSgt St. Martin is finally certified to operate the boom. It took longer to qualify him than it did to build the KC-135, but we eventually taught a former Marine how to guide a metal pole into a hole without trying to eat the PDI's.

SSgt Ishmael Sweeney – Our man Ish came over from active duty, finished 46 training, and just got a sweet new civilian job. He would rather you ask him about that than what happened in Las Vegas.

Stan/Eval:

MSgt Callie Johnson – Our queen of Stan/Eval keeps us all in check, literally! She wears many hats in the squadron and somehow juggles all the adult children here and her new baby at home.

MSgt Andres Castillo – Another steal from active duty. If he's not loitering outside of Home Depot or shanking them on the links he can be found flying missions or driving his Subaru, the racing type to be exact not the other kind...

Safety:

MSgt Seth Bunker – Gracing us with his presence from the lakes of Minnesota when he's not flying the airlines, this prior 135 boom, 10 boom, 10 FE, and now 46 boom is trying to fly on every tanker ever built.

TSgt John Friel – KC-10 FE from active duty turned boom. When not trying to hurt himself on his dirt and or mountain bike, he is breaking hydrocarbon bonds for a living for a major petrochemical company in the SF Bay Area.

Attached:

CMSgt Dan Timko – Yes he's still here, when he gets the time to fly. Off in the ivory tower of AFRC, if there's a problem, he can solve it, check out the hook while my DJ revolves it. Dan is now working for the MAJCOM Functional in GA and dreams of one day making a contact again. Give him a call if you want to reminisce about the dear departed KC-10. He won't shut up about Big Sexy, whoever that is.

Outbound:

CMSgt Don Davis – The legend of Chief DD will echo the halls of the 70th for years to come. After numerous noise and HR complaints he decided to move on to retired life. Don't worry, you can still find him instructing over at the BOT and finding new ways to be inappropriate.

Retired 13 Mar 1990 – 11 Jun 2026

SMSgt Mike Hinton – Our superintendent and walking encyclopedia of knowledge moved on to the fields of retirement. 70th Alumni turned Flight Safety Boom Instructor. His kindness and cheerful disposition will be missed by all.

Retired 12 Feb 1997 – 30 Jun 2026

MSgt Abe Valasco – Prior KC-10 boom turned First Shirt, don't hold it against him. 13 September 2026 he's retiring. Just avoid eye contact to evade peeing in a cup on the UTA and watch your speed, he's still a cop on the outside.

Retiring 13 Sep 2026

Travis AFB, CA

79th ARS



This unit did not submit

TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA

601 AOC / 101 AOG

“AMERICA’S AIR OPERATIONS CENTER”



Florida Air National Guard

MSgt Austin “Rude” Arnold (AGR): c. 2005, Austin has officially hit 20 years of service, and the Division is split between cheering him on to continue or encourage him to retire finally. He transferred from NCOIC of ARCT to the SEL in AMD. After physically and emotionally scarring his pastor from the great boat incident of 2024, he hasn't touched his boat for almost a year and even after all those years in search for a boat he has now decided he wants to sell it.

Some things don't change for Austin, like how he educates people at work that are wrong and inevitably stepping on other people's toes. This year it was collectively the whole Royal Canadian Air Force during the G7 Summit! This was definitely a record for Austin.

As always, we could not accomplish the mission without Austin's insight and perspective.

MSgt Derek “Rogue” Peifer (AGR): c. 2015, Derek finally earned his PPL, and it was great timing because we were starting to get concerned that he would even finish at this rate! He spent so much time out of the office flying and studying we think he forgot how to do his primary job. He is still attached with Birmingham and must have made quite the name for himself there judging by his interview results for their pilot board. We are all surprised they decided to renew his attachment paperwork after that fiasco. In other news, Derek transferred from being a Tanker Planner to NCOIC of ARCT.

The team here is confident he is going to get picked up for UPT soon, it is only a matter of time.

Colonel John “Boom Boom” Erickson (AGR): c. 1992, He is the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) for the 601 AOC.





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, 6A0MW, 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



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. HERMAN, 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" MACKAY
12-Mar-26	TSGT ASHLEY PRUITT
12-Mar-26	MSGT TYLER SIMMONS

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