



*"Boom Operators Making Contact World
Wide"*

1979-2004

25th Anniversary Edition

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Preparation For Contact

"We Must Not Let This Tradition Die." - CMSgt (ret) Jim Eden

Signal received Chief, loud and clear! Welcome to the 2004, 25th Anniversary Edition of the Boom Signal! It's been a few years since we've all made contact via the Signal. The world of Boom Operators (KC-135/KC-10) has seen tremendous change and all the line units are operating at a pace never before seen or imagined. Our beloved schoolhouse has also seen its share of change; the steady increase in CCTS/CFIC production and the exodus of highly proficient schoolhouse instructor booms back out into the field via the Code 50 assignment system.

For the uninitiated, the "Boom Signal" is a compilation of Boom Operator inputs, past, present, and future. It is the only one of its kind although several attempts have been made to copy it, without success. The intent of the Signal is a communication link between each Boom Operator, past, present and future. It is a historical document tracing fellow boom operators back to, and before, CMSgt Bob Truelson's January 1979 Signal. We need to ensure this tradition continues. We owe it to the Boom Operator Career Field.

As I took on the daunting task of seeking approval from HQAMC, soliciting unit inputs and collating this edition; I felt a great sense of pride that I was given the opportunity to make my mark in Boom Signal history. I feel that the Signal goes hand-in-hand with the many traditions we uphold. Since the last edition, the Boom Operator Memorial became a reality; the SMSgt Al Evans Trophy has been resurrected and we had a Silver Anniversary Symposium at Castle. To me, Boom Operators are like one big family; no matter where you go; no matter whether you are Active, Retired, Guard or Reserve you are always welcome and you always have something in common. The Signal also maintains ties with our retired Boom Operator community, the Booms who created the traditions we honor today; the Signal, the Boom Card/Coin, the Boom Wings Pin-On Ceremony, the SMSgt Al Evans Trophy and the Boom Symposium.

I'd like to pass on special thanks to the following: CMSgt (ret) Jim Eden, for the many years of Boom Signals and the prime mover in creating the Boom Coin; CMSgt Oliver Winter and SMSgt Bricker Martin for approving and supporting the hand-off of this year's publication; Mr. Harvey Price and Mr. Steve Tuttle (Flight Safety Services Corporation, Altus) for support/compilation of graduate rosters; Judge Brown and Jim Threet (IFR Association) for their contributions and support. Last but certainly not least, thanks to all of the Units for their submissions despite their busy operations tempo all over the world.

"Pilot, the boom is in the green, time to go to work..."

TSgt Paul E. Greene
Altus AFB, Oklahoma (Oct 2004)

Any comments or questions about the 2004 Boom Signal can be directed to TSgt Paul E. Greene, 97OSS/OSOS, DSN 866-6543/6544, E-mail: <mailto:paul.greene@altus.af.mil>. The 2004 Boom Signal commemorates the 25th Anniversary. Start working your input for the 2005 Boom Signal now! Please send your Unit's inputs to me NLT 1 Apr 05 so that I can collate the 26th Annual Boom Signal in time for the Boom Operator Symposium!

READER DISCLAIMER:

Be advised that the individual compiling the Boom Signal is not responsible for the content of any entry submitted for publication. The Unit's submissions were edited for format, spelling and hopefully put in a logical order. However, their original content was left wholly intact.

The *spirit* of the Boom Signal is for Unit's to express themselves in a manner befitting the family of Boom Operators (aka, any way they see fit). To that end, please remember; "nothing is too cruel if it's funny enough."

Nobody Kicks Ass Without Tanker Gas...Nobody!!

**OUR
WORLD WIDE
BOOM OPERATOR
COMMUNITY**

Altus AFB KC-135 Schoolhouse Boom Functional Manager

Greetings from Southwestern Oklahoma, home of the "World's Largest School of Boom Operating".

We continue to push through max capacity classes of students/candidates, in so doing our part to keep growing fresh booms for the GWOT. When not pushing students the instructors here are busy getting their CCAFs, Bachelors, and Masters Degrees completed. In fact we had several booms selected for OTS this year which I consider "WIN-WIN" in other words the average IQ of the officer and enlisted corps will increase.

The AETC Code 50 assignment system has ramped up. We are PCSing and getting inbounds every month. If you are not familiar this new assignment system, basically 39 months after you sign in, you will PCS out with a shit-load of instructor experience under your belt. As a side benefit, while you are here, there will be many chances to do many things (the increased turnover does not allow homesteading).

More good news! AETC has funded a new Boom Simulator (\$10.5M). The BOWST will have a "state of the art" visual system and a realistic feel. This will make our jobs easier and may have the capability to accomplish some category qual training. Not to mention built in cup holders and ash trays for the Flight Safety instructors.

If you have ever thought about being a CDC writer now would be a good time to volunteer. Our current CDC writer, MSgt Tim Clark is PCSing to Robins (he said something about teaching Dave Coleman how to fish.) If you wanna do this challenging job, just see Equal Plus!

The Boom Memorial is still the focal point of boom tradition at Altus. We had memorial ceremony when Mrs. Loy (SSgt Loy's mother) came to visit and lay a wreath. During Memorial Day, the Booms stood a 12-hour silent vigil transferring the same boom patch to each new boom operator. We will be adding two names missed during the original engraving in October.

On a sad note, we lost one of our own this summer, SSgt Brad Stracener. He will be missed by all who knew him.

I look forward to seeing everybody at the Boom Symposium next spring, details will be out soon!

NKAWTG....Nobody!

Dalton B. Pratt, Jr., CMSgt, USAF
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ALTUS AFB, OK
97 TRS
Reserve/Guard Liaison
Home of the Lone Reservist!

Hello... from the Liaison office here in big beautiful Altus America. Working on my second year here as the Reserve/Guard Liaison. I hope I have made things better for you and your students attending the school house. It seems just like yesterday when I was told I would never amount to anything and never make a difference! I got out, switched airplanes, became an ART, then an AGR, and a few jobs later... Gosh how things have changed. I'm making a difference every day. Taking care of people! I was always taught "Take care of your people and they will take care of you". Maybe someone will learn that we all put our pants on the same way, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. There are a few other clichés to use but let's move on to more interesting subjects.

Last input to the Signal, I was the Reserve OGV Boom in the 514th AMW at McGuire AFB NJ flying the Cadillac of the Tanker fleet the KC-10A. I ran into SMSgt Jim Hackworth at an ASEV and he mentioned the AGR job at 15th Air Force he was leaving. I was very interested; I applied, and got hired. I moved to Travis in Oct 01. My wife, kids and I loved every day at Travis. It was great to get out to the units and see how impressive the people really are! (Ret) MSgt Paul Pillar, (Ret) SMSgt D.K. Smith and I used to talk about this all the time. Who decided to close one of the oldest and most historical numbered Air Forces? I don't know but it was time to search for a new job and I ran in to CMSgt Tingley (my predecessor) at a conference. She said she was retiring, so, I applied and got the job. I moved to Altus in Sep 2003. Thanks to all the people who wrote me letters and made phone calls for me. I wouldn't be here if it wasn't for you!

During the past year, I have found a new appreciation for the First Sergeant's position. Dealing with the students and the legal office is a daily event. Room inspections, derelict alcoholic students, phase violations, drug offenses, you name it they will try it. Were we that bad in the 80's?? Keep sending those kids our way! The instructors here are the best and they will keep them straight.

I fly very little here and am home ever night to watch my too daughters Kayla and Kelsey grow. Katie is in nursing school and hopes to graduate in a few years. Anyone interested in an AGR job in a few years e-mail me and we'll talk. I hope to make it long enough here to land an Active Duty retirement. The Air Force Reserve and The Air National Guard - the best thing to happen to a former Active Duty guy. Can I get an Amen! (Quote) "Jealously will get you no where" "nothing is to cruel if its funny"! Drop by for a Beer if you're in town.

Fly Safe....

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54th ARS
Altus AFB, OK
The Schoolhouse

Ash - There are pictures floating around of him in Speedo's, but we're not "asking," and he's not "telling."

Bautista - From cracking his teeth open on Rice Krispie treats, to catching Jugs with his head, Jughead keeps busy, we just aren't always sure with what.

Beecher - Recently caught trying to polish his ass on the Stan/Eval Sup's head at the AITW.

Buit - Hey Steve! Want some Pizza?

Burney - Nick was recently awarded the "AETC Master 'Who's That?' Badge." He keeps under the Radar so well we have to call the cops if he gets scratched, his reflective skin is classified.

Cahill - A True Ladies man. We all feel like secretaries, taking the calls for him. Maybe that's why it takes up to a year to get a line badge.

Chatham - Holds the units most prized position, Water Closet POC. He is good at what he does.

Deeder - Mr. Deeds is the man if you need something done. "He didn't join the Air Force to get screwed!", so now he's doing the screwing just out of OTS. Hey Clint, can I get an EQ too?

Galloway - Our schoolhouse "Superstar". Look him up in the dictionary under "Not my Fault / Job."

Gasper - Officially "Mr." Gasper now, if it Ain't Broke, Gasper will "fix" it. Probably with Duct Tape and a Cargo Strap. Rumor has it he is working hard at not working these days in "a bus down by the trailer".

Greene - (Phone music plays...) Injured his neck after almost 2,000 hours in the aircraft, Greene was rebuilt as the Bionic Emu. Now able to twist his head around in a 360, he is a more efficient "Student Hunter"; he enforces the Boom traditions from his walker these days, but is still feared!

Haney - Find a "button", push it. Unscrew from wall. Rinse, dry and repeat.

Hargett - Mr Harġett, Boom Operator. Our French correspondent. He is so big into the adult film industry there, he will be TDY "teaching" his "boom techniques" to the French at the end of the year. His velvet beret is packed a ready to go.

Holbrook - If you "Heard about an IB at the schoolhouse that... (Students, "we knew each other in high school", Guns "No officer I'm not happy to see you, that IS a loaded gun in my pocket"), then it's probably him. Our resident "Part-Time Flyer"/ additional duty boy.

Ireland - Some know him as "Timmah!" some know him as "Stick-Boy". But we all love him and know him as "The book boy who almost escaped to the reserve." Timmah! Wasn't quick enough though....

Isbell - One of the DNIF queens, Izzy has gone on to greener AMC pastures after a long tour of the schoolhouse scheduling orifice.

King - Who? "Oh, he's that AMC guy that comes and flies with us once in a while."

MacMeekan - If your looking for Mac, just listen for the question "What's that crap in his hair?" Here is his history; Day #1, sign into Sqdrn. Day #2, start scheduling job. Day #380, push second student line.

Mitchell - Our newest, tiniest baby IB here at the schoolhouse. We are trying to mold him into what one day could be an instructor.

Morkin - Our largest, most disgruntled boom operator. His job is to bitch, and he is the best at what he does.

Murray - "My best quality is motivating people." "Sign me up for that Air Force Ball."

New - After only a 1.5 year upgrade process, Lt(sel) New pushed his 3 lines and left. "There's only two things I *have* to do, stay black and die."

Pittman - "Mr. Clean." The Fisherman who's always pissed about something. We are still assembling a team to unscrew him from the ceiling every day at 1630. Volunteers please apply with resume to IHave@DFC.com

Potter - Our illustrious leader, even though he tried to fail the Program manger interview he got the position anyway. Was happy about Altus, until his latest squadron move.

Pratt - Chief personalizes the bumper sticker "I'd rather be fishing." Last quoted as saying "Code 50 extentions? What Code 50 extensions?"

Prothe - "Perma-Scheduler." Well beyond "Mr. DNIF," Brett has achieved the title of "Dr DNIF."

Quam - If there ever was a "BoomHauer", Quam would be it. Ask him for his social and he won't ever trust you again.

Rix - Having recently undergone surgery to have suction cups permanently attached to his lips, our "CMSgt(sel)" has held every position in the squadron every month.

Sottovia - Volunteered for additional duties before he even arrived. Drew is also the oldest SSgt in the unit.

Taylor - "Can my ORI retest count as my Annual?" Recently "moved up" to the TRS.

Tobola - The squadron MEO representative, he is highly trained in the art of Email. If you ever hear talk of "Old crusty SAC guys," Tebo falls into this group.

Wolfe - Jedi Master / Card carrying Black Belt. If the students want an EQ, they bring him Star Wars memorabilia. If anyone finds his personality, please return it. A reward of one Jedi Lightsaber is being offered.

Wygant - "On Loan" to the OSS. With no reason to go DNIF, he flies more now than he did as a line IB.

55th ARS
Altus AFB, Oklahoma

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL BOOM OPERATORS

FROM: 55th ARS/ CHIEF BOOM

SUBJECT: BOOM SIGNAL 2004

All,

Greetings from the "BEST DAMN SATISFACTORY SQUADRON IN THE AF". It's great that the Signal is getting back in circulation; it's about time we brought back some of our traditions. I guess most of the booms nowadays have come through Altus versus Castle. There are some Castle trained booms out there still, right? We are doing a fine job getting the students out and to you AMC guys, at least that's what we hear at Altus. If there's anything you would like for us to emphasize, tell us, we'll make happen. It's been a good time training these youngsters, but it won't last forever for us that are here, due to our CODE 50 dates. CODE 50 is a stabilized tour, after 3 years here at sunny Altus you go back to AMC. So hopefully, AMC units should be getting us seasoned instructors back. Most of you know that on 21 Aug 2004, we lost SSgt James B. Stracener in an ATV accident. In his short time with us in the 55th, he had many friends and was well liked throughout our boom union. He will be/is missed. That's enough from me; let me introduce the guys who do the work around here:

MSgt Paul Swanson (Swani) - He's the Program Manager; likes to think he runs the place. We all know better.

MSgt Mark Batties - getting ready to retire in Oct.

TSgt Tom Glosser - Our safety guy. We had to give the ex-Gucci boy a job he can handle. Did a great job at NCOA... academic achievement award winner. So... the -10 guys can learn.

TSgt Kevin Cantrell - Our RA guy. Takes good care of us with all kinds of toys.

A-FLIGHT

TSgt Dave Coggin (MSgt sel) - A-Flight Supervisor. Real quiet guy who day-in and day-out trains a good student.

TSgt Daron Talsma- New guy, pushing his first student, always smiling. I guess being at home more has its advantages.

SSgt Izzy Hanks - Line instructor; Loves being here, having a great time teaching the students.

SSgt Brain Norton - Just got here about a week ago. Boy is he in for a surprise.

B-FLIGHT

MSgt Rodney Ward - (B-Flt Super) got to be the biggest LSU fan there is ... hopefully. Doing a great job keeping us physically fit as one of the squadron PTL's.

TSgt Donnie Lambert - Teaches a good student however we have to give the students an "Alabama to English" translation book. Seriously, he does a great job for us.

TSgt Clint Slick - New to us from Mildenhall, pushing his first student. I see him shaking his head after student de-briefs.

SSgt Mike Fatone - Another new guy, already organized a block party, and then found out the Chief Boom lives down the street from him. It was a great time. We'll see how he does with the students.

SrA Jon Groleau (SSgt sel) - New guy still in-processing.

C-FLIGHT

(STUDENT TRAINING MANAGERS)

TSgt Dave Francey - New to us from Edwards. He has pushed a few students, looking to move to the OPS Group to help get us a new BOPTT.

SSgt Jason Hall (TSgt sel) - He had a problem saying stupid things. Now he doesn't say much ... could there be a connection. Does a super job managing the students training and folder upkeep.

D- FLIGHT

CFIC

TSgt Rick Recaido (Flt Supervisor) - Leads the CFIC booms here in the 55th. Looking to stick around an extra year. I'd expect to hear more yelling than what I do from him.

SSgt Soper (TSgt sel) - Thinks he wants to be a FE. Chief Pratt calls them "Side sitting switch something or other". Got his Bachelors done while here and got promoted.

SSgt Tom Long - Just got back from Osan on an airshow support mission. How he scammed that I don't know. Does a great job teaching the CCTS and CFIC lines.

E-FLIGHT

SCHEDULING

TSgt Dave Keller (Flt Supervisor) - Currently at the NCOA when he gets back he goes to the OPS Group to become the CCAF Program Manager. Hate to give him up.

TSgt Steve Spalding - Had an extended DNIF for a bum leg. Now he's back up and flying and is a mainstay in our changing scheduling shop.

SSgt Vince Estes - Does the scheduling job and occasionally pushes a student through. Hates stocking the snack bar. I say this because I constantly have to remind him to do it.

SSgt Kevin Ortman - New in scheduling, still smiles and says yes. Loves it here in Altus.

F-FLIGHT

TRAINING FLT

TSgt Randy Kay - He's our squadron CCAF manager. Harps on the guys to get there degrees done, and does it very well.

SSgt John Carter - Teaches the problematic students that no one else can handle or the student/instructor is having problems. Does great work; he even has his CCAF done.

G-FLIGHT

STAN/EVAL

TSgt Paul Frownfelter (Frowny) Flt Supervisor- will be showing up at Grand Forks soon. You guys in the North are getting a great boom.

TSgt James Fisher - Had neck surgery, isn't back on flying status yet. Who says the students aren't a pain in the neck?

SSgt Daryll Hebert (Lt sel) - You heard right selected to OTS. Hate to see him go does a great job with the students.

ON LOAN

SMSgt Red Paulette - It'll be Chief by 1 Oct. Great guy. He's our Guard /Reserve liaison.

SMSgt Cody Crowder- OGV Chief Boom. Loves to fly ... especially with folks.

MSgt Tim Clark - Works in the Group with the students hands out tons of LOC's and other assorted paperwork. Some of you may remember him.

TSgt Russ Gardner (MSgt sel and Lt sel) - Hmmmmm which one will it be. He chose to be the officer, losing him in later this year.

TSgt Gordo Ringler - Works in Det 2. Something to do with software. Not affected by the CODE 50.

SSgt Wayne Keiser (TSgt sel) - Works in the OSS scheduling shop. Flies occasionally.

SSgt Jeff Gaston - Works in the Ops Group TODA. He's in charge of all the aircraft pubs for all the students here at Altus, yes, even the airlifter's.

RETIRED BOOMS IN THE AREA

MSgt Tim Ablay - Working civil service here. He's also one of Oklahoma's best pistol marksmen.

MSgt Mitch Darnell - King of the "pull my finger" trick. Work civil service here down in the hydraulic shop. Constantly asks me, "What are your students doing to these jets?"

MSgt Dean Pickering - You guessed it, works civil Service on base.

That's what I have working for me. I couldn't ask for a better bunch.

MIKE CONNER, MSgt, USAF
55 ARS CHIEF BOOM DSN 866-6079

In memory of SSgt James Stracener
2 May 1972- 21 Aug 2004



Pilot - Boom, "Boom stowed and latched, leaving position."

HQAMC Det 2, AMCAOS ALTUS AFB, OK

Det 2 has gone through some changes in the last year. Mr. Racoma PCSed to Kadena, and MSgt Pickering has become Mr. Pickering and replaced Rocky. We have brought some changes to the courseware in BBOC, BIQ, and IB, along with improvements to the CBT's. The refurbished BOPTT's have survived their first year of use. As the new Fiscal Year comes around we are unsure as to our existence in the future. However this is how we stand today.

Mr. Dean Pickering: Now the Civilian continuity when it comes to KC-135 ATS. If it is happening he is in the know. Email dean.pickering@altus.af.mil DSN 866-7181

TSgt Gordo Ringler: Det computer guy, His favorite greeting in the morning is "Hey Gordo, I clicked on it and it don't work." His standard response, "SO."

TSgt Tim King: Working at staying in no additional duty longer than 6 months. Chief party planner and picture taker for the Det.

Mr. Rocky Racoma is now working the simulators at Kadena. Sure is quiet around here.

If you see us around, don't be afraid to drag us in and tell us the problems with the ATS. And don't forget the Ctrl-C on the CBT's.

Boom Signal 2004
FlightSafety Services Corporation (FSSC)
FlightSafety

Greetings from the Civilian Boom Association.

New Happenings: Pacer Crag, CFIC course, BBOC practical exam, Golf

Old Happenings: BOPTT Upgrade

For new happenings (since the last signal), we started teaching Pacer Crag Academics with the 01-11 Boom Initial Qualification class.

The CFIC course is being redesigned to meet current needs. Lessons will now be dedicated solely to teaching candidates to instruct. There will be numerous pre-requisites to refresh knowledge levels prior to attending CFIC. Candidates will arrive here with the proper knowledge level in order to learn to instruct rather than having to be refreshed on previously learned material. BOPTT scenarios will increase from three (3) to five (5).

The Basic Boom Operator Course (BBOC) was initiated back on 28 Sep 99 with class 00-05. The system appears to be working well, and the KC-10 booms leave Altus for their initial training base immediately after they finish BBOC. In an effort to increase their knowledge of posting technical orders, a practical exam is now given during the end of course test.

Come join us for the Annual FSSC Boom Association golf tournament. Each year this event gets larger and larger, thanks in most part to our very own Jim Reese, who coordinates practically all of it. Jim has acquired many new sponsors each year and for the last couple of years, there is one hole during the tournament that a hole-in-one will win you either a new car or truck. Everyone wins something, from a sleeve of golf balls to new clubs. It is a great time to be had by all, food and beverages are provided, and the camaraderie is outstanding. This annual event is held at the Quartz Mountain Golf Resort.

Some old happenings are; In February 2004 both BOPTT's completed refurbishment and have been up and running since that time (only took 5 years). The graphics are great, but we lost some realism capability from the old BOPTT. At least we have the new oxygen panels and ADIS radio.

The Gang

Bill Baker - Resident Reservist and source of knowledge on current procedures. Deer hunter supreme, I think he even chases them with a knife. It is tough to track deer while swimming in full camo though (splash). He's into golf and hates it when he's out driven!!

Phil Blaisse - FNG Came to us from the "dark side" (KC-10's). Fits right in and even got elected as one of the Civilian Boom Association officers. Just got himself a new Motorcycle and is into leather now (don't ask). Does house reconstruction on the side. Mr. CRM.

Eddie Cole - Eddie jumped right in and volunteered to do the publications. We have to hide his desk (covered in T.O.'s) from the fire marshal. If you want to know about student activities (on or off duty), ask Eddie (how he knows all this stuff is beyond us).

Terry Daffern - Another smiling CRM volunteer. Has dabbled in real estate lately and is currently still in the same house! Cheers for the Dallas Cowboys and the University of Texas. Hey, the "Boys" are doing better than usual. Still golfing at every opportunity.

George Dion - Spends time in Massachusetts and Hawaii now, even teaches for us from time to time. Football season has been great in the last couple of years (Patriots fan). Drives the MG and golf's on some days. Always checking the stock market...hmmmm.

Chico Gallegos - Mr. Weight and Balance, loved it when he had to redo the entire course due to the Dash 5 series changes then the whole thing got put on hold. Needs a new computer since his only gets "e-bay" and "Jeeps Unlimited" web sites.

Roger Gossett - Currently going through his seventh (maybe eighth or ninth) childhood and wants a convertible sports car, going to trade in the truck. Roger corrects so many CFIC workbooks he knows the answers by heart. So, you want to buy a truck?

Harvey Price - Just bought a new "classic", a 2005 Trailblazer. Should have been an omen; since it was recalled before it left the assembly lot. Chevy is the only way to go. Jeff Gordon is my hero, "Go #24." Also checks the stock market a lot...hmmmm

Rick Raprager - The newest member of the Harley riders' gang. Don't ask him to gap your spark plugs though. Rick is the quiet guy in the office, but ask him about politics and watch out. Motorcycles will get you into a lengthy conversation as well. Mr. Cargo loading.

Jim Reese - Jim's barbeque, "cueing" at its finest. Jim brings in lots of goodies to eat. Jim is our resident English major. Fridays' at the V is the only thing that keeps him from golf. Wait, there's lawns to be cut, clothes to wash - oh well, a couple of golf nights is ok.

Marty Sabourin - My bike is the best-looking one around, don't mess with me! Marty goes to almost any Harley get-together. "If Harley doesn't make it, it shouldn't be made". "CRM again?, why don't the Navs teach all the CRM?" Likes his new Ford truck.

Chuck Stewart - Hey lets go play golf this afternoon. Chuck likes golf; he's always taking our money. Chuck does practice though to get so good (Jim says practice is a sign of weakness). Chuck's golf cart is almost as fast as walking; don't they make a speed chip?

Lew Timbrook - Jeremy Mayfield and John Deere, two American traditions. Just bought a new tractor to do his "back 50". Only takes 4 days to mow the whole spread now. There are never too many horses. Needs a diesel truck now since all the other farmers have one.

Steve Tuttle - Poker night tonight? No?, well how about some golf? I can lose money on either so take your pick. Teaches class occasionally when not too busy typing boom student rosters or redesigning courseware. New golf cart goes so fast Chuck only sees a blur.

Greg Wheeler - Traded the sickly Buick and got a Lincoln that also leaks (we suspect the local dealer replaced his Lincoln transmission with a Buick one). Refuses to sell the boat and get a set of golf clubs. Always goes on vacation during the BOPTT cycle.... Hmmmm

Joe Surovy - Of course I got the donuts. I'll be at the gym if you need me. Always reviewing courseware before he teaches, what's up with that? (Obviously a sign of weakness). Joes' place looks like a used car lot, anybody want to buy a Beemer?

Brad Hamann - aka. Brad Villa (Bobs younger brother). Gets his wife to buy him tools, how does he do this? Also into golf, needs stock in a golf ball company though. The youngest guy in the office but has two grandkids already and another on the way. Loves CRM.

Mitch Malseed - Mitch moved upstairs to take over C&DM - makes the big bucks now. Still comes down all the time to keep us straight. Also a member of the Harley gang; no tattoos yet (as far as we know). If you need something printed, see Mitch or Marty.

Our losses include Steve Smith and Gene Thomason and from the C-5 side, Herb Driskill. Gene left us initially to be the cargo load-training expert for Polar Air Cargo. Now Gene is at Travis doing load plans etc. for his own company. Steve left us for the colder climate of New Jersey where he is a KC-10 boom instructor (at least he's closer to home now). Seems as though we heard them both say something about "show me the money" as they were considering their options. Herb is up in the Oklahoma City area doing something for the FAA and also making the "big bucks". Herb comes down for most of our functions and if you need to get hold of him, Mitch has a hotline.

We have gained back some of our lost experience with the addition of Joe Surovy, Brad Hamann and Phil Blaisse (fresh meat). Joe comes to us from the OSS, where he was the boom career field CDC writer. Joe has both KC-10 and KC-135 experience, he came back into the 135's in 1994 and was one of the initial Flight Superintendents when the 55th ARS was activated as a CCTS training squadron. Brad has a lot of CCTS experience. He started as a CCTS instructor back in 1988 at Castle AFB, and followed CCTS when it moved to Altus in 1994. His last two assignments were training flight at the OSS, then flight superintendent at the 55th ARS. Phil bailed out of the 135 world for a tour on the dark side. After he retired he came back to Altus and consented to work with the 135 guys again. Of course we hold it against him, but what the heck; "Nothings too cruel if it's funny enough." Now if we can only train them to make coffee. Seriously we're glad to have them.

Steve Tuttle
Boom Instructor

Harvey Price
Boom Operator
Supervisor

ANDREWS AFB, MD
756 ARS

Greetings from DC. As the newest tanker unit in the AF this is our first Boom Signal. For those that don't know we converted from C-141's in Oct 03 and since then have had many challenges. Things like keeping the loads alert after the gear comes up and explaining to flight engineers why we don't have flight engineers. We have had most of our folks in school over the last year. MQT was fun with only two IBO's to start. We have been going on as many "good deal" TDY's as possible to get our people up to speed. We are looking forward to C1 status so we can deploy with the rest of you. (Yeah Right)

Tony Parris, SMSgt
756 IFRM AFRC

SMSgt Parris, Tony (Frank the Tank) Tony.Parris@amc.af.mil, AFRC Program Manager
Stole Tony from Seymour Johnson. Tony is our OCD (obsessive compulsive disorder) Boom. He won't let us polish our boots inside the building and everything smells like bleach.

SMSgt Warren, Kevin Kevin.Warren@andrews.af.mil, AFRC Chief of Training.
Know it all Flight Engineer (Systems Expert). First enlisted flyer in the squadron to switch over to the dark side and become a Boom. Slowly adapting to the Boom way of doing things.

SMSgt Westbrook, Paul Paul.Westbrook2@andrews.af.mil, AFRC Senior Enlisted Reservist.
Ex Load Master, lives in Florida—still looking for parts of his house. If you know anybody that does roofing work cheap, give him a call. Loves F-16 TACAN Antennas.

MSgt Bates, Anthony Anthony.Bates@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Ex Flight Engineer, Tony is our quite boom, also our golf pro. "Hail to the Redskins".

MSgt Gilliard, Frank AFRC
Frank Gilliard?!? He's in our squadron??

MSgt Gray, William "Billy Ray" WILLIAM.GRAY@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Ex Load Master, Billy Ray has his very own Karaoke machine (he needs the practice). Highroller at the TSA.

MSgt Hines, Darryl AFRC
Ex Load Master, wants to finish MQT to go back to making money. Highrolls with Billy Ray Gray at the TSA.

MSgt MacDonald, Butch AFRC
Stole Butch from Grissom. Well, I wouldn't call it stealing, exactly.

MSgt Macias, Erika AFRC
Ex Load Master, helped to bring Karen Letourneau over to the dark side—friends don't let friends fly T-Tails.

MSgt Rollins, Rocky Frankie.Rollins@andrews.af.mil, AFRC OG StanEval
Stole Rocky from McGhee Tyson, those that know Rocky can feel our pain.

MSgt Waters, Greg Greg.Waters@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Stole Greg from McGhee Tyson, Greg is our good deal scammer in Current Ops, also heads up the local chapter of the "Redneck Jihad". We are looking for a Southernese interrupter so we understand what he is saying.

TSgt Beccard, Kevin Kevin.Beccard@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Hired from AD, still winding down. A virtual bottomless pit of KC-135 information.

TSgt Cooper, Willie “Super Fly” WILLIE.COOPER@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Ex Load Master, if you’re looking for Willie TDY, just find the local Karaoke bar, he’ll be singing “Purple Rain”. Like Billy Ray he could use practice.

TSgt Dachman, Lee “Kingpin” Lee.Dachman@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Ex Load Master, loves to talk about the job, no matter what.

TSgt Kronfli, Karim “Dallas” Karim.Kronfli@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Ex Load Master, lives life like a Cowboy. Karim was born in the Sudan. He is our token radical and security manager. He is always hunting wabbits, deer, elk, fish, etc.

TSgt Letourneau, Karen,
Ex Load Master, Originally went to Charleston to be a C-17 load, but decided to upgrade and went to Boom school.

SSgt Ochoa, Chris Chris.Ochoa@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Hired from AD, Chris Home Schools Michelle. He just thought he left CCTS in the rearview mirror.

SSgt Spencer, Michelle Michelle.Spencer@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Ex Maintenance, Michelle made it through academics but couldn’t live in Altus any longer. Currently being home schooled by Chris.

SrA Clonts, Kenneth Kenneth.Clonts@andrews.af.mil, AFRC
Token Loadmaster, will start school sometime.

Arlington, VA ANG/XOTE

Aloha from JP1!

I arrived here from Hawaii in June 2002 to replace SMSgt Dave Bowen. I work for CMSgt Daniel Roberson, the ANG Career Field Manager. I take care of the 1A0XX, 1A6XX and the HNR Escorts. Upon arrival, I had no knowledge on how other AFSC's operated. Boy did I get a reality check! In our office we deal with all nine AFSC's. The four MFM's back fill each other as needed to make sure all the AFSC's have a constant representative. It has been a steep learning curve but thanks to the great support I have received from all boom Career Enlisted Aviators and especially the MFM's, have made this a wonderful experience.

The last two years have been very interesting with the world situation as it is. All service branches have been busy abroad and at home. As for the Guard, we have been busy with units deployed all over the world, aircraft conversions (two fighter units converting to tankers, three E model units converting to R models and one has been modified with GATM). Long gone are the days where there was an easy distinction between the Guard and active duty deployment tempos. With crew members in the Guard deploying to the same wonderful locations as the active duty, we can definitely say that the "Total Force" vision has come to fruition.

Lastly, I would like to thank all the Career Enlisted Aviators in the ANG, USAF and AFRC for the tremendous work they have put into recruiting and retention. Your outstanding efforts ensure that our current and future manning will be maintained at high percentages allowing us to go forward and serve our country in its every endeavor.

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BANGOR ANGB, ME 132nd ARS

Greetings to all!!! It's been a very active year up here for us MAINEiacs, as I'm sure it has been for all. If you haven't heard, there has been a "Changing of the whip" in our Boom office. CMSgt Sonny Reynolds has retired and gladly handed over the realm to CMSgt. Robert A. Phair (a.k.a. Slick). As for the rest of us, here we go.....

The Full Timers:

CMSgt. Robert (Slick) Phair - The "BOSS" hasn't changed...Still telling people what to do, but now has the rank to back him up.

SMSgt. Bruce Geroux - The new STAN/EVIL boom. Just when you thought you knew him...He's getting married again.

SMSgt. Jay (Tattoo/Smeggy) Ellingsen - Training/Cargo boom "Lets make this a learning experience"..... "and this is how a potato cannon works!!"

MSgt. Ed (Sped) Seymour - Current Ops, Special Ed is still seeking all the education the Air Guard has to offer. Does anyone know where Sped is?

MSgt. Fergus (Boggy) Kenny - Current Ops, "My buddy Donny Bass....." Fergus, is this gonna be a long story?

MSgt. Cheryl (Skid/Snacks) Martin - Bucket Holder "P*** girl, wait for the shake", "No, really guys...It's a mineral stain.

MSgt. Gerald (Horse Whisperer/Back 10) Martin - Scheduling, Not just a regular line boom. The liquid loud mouth.

MSgt. Ray Rauscher - SELO, He's the new T.O. posting child and looks forward to the page counts, just got his braces off.....guess puberty is over!

MSgt. Daniel Benner- Scheduling, 10ft tall and bullet proof on occasion, still an avid fan of NASCAR, and recently remarried.

MSgt. John Haney- TTF, If he's not on a Coronet, you may be able to find him at the Sea Dog.

The Part Timers:

MSgt. Chris (Bush Hog) Boucher- It's still amazing what he can accomplish with only 12 minutes before crew rest.

MSgt. Carla (C2) Cyr- Finally....She went TDY!!!!

MSgt. Jim (D'Vin/Donkey) Dickson- No longer is he allowed to drive on TDY's.

TSgt. Jason (Zippy) Dupuy- Still looking for that perfect debate.

SSgt. John (OTR) Fidler- Just got married and honeymooned with hurricane Francis.

TSgt. Derek (Shrek) Gilley- Just got married and can't remember his bachelor party.

SMSgt. Scott (Hydro) Hesseltine- Leaped off a roof in order to get out of an ORI, and still loves going to the altitude chamber.

SSgt. Asa (Me-So) Honey- Adores Alpha alert, something to do with having 2 children under the age of 2 1/2.

TSgt. Laurie Karnes- Nurse Mom, new set of twins+1=3, complains she's tired....go figure?

SSgt. Rick (Ronald) Martell- No! He is not related to Joe Peschi, O.K, Kay-Kay!

SSgt. Andy (Robi/Sandy/Ryobi/Snipsey/etc.) Robichaud- Not allowed to use scissors anymore unless they are child proof.

TSgt. Shawn (The Funk Master) Stroup- Off duty rapper, and a real wise donkey.

TSgt. Jessica (Giggle-Burp) Whitehouse- Just flew her first civilian solo flight, and aspires to drive the rest of us booms to work.

Retirees:

CMSgt. Joe Philippon (Good-Time Charlie)

CMSgt. Jim Winchester (Winch, Cupcake)

CMSgt. Glenn Prewitt (Spider)

CMSgt. Stanton Hunter (C-Don)
CMSgt. Chuck Halsted (Holster)
CMSgt. Myron E. Reynolds (Sonny)
CMSgt. Ed St.Heart (Street Heart)
SMSgt. Jim Wood (Skybyrd)
MSgt. Joe Gifford (Joe-Fred)
MSgt. Peter Lurette (Pete)
MSgt. Tom Jones (Beacon, Jonesy)
MSgt. Arthur Stevens (Art)
MSgt. Mike Purcell (Mike)
TSgt. Kympton Lovely
TSgt. Bob Rice (Clem)

Former Booms Doing us Proud:

Maj. Tim Marquis (Professor) - Nav
Maj. Rick Thompson (Kid) - Pilot
MSgt. Andy Shuman (Shu) - Command Post

Final Boom Stowed:

CMSgt. Aubrey Margan
MSgt. Tom Pound

DAVIS-MONTHAN AFB, AZ
12 AF/OV (ACC)

Greetings from “Sunny” Tucson, Arizona! As of 8 October 2004 the 12 AF Stan/Eval Boom Operator position is no more. With the deactivation of the 22nd ARS at Mt. Home and the ACC NAF realignment placing the one and only ACC tanker under 8 AF, the position here is no longer required. SMSgt Troy Sinclair held the reins here from 1998 - 2001, and for the last three years I’ve had the fortunate opportunity to work here. Maintaining currency was a bit of a juggling act after the tankers departed Mt. Home; however I managed to fly regularly at Offutt on the WC-135C tanker and at Altus. A great deal of time was spent working airlift issues for USSOUTHAF FOL’s located in the Caribbean, Central and South America. From working C-130 waivers, FCIF’s, conducting SAVs and ASEVs at fighter units, to flying airdrop missions with our C-130 units in Idaho and Puerto Rico all kept me busy the past three years. Now it’s time to move on. Next stop Altus!

Boom Stowed!

Cheers,

Tim Ballentine

Tim “Hammer” Ballentine, timothy.Ballentine@altus.af.mil; Active: Soon to be the Operations Superintendent/First Sergeant for the 54th ARS “Jesters”, Altus AFB, OK.

Troy “Bull” Sinclair, Tucson, Arizona, Retired: Troy is a TSA Supervisor at the Tucson International Airport. If you pass through the airport he can usually be found in the AA and Southwest concourse keeping the TSA employees from fighting with each other.

EDWARDS AFB, CA
445th & 370th FLTS

AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST BOOM OPERATORS

It's been a busy year or so for the booms at Edwards. We've been busy supporting F/A-22 developmental and operational testing, expanding the air refueling envelope and trying to fix the lighting system on the F/A-22 to be able to refuel safely behind the KC-135 and KC-10 at night. We've also been working Airborne Laser (ABL), joint unmanned combat aerial vehicle (JUCAV) and CV-22 air refueling issues. We've also conducted KC-135 and KC-10 GATM testing, KC-135 wheels and brakes testing, EC-130J and F-16 conformal fueling tank testing, Boeing Wedgetail testing, and airborne icing tanker testing. We look forward to doing more work in the near future with the F-35, ABL, JUCAV, Wedgetail, CV-22, and Italian 767 tanker program. We have a mix of active duty and reserve booms. Here's the lineup.

SMSgt Mike Kibler- Trying to buy up most of the state of California for rental property.

MSgt Lisa Wasierski- Out with a shoulder injury, possibly caused by too much surfing?

MSgt Todd Cole- Been working in the Wing for about 5 years. Not seen much in the squadron.

TSgt Pat Denson- When he's not wrecking his motorcycle (breaking bones) and throwing "Trailer Trash" parties, Pat runs the Stan/Eval office, takes care of FLIP, and spends many weekends in the squadron shuttling business effort crews.

TSgt Steve Hines- Steve works in Training Flt. He is enjoying the Edwards mission however he is very much looking forward to retiring in about two years. He also enjoys the mandatory 3 times a week squadron fitness program a 2Lt has started!

SrA/GS-12 Dave Benson- Civilian flight test engineer by day and SrA boom operator by night. Probably has the record for longest time in grade as a SrA.

SSgt Mark O'Conner- Inbound from Travis. Will work in the Wing with MSgt Cole

Moved on:

SMSgt (retired) Rickey Kahler-works for Boeing in Wichita

MSgt (retired) Don Cash-lives in California City, keeps a low profile about his employment

MSgt (retired) Wally (John) Poplett-still works on Edwards AFB as a civilian

MSgt (retired) Paul Pillar-works for Boeing in Long Beach

TSgt Dave Francey-off to greener pastures at Altus

168 Air Refueling Squadron Eielson AFB, Alaska Boom Signal - 2004

SMSgt Todd Cook (Chief Boom - AGR) - Todd is the 168th's newest Chief Boom. After 5 girls, Todd and his wife, Dayna, finally welcomed a baby boy into their family. When not at home, Todd can be found winning the big money at the bowling alley.

SMSgt Steven Forgue (Stan/Eval - AGR) - After 6 years of doing pubs changes and page counts in Stan-Eval, Steve is ready for a change (possibly our new UDM?). On those rare days when the weather's warm, Steve can be seen on his huge BMW motorcycle. The rest of the time he can be seen "cruising" in his funky fresh PT Cruiser.

SMSgt Paul Nunemann (Long-Range Scheduler - AGR) - "Nooner" tries his hardest to keep us all busy buying up TDYs: Australia anyone? In his spare time, Paul coaches soccer and raises four boys (with a lot of help from his wife, Lori).

MSgt Keith Henrys (Cargo/UDM - AGR) - Keith is the 168th's cargo guru as well as the UDM. A lover of those Hickam TDY's. Keith can be found jumping out of airplanes (some call it skydiving, others call it crazy), rather than sitting on the beach. When not spending time with his wife Rachel, and their two kids, Keith can be found in the garage building his new kit car.

MSgt Brett Ayres (Current Ops - AGR) - Billeting reservations? We don't make billeting reservations in Current Ops! A fresh new graduate of CFIC and a newly promoted MSgt, Brett is the boom you want with you when you break while TDY. Give the guy a commissary and a Hibachi grill and you will eat like kings every night. Like Keith, when Brett isn't spending time with his wife Leslie and their son and daughter, he is probably in the garage working on some sort of boat, motorcycle, or just about anything with an engine.

MSgt Sean Cain (Training Flight - AGR) - Another new MSgt (at about half the age of Brett), Sean is our resident expert when it comes to the regs, flying, and just about everything. When he's not TDY, Sean can be seen riding his Harley Soft tail around Alaska (during the smoky summer months) with a Yankee's hat on, or bowling with his wife, Loretta. (Sorry about those Yankees Sean; better luck next year.)

MSgt Kendra Halbert (Traditional) - Another convert from within the squadron, Kendra became a boom operator last year after leaving Crew Comm. She isn't quite mission qualified yet (how are you supposed to get night refueling in the summer in Alaska, its light all of the time), but she's working hard nonetheless.

TSgt Christy (Rossiter) Curry (Training Flight - AGR) - When the situation calls for beer...Christy is the POC. She has direct connections with the liquor distributor, she's married to him. In her spare time she is the SORTS monitor for ARS. That's enough to drive anyone to drink! Christy and (Saint) Joe, recently welcomed a new little girl to their growing family.

TSgt Jason Harris (Current Ops - AGR) - Jason got back to the unit, got mission qualified and was hired as an AGR days later. He still hasn't forgotten his part-timer roots though. When not performing official Current Ops functions, Jason is most likely hounding people to pay their snack bar IOUs. Jason and his wife, Tracy, are raising a daughter, two Ford Mustangs, a BMW and one very large truck.

TSgt Robert Carr (Traditional) - With a civilian job working for the 168th's CE Squadron and a whole herd of Bison to keep an eye on, Robert is pretty busy, but he still manages to make some time for us to fly. Oh yeah... did we mention he has a condo for rent on Maui, for when you have a few extra days on that Hickam TDY?

TSgt Curtis Gipson (Traditional) - If they can find his paperwork hopefully Curt “The Go To Guy” will be a MSgt by the time you read this. If he isn’t on Alert, he’s probably TDY, flying or in the Commander’s office ensuring that no one is messing with the Part Timers’ pay-days. Those of you at Altus will probably be seeing him soon at IB school.

TSgt Tanna Carter (Traditional) - Tanna has been with us for over 10 years. She started off in Intel, but soon realized that as a boom operator you get to go TDY to Hawaii, so she converted. As a Property Appraiser downtown, she is busy flying all over the state, but she still finds time to fly with us and go TDY (to Hawaii).

TSgt John Beaudreault (Traditional) - John has come to us from vehicle maintenance. He is currently down south at boom school with his wife, Autumn, and three wonderful children. John has put the last 11 years in working on the ground...now it is time to see it from the air!

TSgt Lorri Heneveld (Traditional) - Lorri saw the light at the end of the tunnel and left command post to fly the friendly sky. She is our newest boom hire and should be in school by the time this is printed. Survival school to follow. Lorri has already proved that she is a survivor...just ask her about her ultalight.

SSgt Dawn Boyer (Traditional) -Dawn went to Geilenkirchen a single woman a few years ago and fell in love with one of our hard working crew chiefs, Johnny Boyer. They were married shortly after their return. It had to be that fine German cooking at the chow hall, or was it the fine German... beer? Just kidding. Another happy couple, compliments of the ANG.

SSgt Richard Smith (Traditional) - “Smitty” saw the light, left the those funny looking helicopters in the Army, and became a boom so that he could fly on something that actually had wings. Now that he is mission qualified, Rich can perfect his hand-eye coordination by playing video games while on Alert for five straight days. Rich and his wife Belinda, are raising a family here in North Pole.

SSgt John Duhaime (Traditional) - John is another former Army guy who saw the light. Recently back from school and finishing up his training, John doesn’t care about being on Alert. All he wants is to get out on the road. Anyone have a rotation to Al Udeid they need filled?

SrA Jeremy Vancil (Traditional) - You mean I have to actually finish my degree to become a pilot? Another victim of the missing paperwork scandal. Jeremy should be promoted to SSgt by the time you read this, and if he would ever finish that “last class” he would be leaving for pilot training in the next year.

SrA Loren (VanderVeer) Dobberpuhl (Traditional) -Loren was relieved this year when she was no longer the youngest boom operator in the squadron. While going to school for her Marketing Degree, Loren still makes time to come out and fly with us. Currently, a large portion of our Ops dues are being invested in a driving course for Loren to ensure everyone’s safety while TDY.

SrA Corrie Elmes (Traditional) - After trying his hand at being a guard bum, Corrie has now moved on to working construction while finishing up his degree. He still makes time to come out and fly. A word of caution about Corrie: Don’t even think about trying to take his pens away from him.

SrA Brian Binkley (Traditional) - One of our newest additions to the boom community, Brian is our “pocket sized boom operator” and is responsible for dethroning Loren from her position as the youngest boom. Brian is working hard out here with the guard, to support his new wife and young baby.

Fairchild AFB, WA
92 ARS
BLACKHAWKS!!

Superintendent

SMSgt Bruce Zahn, Bruce is our Chief Boom!!! He recently graduated from the Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and has returned speaking Navy jargon. He spends his days hunting down the youngsters or flight supers. He has been quoted as saying "I get more before 8 and after 5 than during duty hours".

MSgt Kenneth "Gimp" Wilcox, Ken is still the "Old Man" of the squadron and is currently recovering from a back surgery gone awry. For the past year he has headed up the Awards and Decorations office and selected as the Superintendent of the Operations Group's new Readiness Flight.

MSgt Ronald Marasco Jr. Ron is the Program Manager and loves to fly and go TDY. He was hoping to stay here till he retires, but had to settle with orders to Grand Forks AFB.

A-Flight

TSgt Edwin Maheu, Ed a new cross trainee and doing a great job.

SSgt "Sam" Samantha Kean, Sam is our Baking Boom, and is expecting a baby next spring. Volunteers to go TDY to help payoff her motorcycle.

SrA Sarah Peschel, Sarah Who? Sarah is always flying and TDY. When she's home you'll find her in her hometown of Spokane having a great time or working in her garden.

A1C Anthony Montani, Tony is always TDY and is getting married soon....we think.

A1C Chelsey Johnson, Chelsey a new boom operator going through OST.

Amn Jason Liskooka, Jason is always looking for a TDY, and when he's home he's souping up his VW.

B-Flight

TSgt Steven Jones, Steve is a family man, and recently upgraded to instructor. He is the squadron's recruiter and psychological evaluator.

SrA Felix Bunton, Felix is always TDY and is getting married soon. He'll now want to stay home for awhile

A1C Daniel McCrillis, Dan an excellent boom operator and is now married. He found the woman of his dreams at the Base Hospital.

A1C Kelley "Wildcat" Reese, Kelley is working hard as the Executive Assistant and got her picture taken with President Bush. She says, "Go Huskers and Nebraska ANG-Hire Me NOW!!!!!"

Amn Kelly Nichols, Kelly a new boom operator currently going through OST.

C-Flight

TSgt Phil "Mongrel" Landram, Phil recently promoted to TSgt. He is always flying and getting the good trips.

SrA Matt Gilliam, Matt married a girl that works in Base Ops, and is now a father.

SrA Chris Massey, Chris a former Marine and is doing a great job as a boomer.

A1C Chris Greenwood, Chris a new boom operator and after graduating from OST he is always TDY.

A1C Randy Miller, Randy a new boom operator, and after completing OST, he is always enjoying the TDY's.

A1C Jessica "Jess/Jessi" Johnson, Jessi a new boom operator who married her tech school sweetheart. Spends her free time trying to get together with her new husband. She is hoping to get assignment to McGuire and become a KC-10 boom operator.

Readiness Flight

TSgt Greg Patterson, Greg stays busy in the Stan/Eval office, and is always looking for the gravy TDY!!!

TSgt Robert Spychalski, Rob has orders to Mildenhall AB, and he will be missed.

SSgt Joey Myers, Joey is working hard in Training Flight. If he's not in the office he's flying his Powerchute!!

SSgt Warren "...dotcom" Weldon, Warren is staying busy in Stan/Eval and is always flying and going TDY. Is still seeking any SF that can cook better than he can.

SSgt Robert Hansen, Rob stays busy in the Safety Office and is always looking for something to do.

SrA Aaron Widener, Aaron is a SSgt select and graduated from ALS. He managed to get 2 top awards. Congratulations!!!

SrA Jack Hester, Jack our UDM master and is married with three kids. He made BTZ late last year, and is now preparing for CFIC in early 2005.

SrA Chris "Man-Tits" Titsworth, Chris is assigned to the Scheduling Office, but is always flying or going TDY!!

SrA Matt Werner, Matt is working hard in the UDM office and loves to go TDY. He made BTZ late last year, and is now preparing for CFIC. He is single and still looking for that special female that knows how to cook an awesome MRE!!

SrA April Widman, April is working hard in Training Flight. Wants to complete her degree this year and has been volunteering for alert to work on her homework. She is hoping to get selected to go to OTS.

Attached Booms

MSgt Jim "Sugar" Sugden, Jim plans on staying here forever and personnel are saying to ask him for his picture in a chain mail. Don't know what's that about, as I need to ask.

TSgt Dominic Peterson, Dom is growing roots and plans on staying till he retires.

TSgt Joe "Thumbs" Corder, Joe is staying at Fairchild till he retires. Ask him to tell you the story when he went overseas and they checked his passport, it read that he was 14 years old.

SSgt Jeremiah "Doc" Docken, Doc is working at the Wing Short Range Scheduling shop. He says "I proved Ops really rules the world and don't select me to become a flight engineer in the 130's."

Departed Booms (since last Signal)

TSgt Michael Armstrong, Mike has PCS'd to Scott AFB.

TSgt Todd Fairfield, Todd left us for the dark side, and is now a Lieutenant at Eglin AFB as an Air Traffic Controller. We sure miss his cooking!!!

TSgt Mark Reuter, Mark has PCS'd to the Coronet Shop at Scott AFB. We heard he has a line number for the promotion to MSgt; Congratulations Mark!!!!

SSgt Shane Cassily, Shane separated from the Air Force and married former Shyla Gordon.
SSgt Ted "Bundy" Buit, Ted has PCS'd to Altus AFB. It sure is quiet in the squadron with him gone.

SSgt Rich "Ricky Martin" Martin, Rich PCS'd to Mildenhall AB, and we heard he got promoted to TSgt. We miss his cooking too!!!

SSgt Frank Miranda, Frank has PCS'd to McGuire AFB and now with the TALCE.

SSgt Brian Norton, Brian has PCS'd to Altus AFB.

SrA Dave "Monkeyboy" Brandt, Dave cross trained and is now a T.I. at Lackland AFB.

SrA Shyla Gordon-Cassily, Shyla cross trained into Legal, and is got married and stationed at Pope AFB.

SrA Matt "Gunslinger" Hunsinger, Matt separated from the Air Force and living in the Seattle area.

SrA Jason Klidy, Jason separated and is still is in the Spokane area.

SrA Tim McBride, Tim decided to join the Air Force Academy and he should be in his Senior Year, and should graduate in 2005!!!

SrA Chris McGee, Chris cross-trained into C.E. and is still at Fairchild AFB.

Fairchild AFB, WA
96 ARS
Home of the Screamin' Eagles

This year the 96th ARS is closing down, this unit can be dated back to 15 January 1941. Back then it went by the 396th Reconnaissance Squadron. In April of 1942 it was redesignated as the 396th Bombardment Squadron. On 18 November 1953, the unit reactivated at Altus Air Force Base, Oklahoma, as the 96th ARS. The crews flew KC-97G's. In 1958 they received their first KC-135, then started phase all the KC-97's out, which moved to the 97th AFRES at Malmstrom AFB, Montana. The unit was deactivated at Altus on 25 June 1965. The 96th ARS was reactivated once again on 1 April 1994 at Fairchild AFB, Washington with the reception of the first of 12 KC-135T. Joining the 92nd ARW on 1 June 1994, the unit became a part of the largest ARW in the world. The 96th has deployed around the world in support of numerous contingencies. Sadly we are closing but, if history repeats itself..... we'll be back!

Tuttle, Timothy, timothy.tuttle-02@fairchild.af.mil , active (Chief Boom)
Bennett, Patrick, Patrick.Bennett@fairchild.af.mil , active (Program Manager)
Judd, Alecia, alecia.judd@fairchild.af.mil , active (Stan eval)
Hales, Troy, Troy.Hales@fairchild.af.mil , active
Talamantes, Jesse, jesse.talamantes@fairchild.af.mil , active (ost)
Parsons, Charles, Charles.Parsons@fairchild.af.mil , active (Stan eval)
Bopp, Shaun, Shaun.Bopp-03@fairchild.af.mil , active (C flight supervisor)
Poteet, Justin, Justin.Poteet@fairchild.af.mil , active (pcsing to Altus)
Scheuer, Jay, Scheuer.Jay@fairchild.af.mil , active (A flight Supervisor)
Brents, Robert, robert.brents@fairchild.af.mil , active (B flight supervisor)
Hust, Dave, David.Hust@fairchild.af.mil , active (Pcsing to Altus)
Williams, Kenneth, Kenneth.Williams-03@fairchild.af.mil , active (pcsing to Altus)
Pinney, Eric, Eric.Pinney@fairchild.af.mil , active, (Training Flight)
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Killian, Casey, Casey.Killian1@fairchild.af.mil , active
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Schimandle, Christian, Christian.Schimandle@fairchild.af.mil , active
Wright, Jesse, jesse.wright2@fairchild.af.mil , active
Vesser, Thomas, Thomas.Vesser@fairchild.af.mil , active
Blume, Darryl, darryl.blume@fairchild.af.mil , civilian (UDM)

MSgt Timothy "sk8er" Tuttle: Tim is currently the Chief boom, and working his way up to the X-games, he keeps his neighbors up all night by sk8ing on his half pipe he just built in his back yard

TSgt Patrick "Ping" Bennett: Pat just got moved up to the group, he is the new group udm

TSgt Alecia Judd: Alecia works in stan evil, but has been busy taking care of her new baby girl, Rachel, born on July 20th 2004; this is Alecia's 2nd child

TSgt Troy "Lone wolf" Hales: Troy was assigned to the newly created position as the wing cargo load boom. He took a deployment process that used to be a mass of humanity running hither and thither and turned it into a well oiled machine. He is also very busy pulling many days TDY.

SSgt Jesse "Tally" Talamantes: Tally is working over in ost, but spends most of his time over at the 96th ^{hiding} out and taking all our beer, he re-enlisted on his last deployment, and has been fat and happy since

SSgt Charles "Schmooser" Parsons: Chuck just got here from the 97th, we are happy to have a new schmoozer, I mean boomer. Chuck will be leaving us shortly to go to the WANG

SSgt Shaun "B-Bopp" Bopp: Shaun really prefers to be called B-Bopp, but no body knows because he spends all his time in Hawaii or showing the girls what's up with his café racer

SSgt Justin "General" Poteet: Formally known as "TEX", by the way he has been keeping away from playgrounds. Now currently known as the general, he is leaving us, and following Baby Hust to Altus to train newbies, now he'll be close to his home in the heart of Texas

SSgt Jay "Bird" Scheuer: Jay Bird is a new boom, he is the supervisor of A flight, he cross trained into this career field last year, he was an Aircraft Armament Systems Craftsman (bomb loader/weapons troop) at Minot AFB, ND.

SSgt Robert "Woody" Brents: Woody has also been busy with a new baby (it's his) a baby boy, born Aug. 26th 2004, named Reagan, this is Rob's first child, Rob is a very busy guy, on his spare time he supervises B flight

SSgt Dave "Baby" Hust: Baby Hust is being followed by the general in his pursuit to find those who aren't as smart as him (in flying)

SSgt Kenneth "Flip-Flop" Williams: Ken is still flip-flopping whether he's going to stay in or not, in the mean time he too is dodging the FE bullet, and heading to Altus

Sra Ryan "Rico" Pinney: Rico Suave is just finishing up ALS and will soon be pinning on Staff in November '04, I see Mildenhall in his near future

Sra Casey "Chatter Box" Killian: Casey is our newest Instructor Boom, She defeated her husband by being the first to

"get er done", she just got back from Altus and did a great job.

Sra Donald "Angry" Killian: Angry Don is on his journey of following in his wife's footsteps in becoming an instructor; he's been busy in the books lately

Sra Carl "OOoops, did I do that?" McKim: Carl has been helping a lot around the squadron, he's worked in CSS, scheduling, and lately has been busy doing favors for Darryl, in the udm office!

Sra Mark "This is the one" Baumann: Mark this is the one; is still searching for the one, It's kind of hard for him, for obvious reasons.....deployments people, c'mon

Sra Christian "Alps" Schimandle: Christian has a passion of rock climbing, he's been here for almost 2 years and married almost 3, he looks forward to getting out to chase his dreams of climbing fan tributes (Dolly Pardons) and being the best father/husband he can be.

A1C Jesse "James" Wright: Has been a great addition to the 96th - hit the ground running and hasn't stopped since. Pulling many days TDY and also working to keep the scheduling office in line.

A1C James "25-2" Lifer: Newly married and starting a family, his baby boy, Benjamin Stanley Lifer, was born on June 10th 2004. This former bachelor is also pulling many days TDY and breaking hearts around the world because, as he puts it ... "he is one sexy redneck". He also helps out in the scheduling shop.

A1C Cortney "The ladies Man" Franklin: Cortney came to the squadron about a year ago. He's trying to take all the tdy's he can, because he likes to get out and mack on some new ladies, hence the nickname.

A1C Thomas "Less Stress" Vesser: Vesser got here about the same time as Cortney, he's been working hard on deployments and alerts, in September he bought a new Ford F-350 with his bonus, then settled down and got hitched

A1C Kevin "High Risk" Wilson: High risk Wilson is recovering from a broken foot, getting ready for his next deployment, and still consummating his marriage. His security clearance is now getting extra attention thanks to "Woody" embellishing on some circumstances

Amn Marie McCloskey: Marie is our newest boom, and is deploying a lot to pick up the slack of others

GS-09 Darryl "C.H.I.P.S." Blume: Darryl works in the UDM office, although he spends all his time working in scheduling, he just built a house for his wife Cathy and Dillon, their son who is expected in Jan 2005. Keep an eye out for C.H.I.P.S. when in Washington, he may be the one pulling you over in a Sheriff's patrol car.

Fairchild AFB, WA
97 ARS
ASTRA'S

In little more than ten years since its inception at Fairchild AFB, the 97th Air Refueling Squadron was deactivated on 1 July 2004. *Astra la vista!!!!*

MSgt Jason Werner, Jason is still at Fairchild AFB and is attached to the 93 ARS. He is working in OST. He says, " He is polishing up the new wing boom operators, and giving the squadron an awesome and professional boom operator!!"

MSgt Ronald Marasco, Ron is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 92nd ARS.

MSgt Jaime "Jim" Recuero, Jaime PCS'd to Scott AFB, and we sure miss his excellent in-flight photos.

TSgt Joe "Thumbs" Corder, Joe got STEP promoted to TSgt and is still at Fairchild AFB.

TSgt Philip "Mongrel" Landram, Phil is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 92nd ARS.

TSgt Edwin Maheu, Ed is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 92nd ARS.

TSgt Joe Reiner, Joe retired and is working at his grocery store in Idaho.

TSgt Greg "Smitty" Smith, Greg retired from the Air Force after 20 yeas and is living in Utah.

SSgt Alexander Bloom, Alex is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 93rd ARS.

SSgt Jeremiah "Doc" Docken, Doc is still at Fairchild AFB and currently working at Wing Short Range Scheduling shop, and is attached to the 92nd ARS. Is an evaluator and awarded the Fairchild AFB NCO of the Year 2003.

SSgt Joey Myers, Joey is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 92nd ARS.

SSgt Mark "Slim" Schlimgen, Mark separated from the Air Force after he got married. He headed to Texas and is an Aggie and studying veterinarian medicine.

SSgt Mike Smith, Mike got his degree and was accepted by the Navy to become an flight officer, and hoping to fly F-18's.

SSgt Frank Warner, Frank got his degree and was accepted by the Navy to become an flight officer, and fly fighters.

SrA Matt Gilliam, Matt is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 92nd ARS.

SrA Sarah Peschel, Sarah is still at Fairchild AFB and is assigned to the 92nd ARS.

A1C Jason Coffman, Jason took advantage of the early out program and is happy to be a civilian.

A1C Paul Singer, Paul took advantage of the early out program. He relocated to Ohio to go to school and study forestry and the environment. Good Luck!!!

509th Weapons Squadron Fairchild AFB, WA

Five years in existence at Fairchild and they still don't know who we are. Might be because we changed names...again. In June 2003, the 509th WPS was created. We've been known as the tanker WIC, the Combat Employment School, "and those tactics guys at Fairchild." Now we're a real squadron, with a patch and everything. We now teach two courses: The KC-135 Weapons Instructor Course (WIC) and the Intelligence Formal Training Unit (IFTU) course. The WIC is a five and a half month course for Instructor pilots and navigators which provides the tanker community with Weapons Officers. If you want to know what a Weapons Officer is, find one and ask them. Hope you have a couple of hours to waste. Or else you could go to our official website and read the official (long) definition. Basically they are the experts on tankers when it comes to employment and war fighting. The IFTU course is a part of Mission Qualification training for Intel folks who are new to the tanker community. We teach them how to support tankers. All of the booms here teach in the classroom, fly, and handle normal squadron duties (scheduling, Stan/Eval, training, etc.). We all go to the desert twice a year (Las Vegas that is), along other TDYs that support our syllabus.

If you are interested in a nice, stabilized, 3-year tour where you still get to fly; this is the place for you. Be on the lookout, positions may be opening up throughout 2005. Get in touch with us if you are interested.

Here's the line-up of our booms:

The Old Guys

MSgt Jerry (Swany) Swanson. Some of the older people may remember him from Castle or McConnell. Otherwise, he's been hiding out here at Fairchild since he still had a full head of hair. Swany has recently put in his retirement papers, so we'll soon be calling him Mr. Swany. Swany is our Superintendent. Among other things, he handles the Resource Advisor duties around here. This frequently results in him being hunched over his desk, mumbling to himself about the old "SAC" days. Starting this year, he and his wife Joni are putting two kids through college, with another headed that way in the not-to-distant future. I guess after telling everyone else over the last 20 years to take advantage of Tuition Assistance, he finally took his own advice. He is finally finishing up his own college degree.

Mr. Jim (ODB) Zarkos, SMSgt retired. Called "Z" by most, he really earned his callsign of ODB (Old Dirty Bastard). Z is our Course Editor. He keeps us and the O's in line around here and ensures the students remain our focus. He continues to claim that he can beat any of us in a contact contest. We resist the temptation only because we are afraid that he might finally succumb to old age while in the air and we would be forced to fill out some sort of paperwork. We are always watching out for "Nam" flashbacks, especially when he starts off a sentence with "back in my day." Jim and Rachel still live on the South Hill in town. He recently received a promotion (mainly in pay, still does everything around here). Jim is finishing up his Master's Degree through Webster University.

The New Blood

TSgt Ernest (Krispy) Burns. Ernest earned his call sign after he was caught trying to seduce a Krispy Kreme donut. He handles the scheduling duties around here when he's not looking at airplane pictures on the internet. A common favorite pastime of the other booms here is to mess up his desk so that we can watch him meticulously put everything back in its proper place. Ernest came over from the 96th ARS in April 2002. He and his wife Catherine bought a mansion up on the Northwest side of town. We helped move them in and haven't been invited back since. He keeps saying something like "...I can't afford that much Lemon Pledge..." whenever we bring it up. Ernest is almost done with his Bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle.

SSgt Chris (Krazy) Sprague. Chris is our tactical flight boom. We aren't sure what that really means because all he does is make copies and buy office supplies. Actually, he is the flight and TDY hog around here. He relies on the per diem to help support his son's hockey dreams. I've almost got him convinced to volunteer for Grand Forks because it will be better for Cory's hockey future...sucker! Chris came from the 93rd ARS in 2002. An avid NASCAR and hockey fan, he constantly talks about them at the office. We just nod our heads like we care and tune him out. Chris and Patsy have 2 kids and bought a house in Medical Lake. This leads to his constant complaints about how BAH isn't high enough here. Chris is working towards his CCAF by taking classes on the History of Movies and Basket weaving 101.

SSgt Jason (Rock) Larimore. Nine years of service and I'm still the baby boom around here. I am proof that the 509th hires from bases other than Fairchild. I arrived in 2002, finally escaping the Gulag in Grand Forks. I am the NCOIC of Mission Employment flight and Stan/Eval. I'm in charge of the bed down and redeployment of tanker crews at Nellis for Mission Employment. Sometimes I can actually be found at my desk behind the piles of crap that always seem to accumulate there (this drive's Ernest nuts). Otherwise, I'm probably playing golf. If my golf cart isn't in the back of my truck when I pull up, it causes a stir. Ernest starts checking for a replacement on the flight schedule, because I must be sick and DNIF. Katie and I got married just before I left the Forks. I am just about to finish my bachelor's through Embry-Riddle.

In-bound (Fresh Meat)

MSgt Doug (Spud) Michlich. Should be coming over soon. We'll wait and roast him in the next Signal.

Departed

CMSgt Dan Repp. Now the 92nd OG functional.

SMSgt Dan Wells. Left to be the Superintendent at Kadena.

SSgt Alecia Judd. Back at the 96th ARS. Recently gave birth to a little girl.

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Fellow Booms,
Greetings from the “Guard Guys” at Fairchild. Glad to see the “Signal” is back up and running.

Like everyone else, we’ve been staying busy with deployments, conversions and inspections. We always wondered how it would be to be an Active Duty unit.....we don’t wonder anymore! As always, stop in and see us anytime you’re in the great Pacific Northwest!

Here’s our current list of Booms:

CMSgt Don Roberson (IB) - Traditional, Chief Boom, City of Spokane.
SMSgt Tim Flock (EB) - AGR, Inflight Refueling Program Manager.
SMSgt Bruce Olson (EB) - Technician, Squadron Training NCOIC.
SMSgt Dane Porter (EB) - Technician, Operations Group Stan/Eval.
MSgt Lance Dahl (IB) - Traditional, City of Spokane Fireman.
MSgt Monica Helman (MB) - Traditional, Veteran’s Hospital Nurse.
MSgt Lyle Johnston (MB) - Traditional, Spokane County Sheriff.
MSgt Wayne Nelson (MB) - AGR, Squadron UDM.
MSgt Sheri Papham (IB) - Technician, Current Operations.
MSgt Steve Tilford (IB) - Traditional, Alaska Airlines Mechanic.
MSgt Larry Stockton (EB) - Technician, Squadron Training.
MSgt Steve Waddell (IB) - Technician, Scheduler.
TSgt Todd Corey (UB) - Traditional, Idaho State Police.
TSgt Bob Gibson (MB) - Traditional, WA State Dept. of Corrections.
TSgt Kevin Grubb (MB) - Traditional, City of Spokane.
TSgt Walt Hinton (IB) - Traditional, Crew Comm., VCO.
TSgt Brad Lampel (MB) - Traditional, Guard Bum
TSgt Marty Martin (MB) - Traditional, U.S. Post Office.
TSgt Dave McDowell (MB) - Traditional, Guard Bum.
TSgt Dave Scoville (MB) - Traditional, Guard Bum.

Forbes Field ANG, KS 190th Air Refueling Wing Home of the Coyotes

Howdy to all from the Acme Refueling Company. It's been a while since we have done a Signal and a lot has been happening around here. Just this week, we finished our ASEV and now we're gearing up for our UCI and 8044(SIOP) inspections. We still find time though to hit the road and have fun.

So, without further ado, on to the list of players that makes it all happen.

FULL TIMERS:

CMS Ron May - Ron was looking forward to a nice life of retirement; fishing, hunting, playing with the grandkids. Then someone decided we needed some motivation. In the 4 months since becoming Chief Boom, we now need to hire 5 new booms. Everybody's been working a lot harder.

SMS Keith "Revenuer" Fulton- Stan/Eval Boom. He's also our pay and finance POC. We tend to drive Keith crazy with trying to get our cargo evaluations done. Maybe we should rethink this since our pay is in his hands.

SMS Lee "Red Rufensore" Perry - The "Jack of all Trades". Works in the Squadron handling aircrew issues. Also the POC for awards and decorations along with doing the Building Manager duties. We think he is secretly drawing up plans to convert our building to all steel. It will last 1000 years.

MSG Mark "Spuds" Mertel- UDM. Mark does such a great job deploying to Arrowhead Stadium for Chiefs games; he's a natural for the UDM position. He still likes to spend those "health nights" riding the Harley, after he gets done feeding the horses.

MSG Tim "Mopar Man" Treinen - Tim heads up all the boom training and also serves as the Unit Education Training Manager. We try to keep Tim real busy here during the winter months. His last TDY "Ski Trip" cost him too much time away from the office.

MSG Jim "Chewy" Spurlock - Wing Plans. Had to finally get rid of the race car to spend more time on the "REV"; or is it the family. Had a lot of fun slinging mud on Saturday nights, just too much work during the week putting the car back together.

MSG Mac "Smack Daddy" Torrez - When Mac was hired on full time, he was so happy he didn't have to fix anymore State Trooper's cars. Now that he works in Base Operations, he just has to fix pilot's flight plans. He spends his spare time trying to work his way into an NFL coaching job by coaching 3rd graders for Northeast Kansas Football League.

TSG Jamy "Jackamo" Dunbar- The "Dreaded" Scheduler. When Jamy was hired on full time he looked so young and was full of energy. Now, what little hair he hasn't pulled out, has turned grey. Finally realized that schedulers don't get "kick backs". You can see him spending his spare time checking out the back page of the sports section in a desperate attempt to finance the new little one that's on the way. Congratulations!

SSG Mike Money- Mike was hired on as a temp tech to help out with the Sioux City training. He ended up being the trip scheduler for the booms, so now he's getting all the "kick backs". Recently married last May and we are all still trying to recover from the bachelor party.

PART TIMERS:

SMS Harvey "Silver Fox" Deweese- Retired from the Topeka Fire Department for 5 years now. Since then, he's been out at the base flying and going TDY every chance he gets. Harvey is finally going to "Stow the boom" this month. We wish him all the best in his retirement, but we suspect he'll still be hanging around looking for that last "good deal" TDY.

MSG Mark "The Man" Sweeney - Works for "Ma Bell" in the real world. When Mark isn't spending his free time with the family unit, he's in front of the computer cranking out numbers for fantasy football.

MSG Marvin "Mav" Hittle- Marv produces our boom newsletter and keeps us all straight with tail numbers on the 791's. He's still hanging out in Lawrence studying Russian doctrine. Somebody forgot to tell him the cold war is over.

MSG Jon Swinney - One of our true "Night Fighters". Builds houses by day and flies by night; or maybe that's the name of his business. On rainy days, he spends a lot of time calling the schedulers to see what's going on at the base. Know what I'm saying'?

TSG Darrin "Medicine Man" Coash- Finally finished Pharmacy school at KU and fell right into a cushy government job working on the reservation. On Sundays, Darrin spends time watching the Broncos on TV with his dog "Elway".

TSG Bryan Thomas - After slugging it out the last couple of years as a civilian flight instructor, Bryan finally (sort of) has made it to the "Big Time" landing a job with American Eagle. Funny thing is when American said, "You're hired"; a day later Bryan's wife said, "I'm pregnant". Congratulations!

TSG Matt "Bow Wave" Miltz - Matt has gone back to school to pursue a degree in the health care profession. He is also one of our newest instructors. We are all anxious to see how the two work together when he graduates.

TSG Dan Ely- Dan is another of our true "Night Fighters". Works by day in KC for a company that produces "The Great Outdoors" television program.

SSG Brian Stucky- College student at KU. First of our two "Baby Booms". Even though Brian is the son of our former Chief Boom, we didn't hold that against him when we brought him on board. Likes to spend his free time flying his dad's home built.

SSG Sam Bieber- The other "Baby Boom". Sam is so quiet I never know when he is around. We look forward to good things from him.

RECENTLY DEPARTED THE AOR:

CMS Steve Stucky - Steve retired last February after a stint as the Wing Command Chief Master Sergeant. Spends his time now sharing flying time with his son Brian and his dog.

SMS Dave "Blaze" Bowen - Still an umpire in his spare time. Takes him 3 minutes to say "Strike".

MSG Chuck Hanna- See him every once in while touring the local area on his motorcycle looking for a new pawn shop.

TSG Nathaniel Brown- Nathaniel took a full time job working in the fuel cell.

TSG Brandi "Boom Pod Barbie" Dodds- Our newest "Boom turned Pilot". She just recently graduated UPT.

SRA Julie Nixon- Recently headed off to Kadena with her hubby.

That's all for now from the land of OZ. If you are in the area, stop in and see us. The BBQ is hot and the beer is cold. Otherwise, we will see you on the road.

COMPLETE LIST OF 190TH ARW BOOMS (PAST AND PRESENT):

Bieber, Sam - Guard
Bowen, Dave - Guard
Breedlove, Joe - Retired
Brown, Nathaniel - Guard
Coash, Darrin - Guard
Cox, Tom - Retired
Davis, Jerry - Guard
Deweese, Harvey - Guard
Dodds, Brandi - Guard (Pilot)
Dunbar, Jamy - Guard
Ely, Dan - Guard
Forrest, Trey - Guard (Pilot)
Frantz, Jarrod - Guard (Pilot)
Fulton, Keith - Guard
Griffen, Ken - Retired
Groves, Parker - Retired
Hanna, Chuck - Guard
Herklotz, Dan - Deceased
Hittle, Marvin - Guard
Hollingworth, Ben - Deceased
Madden, Mike - State
Headquarters
Matthews, Liz - Guard (Pilot)
May, Ron - Guard
Mertel, Mark - Guard
Miltz, Matt - Guard
Money, Mike - Guard
Nixon, Julie - Guard
Parsel, Gus - Retired
Perry, Lee - Guard
Pierson Mike - Retired
Roth, John - Deceased
Seymour, Lowell - Retired
Spurlock, Jim - Guard
Stucky, Brian - Guard
Stucky, Steve - Retired
Sweeney, Mark - Guard
Swinney, Jon - Guard
Thomas, Bryan - Guard
Torrez, Mac - Guard
Treinen, Tim - Guard
Young, John - Retired

Grand Forks AFB, North Dakota 905 ARS 'Rhinos'

The last couple of years following the unforgettable day of 9-11 have passed like a whirlwind, with numerous TDY's and deployments around the world to mention. As you can see from the list below, we could stand to have some more NCO experience to pool from. The mission has and will continue to get accomplished in an excellent manner with our ever-increasing younger boom force. Sure the winters and deployments can get a little long, but I honestly think it can be a rewarding experience for both you and your family, both personally & professionally. For you outdoor enthusiasts the fishing and hunting is world class. If you're up to the challenge, we'd love to have you. Any questions, feel free to give us a call, DSN 362-6638. We'll leave the light on for ya!

Here's our current list of personnel:

MSgt Rodney Targos - Program Manager. It sure feels great to be back up and running after a lengthy grounding. Feb '05 will mark my 5 years remission from cancer.

TSgt Jon (JD) Harston - B Flight Supervisor. With a big old red truck, bumper stickers, flags & wind socks waving, JD's a big Husker's fan (and proud of it)? Seems he had a little conflict of interest while he was living a little 'south of the border'. From the looks of it, it's going to be a tough year. He hit the ground running, learned how to spell 'operational' again, and deployed 4 times in the last 12 months. An invaluable asset, we're happy he's here.

SSgt John Lavin - A Flight Supervisor. John's credited with being the fastest talkin' est guy we have & some very welcomed boom experience from Altus as well. Since his arrival, he's added a couple new words to his vocabulary ... CARGO, mobility, deployment, chem gear, 1206's, PFW's, and EPR's, to name a few. He's seems to be catching on fast!

SSgt Chris Rueckert - OST. Chris made BTZ, 1st time to SSgt, and ALS. Tried to keep him in the squadron to help supervise ... but 'NO', the Ops Grp had bigger plans. He went to OST then somehow scammed an assignment to Fairchild. He's still in the process of working out the wedding plans for him and the Mrs. to be. Our loss is your gain; he'll surely be missed.

SrA Douglass (Brian) Chambers - Scheduling. Brian's deployed virtually non-stop since he and his family have arrived. A real Mopar enthusiast who has desires of flying helicopters with the US Army.

SrA Justin Dixon - Mobility. A real "get 'er done" kind of guy ... just say the word and Justin's all over it! He just got back from IB school and he's ready to help whip all these young booms into shape. Guaranteed to be crusty in no time!

SrA Travis Ham - OST. Just upgraded to IB and anxiously accepted an OST job to try and get off the road a bit. Rumor has it Travis one day hopes to be the World Series of Poker Champion.

SrA Bradley McClard - Always doing great things...Brad's been accepted for cross-training to become a Life Support Technician. Currently in tech school and he's scheduled to return to us, and we're excited to get to keep him.

SrA Steven Sellers - Scheduling. Lives for those 4-hour lunch breaks and opportunities to leave work early. Steve would just like to be home long enough to get his stuff unpacked and actually live in his apartment. (Can I get off early to go to the mall and pick up some cable TV??)

A1C Edel Brooks - Scheduling. Edel just returned back to flying status following a potentially fatal car accident. With bags packed, she's now back in the mix. Want to kick the smoking habit?, talk to her, she's the squadron POC for going 'smokeless'.

A1C Brandon Ford - Brandon completed OST and is on his first deployment. He tried to listen to Mom & Dad about not getting a car and saving his money while he's stationed here. Didn't take long ... he's now sporting a fancy Cadillac.

A1C Chad Gontkovic - Mobility. Chad's a real academic achiever ... somehow manages to juggle college classes (for a double Business & Marketing major), and deploys non-stop. Not sure how he does it, but he makes it look easy.

A1C Kurtis Hinson - Scheduling. Kurt recently completed OST and is already a veteran of the road. When not deployed, you can find him in the scheduling shop.

A1C Isaac Patrick - The guy with 2 first names ... I sometimes get confused myself. Isaac had a wipeout on his motor cross BMX bike that just about tore his ear off ... cool! A dozen stitches later & his ear was fully re-attached. He's always on the road, and never here.

A1C Melissa Phares - Scheduling. Melissa just finished up doing a bang up job serving as the Ops Group Unit Training Manager. In doing so, she got rewarded the new position of ground scheduler, way to go! She's also currently working a medical issue that has her DNIF. We're wishing her the best.

A1C Ryan Seifert - Our latest by-product from Altus. Ryan just finished up with FTAC, and made the big move to OST for a little MQT action.

A1C Nathan Sisco - When Nate went on his first deployment it was difficult to keep the police and tickets away. He just needs a little practice with his parking. Enthusiastic and well mannered, he's excited about living in the great northern plains.

A1C Nathan Strand - You never know what he's thinking. Quickly learning the ropes, he's the proud recipient of a 90-day deployment to 'Site 50' ... good job Nate!

A1C Stephanie Taylor - Stephanie's a new arrival as well. She just finished with OST and fixin' to go on her first deployment. Just recently engaged, we wish her the best.

A1C Ryan Thomas - Ryan always seems to be deployed to some far away land. He and his wife are expecting their first child. He's still not quite sure just how it happened!!! Congrats & best wishes to them.

A1C Jeremy Welch - Fresh meat from Altus, don't know too much about Jeremy yet ... just finished up with OST.

A1C Jeremy Willis - Jeremy just got his training wheels off from OST and he's on his first deployment. Anyone got any info on him, because I have none.

Amn Wes Gray - Rumor has it that Wes had the biggest TV set in the dorms, with all the game gear to come with. I think this kid was born with a controller in his hands!

Amn Andrew Yates - Andrew's a quiet one, just completed OST and is currently deployed. Heard he got an 'EQ' on his initial check from Altus ... impressive!

Attached:

TSgt Rodney Cline - OST. Definitely a hairy one! Rod's the only guy that has a 5 o'clock shadow visible at 9 AM. He's busy pushing all the newby booms through MQT, so they can be dispersed to the winds. With many irons in the fire, he still tries to find time to take softball lessons, in the hopes that one day he can make the squadron team. Good Luck Rod!

SSgt Shane M. Haney - Vault. Shane just got hired on down in the vault teaching the 'super secret stuff'. He now has more time than ever to perfect his golf game and currently, he's in the process of writing a guide to 'hick' terms and phrases so we all can understand people from his neck of the woods ... soon due out in paperback.

SSgt Dave Kosmowski - Tactics. He's a stealthy one ... does something with the Tactics Shop? Dave also serves as the Chief Executive Assistant, Non Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC), and personal secretary to the 319 OG/CEM. And did I mention, he's also a newly wed ... Congrats!

Inbounds:

A1C Hill - Currently at Altus, due here in Nov.

Departures:

SSgt Robert Zafke - It's now Mr. Zafke. Extended for a few AF perks, became a new daddy, got civilianized, then landed the golden goose egg of a job ... a GS-11 Flight Planner position. He now hangs out at Base Ops & still wishes he was a boom again.

AB Lonnie McColligan - Let's just say ... Lonnie's personal conduct was a little incompatible with Air Force standards.

A1C Christopher Irby - No longer with us ... Chris was affected by the whole Quality Force thing.

Retirees:

TSgt Mike Frovarp - Mike just recently moved onto bigger and better things. Working for BAE Systems (Flight Planning Software) ... he and his family relocated to 'sin city' ... Nellis AFB, Nevada. I guess the lights of Grand Forks/East Grand Forks weren't bright enough. Not to mention UND Fighting Sioux Hockey, annual Potato Bowl, and the annual beet harvest.

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906th AIR REFUELING SQUADRON
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Hello from the tropical frozen tundras! The mighty Dakrats of the 906th continue to excel and making their mark world-wide. We have had a huge turnover of old guys into FNG's, and in a year the FNG's will be our old experienced guys. Times they are a changing. 906th is proud to introduce a great line-up of the best young aviators in the North!

SMSgt Jeff Potter (ROAD Squadron Superintendent): Just took over the Dakrats in June 2004. He has now completed his circle of trust by being in every squadron in the Operations Group, it only took 10 years, and now he's retiring in November.

MSgt (Sel) Joe Lowder (Program Manager): Crusty personnelist cross-trainee, heading to CFIC, ready to take-over and keep the little Dakrats out of the street.

TSgt (Sel) Mike O'Connor (Flight Chief & Evaluator): Controlled tour is approved, Mike has permanent brain freeze. Glad he's sticking around though, we wouldn't have it any other way.

SSgt Jake Gardner (Flight Chief): Jake has the inside scoop on how to get out of doing transition, but his technique isn't highly recommended. We're slowly weaning him from using his special way. Keep up the good work Jake.

SSgt Adam DeRoode (Flight Chief): Adam spent 120 days in the desert as an important planner of some kind, then another 90 days at Scott, doing some more important planning. He's single-handedly doing something important. Keep up the good work Adam.

SSgt Cy Eckhardt: Newlywed!! Cy finally broke it off with his 911th companion. Congratulations!

SSgt (Sel) Joe Callahan: Young and impressionable. Joe will be a good boom one day.

SrA Eric Ryan: Eric really knows how to ACT like he's always busy. He's now ACTING like he's an exec, a mobility chief, and sometimes he ACTS like a boom operator. What a great ACTOR! Now we know what he got his degree in.

A1C Mike Russell: Do I watch DVDs or work on my homework during transition. So many decisions!

A1C Max Langford: What can you say about Max???? Max who? He's always TDY.

A1C Joe Philip: Mr Scheduler, and will be for life.

A1C Nate Gibbs: Dude, you need a haircut, 1/32 of an inch is way too long and out of regs.

A1C Jake Dieter: Jake who? Couldn't tell you what he looks like. Jake calls Base X,Y,Z, Site 6, 10, 14, 20, 35, 50, and 99, his home. Self-made tax-free millionaire. Chief booms claim is 10%. Don't forget, I know how to find you.

A1C Xavier Thomas: X-man. Learning the ropes.

A1C Aaron Balk: Yep he's here, getting his feet wet and sandy.

New Arrivals *These guys are pumped and ready for war. I can see it in their eyes, especially after completing 5 non-stop hours of CBTs.*

A1C Bumgardner
A1C Josh Martini
A1C Sam Carter
A1C Bruce Berglund
Amn Paul Marshall

Departures

MSgt Pat D'Augustino: Retired in July 2003. Going to be a professional tennis player, on his own reality show.

MSgt Rich Sarno: Retired in July 2004. Jumped ship to the civilian world, living in the California Desert. The heat in GF was getting too much. We'll miss Rich.

TSgt Jody Riggs: Finally! Departed last Dec '03 after 16 years in the 906th, he went to TALCE at McGuire to work for Domino's. Pretty proud of you Jody!

TSgt Raf Him: Raf has been skating in Alabama since March 2004, no need to have sharp skates anymore, it doesn't snow down south, PEMCO that is.

SSgt Dan Beecher: Headed to Altus in July to teach the young'uns how to be good soldiers.

And that's that! We continue to remain TDY from home 200 days a year, but that's the changing times we live in. To all booms young and old, active, reserve, and retired, FLY SAFE and thank you for what you are doing and have done! See you around the world.

//signed//
Jeff Potter, SMSgt, USAF
Chief Boom

GRAND FORKS AFB, ND 911 ARS

Greetings from the frozen tundra of North Dakota, home of the world famous *Red Eagles* as most of you are already aware, this year is the third annual Year of Family Separation. We began this right where we left off last year “scattered to the four corners of the globe” Currently we are getting to know our families again and converting are old Block 30s to the GATM Block 40s. We are also experimenting with the new ROBE system, I’m sure everyone will enjoy the added preflight time.

MSgt Chris Edmonds - Program Manager, X Gucci guy, been here six weeks and haven’t been fired yet. M.O. is “hey I’m the new guy so don’t ask me”.

SSgt Jimmy Andrews - Go to guy, Chief Boom, Evaluator, First Shirt, and Instructor you name it and he did it. PCS to Altus. We will see you back in three years.

SSgt Seth Battista - Flight Chief, wild man has a new toy with a battery, a Kawasaki Ninja 636, currently upgrading to Evaluator ready to take on the world.

SSgt Andrew Diaz - Flight Chief, Married to Operator #11. Trying to avoid the old Herc assignment, currently upgrading to Evaluator. Just ask Andy and he will tell you who, what, when, where, and why.

SSgt Casey Ham - Flight Chief if he ain’t fishing He’s working. Just your typical southern boy can’t wait for the weekend. Still hasn’t deployed but his time will come.

SSgt Matt York - Flight Safety, volunteered to the dark side “F.E. world” Can’ wait to turn the world on its ear.

SSgt Travis Lacey - New cross trainee from Offutt AFB, Still trying to find his place. On his first deployment as we speak.

SrA Bill Paul - Instructor in OST. Just got himself a crotch rocket in time for the first snowfall. Hopefully we can talk him into removing the training wheels and basket before the end of the next riding season.

SrA Trish Carlson - Awesome Boom, Can’t wait for her separation date!! Back to playing football “that’s no joke”

SrA Jeremy Reynolds - Ahhh... A.K.A. “Face” Prettiest man Walking the Base, “ just ask him” Getting ready for ALS and the big promotion. It also needs to be mentioned that he is a first time expecting father. So congratulations to him and his wife.

A1C Tyler Parsons - Just heading to CFIC, Can’t wait to get back to his hippie roots and join the forest service. We figure he wants to be Grizzly Adams.

A1C Susan Sprague - The 911th Hardest studier!! Always has her nose in the regs. Watch this one she’s going to be a fast burner.

A1C Barnabas Sprague - The Bus!! Spokesperson for the two Sprague’s. Loves being deployed, something about it is the only time he gets to see his wife or something crazy like that

A1C Charles Converse - Well... he hasn’t broke his neck yet...just about everything else! The wild child just got married, rumor has it he’s stopped painting his nails too!!

A1C Robert Horvath - Entered the Air Force with a B.A. and ended up a Boom, Just goes to show the recruiter doesn’t always look out for your best interest. Yes, this man does have two thumbs.

A1C Ralph Guthrie - Done with CFIC and can't wait for bigger challenges.

A1C Chris Ramey - Almost done with MQT, soon "Pretty Crissy" will be a full fledged Red Eagle. Hopefully he loses the nickname.

A1C Jorge Rodriguez - Who!! We know he is floating around AETC some ware. Cross trainee from ATC. Hopefully he shows up soon.

912th ARS GRAND FORKS AFB, ND

Greetings from Grand Forks AFB and the Warriors of the North. Like the rest of the tanker world, it has been a very busy, challenging and rewarding past couple of years. From OEF deployments which have taken us to the four corners of the earth to leading the northern OIF front with the largest contention of MPRS aircraft only to return to home station to lead the wing through back -to-back excellent ratings in both an ASEV and ORI...our boom operators have performed flawlessly and their hard work resulted in our squadron winning the Wing's Al Evan's award for both 2002 and 2003.

Just to let you all know everything is not all business up here. We have some time to enjoy the warm summers and the past winters since about 1997 have been mild and the Grand Forks community support is second to none. The community in conjunction with the University of ND is in the second year of Operation Enduring Friendship, a program where they provide free tickets to military and their dependants to almost every sporting event, theater play and venue. There is plenty to do and it cost little or nothing.

Without further ado, here is a run down of our past, present and future booms:

MSgt Dan Smith Chief Boon, SQ Super & T-shirt: Returned to flying in 2002 after being medically grounded for 4.5 years. I am happy to be back! To all booms who are bitching about their jobs; give me a call so I can fill you in on what a rewarding job we have as I have lived the life of a non flying shoe clerk. Still playing hockey and love the hunting and fishing up here.

MSgt Bill Williams Stan Eval: Says he is going to stow his boom forever in April 05. We'll see as he has changed his retirement date at least 5 times. Has his retirement paperwork attached to a bungee cord and I think we are going to PCA him to the TAPS seminar full time. One of the last of the original "905th Old Guard." If you're PCSing up here and are looking for an apartment Bill is your slum lord.

TSgt Keith Brodie B-Flt Super: Newly wed to a girl he has been dating forever. Keith is busy as an avid outdoorsman, teaching ND Hunter's Safety and even busier keeping the young booms in his flight in line. Doing a great job and will upgrade to EB status soon.

A1C Aaron Christensen: No resemblance of Alfred E. Newman so he is not related to the Chief Paul Christensen we used to have up here. Done with his CDCs and enjoying life as a line boom operator.

SrA John Ertle: This guy has everything he owns in his car as he pretty much lives on the road. That said, he doesn't own much as he drives a purple VW bug. Don't ask, don't tell!

A1C Russ Finnegan: Russ is a big ole farm boy from Indiana and has a vice like hand shake. When he's not flying for the AF, he's flying around the local motocross track.

A1C Paul Frey: Another big race fanatic. Paul races his Subaru during sanctioned road races through the city of Minneapolis. Who says there is nothing to do up here?

SrA Andy "Butters" Holthaus: New instructor and doing a magnificent job. Just got married and will be living a stable life at Group training.

SSgt Shannon Jones: New SSgt, new IBO and will depart active duty for the Nebraska ANG in February. We will certainly miss here smiling face around the squadron.

A1C Brandon Lee: Finally got him to pass his room inspections by giving him BAQ and moving him off base. His auto parts dealership is now located in mid town Grand Forks. Puts on SrA in Sep and stepping up to the plate in multiple capacities.

A1C Curtiss Mills: He was born and raised Wales England and came to us having never driven a car. We had to exercise some care and feeding when getting him up to speed here, but our efforts are paying off as Curtiss is doing great. Now if we could get him to quite writing using the Queen's English we'll be fine. It's spelled "center" not "centre" and "wildst" is not a word!

SSgt Tim Mitchell: Departed the fix to Altus this August to teach our new boom operators the "trade" and to ensure the Farva jokes at Altus never end. One of my fire and forget flight supers, and will be sorely missed.

SrA Adam Mosier: Came to us from the ATC world and after a record 14 months finally finished his CDCs. Had a new baby last year and is doing great things home and abroad.

SSgt Phil Mullendore: Phil retrained from AGE and shortly after arriving took over as A-flight super and is going to CFIC the first part of next year. Phil is our squadron renaissance man as he drives a 1970 Chevy Blazer with the top off and after a few beers likes to don his Kevlar....and only his Kevlar.

SSgt Jeff Ryan: Another recent cross trainee from the helo maintenance world. Just put on staff and finished ALS and will step into the assistant A-flight super position. Another motocross racer...are you seeing a trend here? Jeff is a super sharp guy and we expect great things from him.

A1C Creston Saul: Just bought a new Mustang and still can't pick up chicks. Creston has high aspirations of becoming an officer and is already bugging us for a CFIC slot. Creston is working on his private pilot's license and doing a great job flying for us.

SSgt Adam Smith: Doing a great job at Group training, but hates it as it has cut his TDY days by 75%. Still manages a 3 day trip to Hickam every week for GATM training so his complaints are falling on deaf ears. He should be leaving in September 05 to retrain as a helo gunner.

SrA Doug Smith: Another boom who lives life on the road. Doug has bad luck with cars and has gone through two so far and is on his third. Doug is living proof that you get what you pay for.

A1C Dave Thoresen: Came to us and was grounded for a while so we put him in ground scheduling where he did an outstanding job. Dave is back up on flying status and is deploying as much as possible now.

SSgt (s) Dan Zickefoose: Dan won't see SSgt since he is going to the PA ANG in September where they will probably promote him to Admiral. We are sorry to see this guy go as he is one of our finest. That being said, if you ever come across a guy passed out in the Smoke House hallway, it's probably Dan and he now belongs to the PA guard.

Newest Arrivals still in MQT

Amn Ian Van Lin

A1C Whitney Bankston

A1C Kamisha "Smitty" Smith "another trend with too many Smith's in the squadron"

A1C Rick Picardo

Dearly Departed

SSgt Josh Brown: Decided to call it quits and is opening an oyster bar somewhere in Oregon.

SSgt Mark Kahny: Accepted to ROTC at Rutgers. Marko is an awesome guy and will make an outstanding officer.

SSgt Josh Espinal: PCSed to Home AFB with the bill collectors hot on his trail.

SSgt Kevin Ortman (AKA Officer Farva from the movie "Super Troopers"): Kevin PCSed to Altus to be amongst what he calls "his people" and those persons who will respect his authority. For anyone who wants to know, or for anyone Kevin hasn't told, Kev's DOR is 1 Mar 02.

74th ARS Grissom ARB Indiana 2004

Hello to all! It has been a few years since the last Boom signal. First things first, to those who attended the Boom Symposium, it was a great time and it was great to see some old friends. Also, for all the Boom Operators that helped make it happen—Outstanding job!

As for the 74th ARS, it has been very busy the past few years as it has been for everyone. We have had our share of time in the sand, tropical islands tours and other prestigious places around the world. We are trying to get back to normal, but it has been too short of a summer.

Over the past few years we have had some of our old friends here in the 74th leave us either by retiring or relocating. We also have our share of new faces and even more new people coming into our squadron. We will miss our old friends and we are looking forward to our soon to be new ones.

Hopefully we will see a lot of you on the road in the near future and always remember to keep it safe! Till then—“74th Rocks !”

74th ARS Line-Up

CMS Kim “Mother Boom” Ayers—Chief Boom
SMS Jeff “Buck” Henry—Wing training—If your looking for a job, call this guy.
MSG Jerry “Shoe” Schumacher—Scheduling---(Also a newlywed—congrats!)
MSG Bryan “Dork” Hettinghouse—Wing safety
MSG Tim “Student Hire” Stibbe—If anyone knows where he actually works, call us.
MSG Doug “Mud Vein” Preece—Scheduling, when not TDY at Wright-Patt.
MSG James “Dusty” Baker—Boom Shop—“new hire, probey, rat boy, etc..”
MSG Kym “Agent” Orange—Reservist, Retired State Trooper and “not a troupher !”
MSG Dave “Frenchy” French—Reservist, business owner & Flight Safety employee.
TSG Rodney “Honey Bucket” Honeycutt—“Professional Reservist “
TSG Drennen “Diplomat” Gaffney—Reservist and recent Embassy employee.
SSG Debbie “Dallas” Melton—Reservist and recently promoted. Congrats!

Retiree’s and Relocations

SMS Roger “Gunner” Drumm—Retired--We wish him all of the best. Roger was with us for a long time. We went through many activations and deployments together and he always set an excellent example. He is sorely missed around here---Good Luck Roger!

MSG Shad Culp—Retired—“Shad-man” was an ART here for a long time, but sought the refuge of the sunny shores of Florida. Ever since then he has been dodging hurricanes. Good luck Shad and don’t forget us.

MSG Larry “Salt” Santine—Retired—We know that Salt retired from Altus, but he has always been one of us. We see him occasionally at social gatherings or driving his new Fed Ex truck around. Salt, Best of luck and “What the **** ?”

SSG Rena “Mini-Me” Beckham—Relocated--Rena left us for the great married life in Dallas, Texas. Her energy and “sense of adventure” as well as her humor will always be missed.

Soon to be 74th Booms

SSG Anthony Krisher—Reservist, ex-Crew Chief and current Peru Police Officer. Currently at Altus AFB, OK trying to earn his wings.

SRA Daniel Page—“Legacy Boom” and soon to be reservist. He is the son of retired Boom Operator MSG Larry Page. He is currently a firefighter at Little Rock AFB, AR.

Also, we would like you to know that the Mid West Boom Operators Association gets together twice a year at Grissom ARB, IN. Once for a holiday dinner in December, then again for a picnic in June. Everyone is invited. If you are ever in the area it would be great if you could attend. For those interested in the association please contact Jim Threet at jl3t3733@sigecom.net.

**HQ USAF MOBILITY OPERATIONS SCHOOL
DETACHMENT 1
HURLBURT FIELD, FL**

Greetings from sunny Florida (that is, when we aren't getting hit by frickin' hurricanes) The Mobility Operations School, Det 1 is located at Hurlburt Field, Florida and falls under the Air Mobility Warfare center at Ft Dix, New Jersey. The DET teaches a variety of courses, particularly the CENTAF Air Mobility Division Course for folks who will be deploying to the Deed working in The Combined Air and Space Operations Center

Much like in the KC-135, the Boom Operator has taken the seat of the navigator, teaching several classes concerning tanker operations, developing courseware and products used to facilitate the courses. The DET has a variety of experience ranging from Tankers, Airlift, Logistics and Aero Medical specialties. We have a mix of active duty and contractors in the unit. Try to keep up with me here, we are an Air Mobility Command unit that teach Air Combat Command course on an Air Force Special Operations Command base, so imagine how far down on the food chain we are!

After almost 4 years in The TALCE at Travis, the stress level is way down and people actually smile here! I started to wonder why, and then it struck me, THEY'RE IN FLORIDA! The Ft. Walton Beach area is great for single or family members and despite "Ivan" the beaches are still beautiful, we are also 4 hours from New Orleans and 6 hours from Orlando so you have options galore for entertainment.

This is a pretty good deal for Boom Operators and I should be moving in 2007, so if you are interested please let me know and I can fill you in. Just a hint...they are looking for Booms who have deployed to an AOC and have completed the Air and Space Operations Center Formal Training Unit Air Mobility Division (Initial Qualification Training) course. You'll also need an associate degree or higher and have operational experience in the tanker world.

Bottom line is this a great place and hopefully the "powers at be" do not change the position here, so if you have any questions or are in town for a class please drop by and we can direct you to the Christian Science reading room and all the local museums. Incidentally, I do live 1.9 miles from a Hooters (great family restaurant). Please fly safe and remember that every individual counts when fighting this war on terrorism, and when you think things can't get worse, just call one of your buds in the TALCE!

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909 ARS
Kadena AB Japan
“Home of the Pacific Boom Union”

A big hello from the only active duty KC-135 unit in PACAF. Yes, we realize according to AFPAM 36-2241 (PFE) there're no KC-135's in PACAF but there are....3 squadrons worth. It has been a while since we have done or seen a Boom signal...GOOD TO SEE IT BROUGHT BACK FROM THE ASHES. The last 2 years have brought us, like everyone else, some “character” building times so we will leave that alone. But you will catch it in the bios. Here are the old and the new expected of the 909th ARS.

AeroMedical Evacuation (AE): We have an aircraft and crew on alert 24/7/365 days a year and fly weekly channel missions. Alert launches, regenerated no later than 12 hours.

Reconnaissance support: Deploy and/or support within 24 hours for unknown duration.

Coronet Support: deploy and support scheduled and unscheduled Coronets.

Train Japanese Air Self Defense Force (JASDF) F-15 pilots in Air Refueling: Qualify JASDF F-15 pilots on day and night air refueling to enable them to go to exercises like Cope Thunder in Alaska.

JASDF 767 Program: Assist Japanese in designing all aspects of their 767 programs.

Training and air refueling proficiency for drogue or boom: Keep the best fighting team in the world ready to defend and protect its interest any time and any place in the world.

In-Flight Refueling Manager:

CMSgt Ray “Chief” Farrell, AKA “Chief Taylor” or “Chief Andy” by other squadrons.

The Tasmanian Devil. So far this guy is definitely not making E-10. The Chief cross trained from the land of the secret squirrels and has been flying a long time. He is realistic and down to earth. The Chief talks the talk and walks the walk. Some of it is in 4 different languages. Happy days will be here again...until he gets fired. But it is better to burn out then fade away.

First Sergeant:

SMSgt Dan Wells, “The Shirt” or “Mr. Karaoke”

He is the judge, jury and executioner as the First Shirt until he gets out of it. He came here forgetting that half our troops were also in AMC. He is great at writing awards and EPRs. We even won a few MAJCOM level awards and an AF level award. That is not easy when you are up against the Rescue Squadron, the AWACS and all the -130's and -135's in PACAF. He even fly's and deploys to boot.

PGM:

MSgt Steven “Opie” Flax; JASDF “Boom God” / AE “Boom King” / Chief's left-hand man

He's the glue that holds the booms together. You know why his hair is red? 'Cause it's always on fire. He uses alert, crew rest and leave to get office work done; he just comes in civies. He's the JASDF F-15/767 and AE master. This guy seems to know everybody and can get things done with a phone call after everything else failed. Opie is the squadron's go to guy and makes it happen or knows how to. He'd better start training someone on his network or we're history when (if) he leaves.

Safety:

SSgt Jeff Sparks, “Sparky”

The first thing we remember him saying was “This place always this crazy...at least in AMC I knew what I was doing in 2 days.” As he has found out the answer is YES. He has adapted well. We just have to put him on a PDM so he can get hitched.

Training Flight:

SSgt Leslie Yarbough "LA" or "Best-dressed male boom"

When the training goes well, he is happy...too bad that never happens. But the positive side of that is he gets to practice getting "talked to," writing waivers and rescheduling things while flying 3 to 4 times a week. Practice makes perfect or is that it gets old? It is one of those. His even temperament got him stuck doing Chief's training to MR!

SSgt Chris McCarthy

Chris went on a PDM and came back with a wife. We see this as becoming a trend. He, like LA, has his hands full trying to get the fresh meat up to speed in the grinder that we call our schedule while flying his tail off. Word on the street is he maxed out his credit card at Swash-Bucklers "R" Us. Boom leader for "where to go" on TDY's. Folded dollar bill specialist, but the Chief's right on his heels.

SSgt Rafael CruzOyola, "CRUZ" or "Crayola"

Cruz just came in, well actually just less than 2 months ago, but it seems that way. He tested the "they are so busy here they will never notice if I come to work or not" theory... Already been established...but we did notice. It just took 35 days. He also volunteered to be our out processing monitor putting emphasis on hand carrying your FEF folder to your next base. A big deal when you are overseas, especially if you want to get trained...still not MR. Just finished his first Typhoon Evac and came back "whipped."

Mobility:

SSgt John Rickenbach

John is the mobility guru. His wife and little girl are now on the island. Trip kit expert...if you need a trip kit...he is the guy to talk to, he loves them so. He "volunteers" at a bar on Gate 2 Street and gets us all in free, so we got that going for us.

SSgt Jason Scott

Jason is our off road expert. He is the only boom we know that has been off-road'n in a KC-135 and lived to tell about it. We are passing the hat to buy him a BMX bike. Mr. Info can tell you lots of intriguing information and ask questions you do not want to know the answers to. He forgets the rule of "if you can't stand the answer, don't ask the question."

OGV: (Out of hide, still puzzled why the OGV doesn't get a manning position...oh that's right)

TSgt Patrick Ingram

He didn't duck fast enough, went to OGV in July. Pat has a lot of work ahead of him but he is the right guy for the job to make OGV what it should be, which will be a big help to the squadron. His priority to fly and deploy with us so we don't carry the extra load is much appreciated...a team player. Paper should never ever override people.

STAN/EVAL:

SSgt Ben Hopp

Ben is our Tiger Woods for the booms. He plays golf while on AE alert and when we Typhoon Evac he shows us how to play. We feel he needs help with this addiction. Ben is on the force retrain line up...if he goes...what a terrible loss for the boom field.

SSgt Robert Iliff

Rob is the gear head. If you have a car problem...you call Rob. He is the best TAPR writer we have. He makes the rest of us look bad. Rob is trying to do the Aero Club thing but the stability of the schedule is making it real tough to complete. Like in fat chance.

SSgt Chris Maleski "The Machine"

This guy wants to rock and roll all night and party everyday. So as you can guess, KISS is his favorite group that he worships with full figure busts and candles. He hit the Island ready to party and he did the first hour he was here. He lives on Gate 2 Street.

A Flight:

SSgt Gabriel Ourso "Mud Bug"

Gabe is our resident Cajun. He tried the Aero club thing but quit while he was behind. He loves to go to Diego Garcia or any TDY for that matter. He hears a TDY is coming and he is all over it. Gabe is addicted to Jimmy Buffet; he joins John, Matt and "The Machine" keeping Gate 2 in business. The Cajun loves the EPR system...Not!

A1C Sena McCormack "Boom Princess"

She has a few other nicknames like Turtle and Giggles but Boom Princess fits best. Boom Princess runs with the Boom Duchess. They keep the stores in the black with all the shopping they do. They keep us straight on what is in fashion.

A1C Laura Neumann "Boom Duchess"

We needed to stay with the royalty theme so Boom Duchess was the answer. She and the Boom Princess are the shopping twins. They are not identical but inseparable. Can easily hang with the Gate 2 Street mafia, especially TDY!

A1C Nathan Butterfield "Butters" or "Nasty Nate"

Butters is another go getter. We are always impressed; whenever you give him a job, he gets it done no matter how challenging it is with minimal or no guidance and he is not even MR yet...why is that?? Because we can't get night fighters.

B Flight:

SSgt (TSgt select) Michael Webster

Mike was stationed here in the good old days when they had 8 more booms in the squadron. He tells us about when a line boom used to think being scheduled more than twice a week was just crazy. Now he fly's 3 to 4 times a week by himself as a flight boom. Welcome back Mike and do you have all those EPR's done? Tries to hang with the Chief on TDY's, but just comes up short.

SSgt David Nixon

He just got here but is making positive waves. Dave is ready to kick butt in any thing we want to give him. You come with the right drive and we will give you a better car. He is being lined up to take over for Mike. The only issue with him is he has a golf addiction. Ben and Dave will golf in the middle of a typhoon...literally. Refused to train the Chief at BBOC and BIQ...this might be another issue too.

A1C Jessica Minnis "Boom Queen"

Boom Queen is one of the booms that really give you 150%. She has a can do attitude no mater how much you inconvenience her. She has flown over 985 hours in 2 years. When push comes to shove, she doesn't have a temper...NOT! CFIC in future if we can spare her.

A1C Eric Flanders "Ned"

Ned does what ever you ask him to so he fly's and goes TDY a lot. He has a lot of good TDY stories of dodging trouble. He learned that the down lock handle really works. Ned is a new daddy though we are not sure how he had time for that.

A1C Daniel Ragone "Ragu"

Ragu is a fast burner. He hit the ground running and quickly became MR. He loves to fly and go TDY so we give him his wishes. His flight bag reads: "Your hole is our goal." Just needs to work on TDY all-nighters...starts strong, fizzles quickly!

18 OSS "The OZZ":

These booms do not count against our numbers so when they fly they are helping us out and the 909th booms really appreciate it. Though they live in the same reactionary world we do, they are the only booms that have any stability of when they fly or go TDY. Everyone wants to go to "The OZZ". Hard work.... but have some control.

MSgt Craig Eyre (Training)

Craig also was here in the good old days and still wonders WTF Happened! We needed some stability for training, so he is it. Does his best to set up and schedule training for our NMR booms. Not easy when the schedule is day to day and you get pulled into the grinder too.

TSgt Clifton Bond (Scheduler)

Cliff does the Aero club and model airplane flying thing. Always welcomed in the squadron. We hated to let him go. But you shouldn't hold back the good ones.

SSgt (TSgt select) Matt Dellalucca (Scheduler)

He is our resident war hero...a DFC is in his salad. Matt is trying to cross train into the flight engineer world. He is an Aero club guy too. The boom world will miss him though he is the reason that Italians have an anger stereotype. I hope he gets his wishes...but a huge loss.

SSgt Antonio Turner (Coronet planner)

The last boom standing in the Coronet shop. Antonio must be doing well...he is still there. He is the computer master so he takes care of our PDAs when we see him. We have not seen him in a while.

TALCE:

There are 2 booms in the Yokota TALCE and they come down to fly with us once in a while. So we give them anything they want after we get them current. We love when they take a few training missions off our hands. We love you guys so get down here.

TSgt Ed Smith

Ed loves to fly and tell you all kinds of stories of his adventures. He, like Mike and Craig was stationed at Kadena before. He has this thing for tigers...he is at the right place for it.

TSgt Joseph Wilkins

Joe talks about the good old days when things were a lot simpler and we seem to do more right things than wrong. It seemed the rules benefited us rather than hurt us. Those days are gone Joe. Let SAC go!

Well this is our line up of booms. We do it with style. The 909th ARS flew over 1348 (6162.4 hours) O&M and 248 (949.8 hours) TWICF sorties which included 57 AE Alert launches, 6 Typhoon Evacs, and 158 Reconnaissance Support sorties in Fiscal Year 04. We accomplished this with no more than 17 MR booms at any one time. That averages out to 94 sorties (418 hours) a year for each boom, not accounting for DNIF's and formal training. We flew the most hours and sorties in the history of the 909th with the lowest number of booms ever assigned/authorized (20). We are hoping that our numbers will improve. They should in Fiscal Year 06. Right now we have 22. If we can keep it that way, it would really help out stability and continuity.

If you are ever out our way, we challenge you to look us up. If you find us we will go out for a cold one. Tora is our call sign, so if you hear it, give us a call. Until next year.

DSN: 315-634-9015: Boom Pod where there might be a NMR or DNIF boom available.

DSN: 315-634-9008: Ops Desk...you'll have better luck in finding out where we are at.

Our motto lives true "ALWAYS THERE...NEVER HERE"

Sincerely,
909th Boom's

LACKLAND AFB, TX
344TH TRS

Enlisted Aircrew Undergraduate Course
(EAUC)

Well ladies and gentlemen; it is just I here at EAUC. I am TSgt Bill Fitch, a 135 Boom out of the 911th ARS at Grand Forks AFB, ND. I got to Lackland in April 2002 and started teaching around August of that year. I was a little nervous about coming to Air Education & Training Command as well as coming back to Lackland. You get to interact with a large body of quality NCO's here. My neighbor on base was a Basic Training Instructor, I got to see a lot of the inside action over in BMT which was a lot of fun. The instructors here are a little more "intense" than at most bases, but in a positive way. It has been awesome assignment and I highly recommend it.

Here at EAUC we were very busy in the last year; we put out over 1600 students from 10 different AFSC's. The course itself is taught on the Lackland Training Annex or former Medina Annex. It is where we shot the M-16 in basic training. The squadron here is quite diverse. The 344th teaches Services, Life Support, TEMPEST, Safety and Military Training Leaders in addition to EAUC. The facilities are older, but in the middle of being refurbished. Overall, being part of this organization has been an eye opener. Airmen that train here have ASVAB scores ranging from 30 to 99. All of the Airman here do have one thing in common, they want to serve, and it's awesome to be a part of that motivation.

There is a 135 depot next door at Kelly Airfield. I get to see some folks once in a while when they drop a jet off. Some of you Booms out there may remember Amanda Pearson, well now she is Amanda Stift. She is one of the Booms that conduct the Functional Check Flights (FCF) over there (Reserve-AGR slot). The only other Boom in the area that I know of is CMSgt Ted Carrier; he is at Randolph AFB. If you do drop a jet off over at Kelly please don't be a stranger, give me a call 210-671-1875 or drop an email james.fitch@lackland.af.mil. I would love to get some current Boom intel.

I will be completing my tenure here sometime next year. My code 50 is up in October, but look for the assignment as soon as April 2005. This assignment is very rewarding. I have been able to learn a tremendous amount of information about other Career Enlisted Aviator (CEA) positions. For those who are considering making the Boom Operator career field your profession, I highly recommend coming to EAUC. Make sure that you have at least 72 gate months for this assignment. In addition, be with one year of completing your Community College of the Air Force degree. Update your dream sheet to include Lackland AFB.

To all of the Boom Operators that I have been able to interact with out there, hope to see you in the very near future. Oh and by the way, I will be thirsty!

Booms Rule!

NEBRASKA AIR NATIONAL GUARD 155 ARW / 173 ARS

By the time you read this, the 173 ARS will be Block 40 (GATM) conversion complete. If you don't know what this involves don't worry, you will. Other newsworthy items: We've lost another boom to the dark side. 2Lt Matt Siemsen has returned from Altus and is now a CP. SSgt Andrew Thimgan is preparing to depart for AMS and UPT sometime in the future. 1st Randy Douglas is building hours for AC upgrade. When the Boss needs a pilot he comes snooping around the Boom Shop. Talk about job security.

MSgt Matt Ellison

Matt is a new dad and although he complains that the space in his house, devoted to drinking and drinking related activities, is shrinking, he still has some space devoted to this challenging hobby.

SMSgt Mark Forster

Mark is still assigned to Stan/Eval (read lifer). He enjoys playing with his 4-year-old son, cyclo-cross racing, pretending he's Clint Eastwood, and No-Notice checkrides. Mark recently cheated death (once again) when he ate half of a Habenero Pepper before he realized that it was really freaking hot.

SSgt John Gleisberg

John is preparing to stow the boom for a career in the FBI. Once he completes his training he will have to divorce the boom field for good. His expertise in PEX will be sorely missed.

MSgt Mark Heithoff

Mark serves as A Flight NCOIC and works part-time as a full-time fire fighter in Lincoln. His spare time is spent changing the spark plugs and oil in his numerous motorized farm toys; sometimes he even uses enough oil to prevent the motors from seizing. But that's rare.

MSgt Mike Hommen

Mike is the B Flight NCOIC and works fulltime in Combat Crew Comm. His hobbies include Crypto destruction and investigating classified information leaks from members of the House and Senate and their staff. In his spare time he is developing "secret-proof" socks for Sandy Berger.

SMSgt Melvin Kauk

Mel, a.k.a Dancing Mel, is the C Flight NCOIC and was recently married (shock to all). Mel still enjoys hunting, scuba diving, and traveling with the Guard.

TSgt Mike Mayfield

Mike splits his time between lounging around his pool, lounging around Fire Station 7, lounging around the Air Guard base and occasionally taking care of his tenants in one of his slum rentals.

MSgt Michael Minnick

Mike works full-time in the Current Ops Shop and has started "Boom Weight Watchers" losing 40 lbs in 60 days! We're all in awe of Mike's accomplishment and have asked to buy into his franchise but he refuses to sell stock.

SMSgt Steve Minnick

Steve is coming up on his 18-year mark and is trying to figure out what to do when he retires. He's thinking of starting a juice bar in his small hometown but it's not close enough to Offutt so he might go into the Pharmacy business.

CMSgt Dwight Morehead

Our Chief Boom still walks with a limp (only when he's being watched by the flight surgeons) and is in the process of finishing his log-mansion. He'd planned on more help from his son, but Patrick recently joined the Air National Guard as a Crew Chief. So if anyone wants to trade long hours of hot and dangerous work for a chance at Nebraska's finest bass fishing please give him a call.

SSgt Ben Navratil

Ben is hard at work trying to get enough studying in on Charlie alert days so he can graduate from college this fall. Providing it doesn't interfere with his hunting and fishing! He has aspirations of going over to the dark side but worries he won't be able to adjust to facing forward in the jet.

SSgt Caleb Ramsey

Came to us from Grand Forks. Is finishing his degree, also on Charlie days, and plans to apply for Pilot training after graduation. He recently had his 1992 Honda Civic stolen, so if you see a rusty Honda driving around with no license plates and a stack of KC-135 T.O. s in the back seat, please contact Caleb.

SSgt Joe Remmenga

Sleeper Joe is also trying to get the elusive college degree also! But can't seem to drag himself away from his cabin on the lake long enough to attend classes! He also wants to go over to the dark side! Yup, the boom shop has officially sprung a leak.

SSgt Joe Rodriguez

One of our newest booms, Joe just returned from his vacation at Fairchild AFB. He's become the resident expert in Rabbit Cooking ala Mexican style and camo face paint muralist.

MSgt Russ Sladky

Russ leads a curious double-life. By day he's a mild-mannered AGR working in Cargo Load Training. Nights and Weekends Russ' world is full of the mystery and intrigue that is Part-time Electrical Contractor. When he's not doing that he's working on his lakeside home and teaching his children to order beer in Czech.

TSgt Andy Thimgan

"Walleye" Thimgan is full time at the Guard until he leaves for AMS some time next year for the dark side. He'll be a Dad for the first time soon. His hobbies include training his dogs, gardening, making salsa and taking Air Force eye exams.

MSgt Jeff VanNortwick

Jeff and his better half tried and tried to make babies the hard way to no avail. Then one day Mother Nature took things in her own hands and now he is going to be a first time daddy! He still has a scanner going 24/7 just to listen to his previous police co-workers work the beat.

TSgt Brian Wood

Brian completed his college and is still working as a fireman on base. Rumor has it he wants to get hitched but his girl doesn't want to ride on a fire truck to the reception.

Student Flight

Cassie Sabatka, Currently at Altus

Brian Gayer, Currently at Altus

Det 1, Offutt AFB NE

SMSgt Leighton Michaelson, Offutt Program Manager

Layto is running the Boom Shop for Det 1 at Offutt AFB. His three weekenders and two full timers will soon be the last remnants of Booms in ACC. He's been at Offutt for about a year now in the Current Ops office and is one of the old heads. But he is getting tired of banging his head against the wall trying to tell ACC that a boom operator does not drive a truck with a basket on it!

SSgt Bradley Musick

Brad is Offutt's first part-time Boom and lovin' it. Offutt doesn't currently have an aircraft with a boom so he's training in Lincoln (at least that's the story he gives Leighton). Brad's father is a General in the Air Guard and they look so similar that we use him to practice calling the building to attention.

SrA Kodi Stelkelberg

Just returned from Altus mumbling something about lousy weather and rednecks. Just wait 'til she gets to Fairchild AFB!

TSgt Mark Fusco

Currently at Altus enjoying the weather.

Departed the Fix:

MSgt Gordon Anderson passed away in May of 2001 and is remembered every year when the Booms meet at his gravesite for a Cigar. We have also started a local award in his honor, which we award in September. He is still missed.

SMSgt Lang Anderson- turned 60 and was forced into retirement. Lang still contends that an obscure section of the US Code written during the throws of the Spanish American War allow him to remain on duty until every last Spaniard is driven from the Cuban countryside or 1899 which ever comes last.

CMSgt Gary Bornemeier- retired upon reaching his 60th Birthday. He spends his days working on his lake home, antiques for his wife's shop, fishing and conducting quality assurance checks for Coors to make sure every Silver Bullet they produce meets his high standards.

TSgt Kevin Block, he and his wife both left the Guard this past year to devote more time to their 2 (3's on the way) children.

MSgt Bob Buck is retired, living in Papillion NE.

TSgt Mary Bundy is working fulltime in finance making sure her fellow boomers get the Per Diem they so richly deserve.

TSgt Kerry Gulzow lives in Lincoln.

MSgt Chris Hatley is still working for Burlington Northern, Santa Fe Railroad in Kansas City.

MSgt Patrick "Dan" Kirwan left the guard and currently works for Duncan Aviation in avionics repair and the SAC Museum as a static display as a KC-97 boom operator.

SSgt Bill Scheele, whereabouts unknown.

TSgt Randy Millwood retired from the Guard and is currently playing Mr. Mom with his two children in Lincoln.

MSgt Sandy Reynolds retired from the Guard and is currently no-joy but presumed to be living in a warm southern state.

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MACDILL AFB, FL 91 ARS

"Sink the Tip and Take a Sip"

Greetings from the 91 HES (Hurricane Evacuation Squadron), just kidding we are proud to be in the 91 ARS. We have had a busy year in Florida and it seems to be non-stop. We have done our job well and keep our heads high because that is the boom operator way. We've gained a lot of baby booms and about to lose most of our experience to the flight engineer career field and TALCE world, but we are resilient and we will continue to prosper. We have the best 'Booms' in the Air Force here at MacDill.

Boom Superintendent

SMSgt Jim "Jesus" Snyder: "The Cargo God" Since his arrival we have learned more about cargo in one day than most booms do all year. Mr. 36-2903. Do not come around if your uniform is not within standards, that includes the co-pilots as well. He will let you know. Seemed like a real hard ass when he first arrived but once you get to know him he seems pretty cool. Regularly has to go to bat for us, usually wins. Randy thinks he is the energizer bunny. He keeps going and going.

OG Stan Eval

MSgt Mervin Arthurton: He likes to keep his hand in the program manager's knickers. He has done a great job for us and keeps us all on our toes.

91 ARS Program Manager

MSgt (S) Randy Bishop: Has some big shoes to fill picking up program manager duties from Chris Zaher. He has been pulling his hair trying to figure how keep all the booms in line in the squadron. Randy likes expensive cars, has a Porsche and a BMW, if he could ever keep them running he would be okay!

Stan Eval

TSgt Jeff "Mudbug" LeDoux: He's handed out more Q3s this year than all the booms put together in this Signal. He keeps us straight and we wouldn't have him any other way, even though he is a LSU fan. Go Georgia Bulldogs!

TSgt Tom "The Rooster" Morrison: Cock a Doodle Doo! He really hates this nickname so that is why I am informing all. He is new to Stan Eval and also keeping us on the straight and narrow.

Training

TSgt Dicky Hunt: Mister no more mister nice guy. He is tasked to get 9 baby booms MQT'd all at the same time. He will stay here all night if you let him and then he will tell you about it the next day. Poor Melisa and the kids.

SrA Brandy Coyle: New instructor for us and we are using here like... If we could clone her we would make 10 more, maybe not. If she ever gets mad, give her two weeks and all will be OK. We really do appreciate having the "6 AMW Airman of the Year"2003.

SrA Sammy Banks: Another new instructor trying to get to Altus (dumb...). Took over cargo training and that is no easy task with Jesus over his shoulder.

Mobility

SSgt Dave Tickle: Dave got out of the Air Force for a year and a half and decided he missed it so much he came back in, was in the TALCE and Grand Forks before departing the Air Force, well we are glad he is back and will be heading off to instructor school in February.

A Flight

SSgt Al Pelletier: New flight supervisor and earning his pay. When he is deployed it proves the fact that you do not know what people do until they are gone. He keeps his guys sharp and will be upgrading at the soonest opportunity.

SrA Richard Insley: "Big Dude" He is a pro golfer (so he says) and no matter what the subject, if you need an answer he will know it. He knows everything, just ask him! It's amazing, he tried to teach Dicky about boom operating and if you know Dicky, you know how that went.

SSgt (S) Travis Jones: New cross-trainee POL guy from RAF Lakenheath. We do not know enough about him to poke fun yet but I will next year. I know he likes beer so he can't be all that bad.

SrA Jonathan "Scooter" Haas: Currently working in scheduling and looking to go to instructor school, ask him about his nickname? I'll give you a hint, it happen in Waikiki, you can imagine the rest!

A1C Nathan "the pooper" Hooper: He will defecate in your bathroom floor when he drinks too much. Just make him clean it up like the Spanish Hotel maid. He really is doing a great job for us.

A1C Omar Ellis: The party guy. If there are women and there is boos Omar will be there. If only he would concentrate on his job like he does having fun, this guy would be the Boom Operator of the Decade.

A1C Tina Crocker: The new girl. She was broke in to the boom world the hard way at the boom camp out. She saw a coworker in his birthday suit up close and personal. Currently in MQT and doing fine.

A1C Spurlock: Newly arrived baby boom and no stories yet. I am sure they will come.

A1C John "Pres" Adams: Another new guy from Altus. We are expecting some stories from this guy.

B Flight

TSgt Mark Babel: He arrived here from Mildenhall and we sent him on the road. He is currently at the NCO Academy in Panama City. We are lucky to have him and we will use and abuse him.

SSgt Ron McKinney: New cross-trainee, crew comm type. He will keep us straight on our secrets handling. We keep him on the road so we can upgrade him soon and use him more.

SrA Eric "The Impotent Streaker" Sundquist: He is about to be promoted to Mr. Sundquist in December. He will be looking into the guard up north to do a little "Frank the Tank" partying.

A1C Nick Gonzales Harkness: He stays on the road and that is the way we like it. Ask him how many times he struck out in the Spanish night club? He really is doing a great job for us.

A1C Joshua Abbey: New guy from Altus. He seems to be on the straight and narrow. He is always willing to work and be on the go. We need more guys like him.

A1C Fagan: Another new guy from Altus. I see some good things from this guy if he quits trying to play stump the dummy with Dicky.

A1C Reichard: Yet another new guy from Altus. He seems to be a good guy and ready to be qualified.

C Flight

SSgt Sara Faircloth: She likes to be in charge and keep the pilots on their toes. She keeps her flight in line with paperwork and we wouldn't have her any other way. She is on the Flight Engineer list and plans on separating if it happens. We will miss her quite a bit.

SrA Christopher Schwann: The Red Neck from Florida. Has the cowboy hat and the raised truck to prove it. He is working in stan eval doing a great job for us.

SrA Deborah "DeeWee 3000" Leonard: Everyone's buddy. Keep your daughters at home and your moms away from him. Good guy from the local area doing some great work for us. Still trying to get visitation rights for all his kids in Manas, just kidding, maybe?

A1C Justin Hunter: The quiet thinking type who will not buckle to peer pressure. We tried to get him to drink a beer in Mildenhall but failed. Good guy who you would allow to date your daughter or mom.

A1C Jeremy Barnett: The baby making man. Has three kids and stays on the go for us. I guess he needs the money to feed them kids. We expect some good things from this guy.

A1C Mikel Woody: Seems to be a good kid and good worker if we could only get him to work on time. He needs some special attention at times but we will fix him.

A1C Ross "Radar" Weiler: The best pubs I have ever seen. He takes a ruler and posts write-ins like it is typed. A little anal maybe, but don't need to worry about his pubs. Good kid and we look forward to using him.

A1C Joshua Payne: To new to have any thing to say. We look forward to having him qualified.

6 OSS

Scheduling

MSgt Mark "Grandpa" Miller: Mark is the NCOIC of Wing Scheduling, passes the time by banging his head against the wall while dealing with TACC on a regular basis. Has to put up with Trevor and James all day too! We feel for you Mark!

SSgt Trevor Halpain: New member of the divorce club that keeps the hospital supply low on penicillin. We had to send him to OSS because his positive attitude was infecting our babies like an aggressive cancer.

SSgt James Granados: He is another new member of scheduling. We never see him and we prefer it that way.

OST, Tactics and XP

TSgt Lance Quenga: Lance will be off for Altus soon. He bl.. oops knew somebody to avoid the latest TALCE drop. He is working in OST and keeping our training booms up to speed.

TSgt Bert Fristad: Tactics man. He has been DNIF more than not for a bad shoulder. Is heading up the new tactics-training program.

TSgt Mark Harper: Lead member of the Q3 squad. He is working overtime in XP on the new Rev and is always asking for help. He is on the list to be a new TALCE member.

Recent Retirements:

MSgt Clayton "Q-Tip" Fox: clayton.fox3@verizon.net. He finally called it quits after 26 years one month and 17 days. He will be missed greatly.

MSgt Chris Zaher: Chris retired and bought a house up in the Eglin area. He was always willing to spend time with us and we really appreciated that. Thanks Chris for all you did.

March JARB, CA 4th Air Force Standards and Tactics AFRC

We at Fourth Air Force extend to you a most heart-felt hello. Many of you may not be familiar with the structure of AFRC and may not have heard of Fourth Air Force. Air Force Reserve Command has three Numbered Air Forces (NAFs) Tenth, Twenty Second, and Fourth. All the reserve tankers (except for the 514th at McGuire) belong to Fourth Air Force. Ten of the fourteen wings have tanker units. Of the ten tanker units two are actually associate units 931 ARG who shares aircraft with the 22 ARW, and the 349 AMW (C-5 and KC-10) who shares aircraft with the 60 AMW.

The mission of 4thAF is to ensure units are trained, equipped and ready to support peace, contingency and war operations as directed by the Lead Command and National Command Authority. Assigned activities in strategic airlift, air refueling, airdrop, aeromedical evacuation and associated support units. Here in the DO side of the house we provide assistance during Staff Assistance Visits (SAVs), war fighting skills trainer during Readiness Assistance Visits (RAVs), specific assistance during a Functional Assistance Visit (FAVs) and unit program evaluation during Aircrew Standardization/Training Assessment Visit (ASEVs). In addition to all the different visits we at 4th regularly attend conferences and special sessions.

Here are the main events this past fiscal year:

Oct 03

- 932 AW SATAF Scott AFB, IL

18 Nov 03

- Air Mobility Command's Global Air Refueling Program Manager's Conference Scott AFB, IL

2 Dec 03

- 931 ARG pre- ASEV SAV McConnell AFB, KS

Jan 04

- 459 AW pre-UCI SAV Andrews AFB, MD
- 23rd Annual Tactics Symposium at Rosecrans ANGB, St. Joseph, MO
- AMC DOV Conference at MacDill AFB, FL

10 Feb 04

- AFTTP 3-3.22 conference Fort Dix, NJ

Mar 04

- Air National Guard Operations Group Council Tucson ANGB, AZ
- 931 ARG FAV FAV Only McConnell AFB, KS
- 931 ARG and 22ARW ASEV McConnell AFB, KS

May 04

- Air Force Reserve Command at the Crew Operations Review Team (CORT)

Aug 04

- AMC Mobility Air Forces Tactics Conference (MAFTAC) Fort Dix, NJ

We're looking forward to another action packed year and hope to see you around soon.

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163rd Air Refueling Wing Boom Operators

Greetings from the “Grizzly Boomers,” here on the “Left Coast.” We have just returned from a month long deployment in France. Rest assured that the wine crop in that region is abundant and most importantly, freedom was preserved. We are very busy preparing for future deployments and our daily missions. Since our last Boom Signal report, there have been many changes among the 196 ARS boom cadre, so here it goes!

CMSGT Norm “Silver Fox” Perry: The legend has left the building!” Chief retired in February 2004 and is doing very well. He is catching up on some of his construction projects and plays an occasional game of golf. His retirement party was a huge success and was enjoyed by many of his friends, family and flyers. Well Done, Chief!

CMSGT Bruce “Riddler” Garcia: Bruce is our new Chief Boom. He has worn Norm’s boots very well since taking command. Congratulations Chief!
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SMSGT John “Waldo” Walund: John is working in our Stan-Eval section. He is busy giving with “No-Notice” inspections in preparation for the ASEV in January 2005. He has a boat that didn’t get much use this summer, but he’ll be preparing it over the winter for next year.
John.Walund@camarc.ang.af.mil

SMSGT James “Jimbo” Blucher: Jim is the NCOIC of Current Ops. A while back Jim sold his classic Chevy El Camino to a guy who sent the car to Australia. Wonder if it was converted to right-hand drive?
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SMSGT David “ChiP” Navarro: Dave was recently promoted to SMSGT. In addition, he has earned the rank of Captain in the California Highway Patrol. Following in his father’s footsteps is Dave’s son, who is a new CHP Patrolman in Los Angeles. Way to go, Dave!
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MSGT Keith “Lineman” LeQuire: Keith is busy in our scheduling office. He and his wife Lisa put on a great 4th of July party at “Club LeQuire” every year.
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MSGT Lisa “Hubby” LeQuire: Formally titled “El Principal.” Lisa has turned in her hall pass as a High School principal, and is now a very successful real estate agent.
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MSGT Julie “Jewels” Farmer: Julie wears many hats in our squadron. She works in Stan-Eval, training, publications, and serves as an instructor and boom evaluator. She is a professional equestrian rider and has won many competitions.
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MSGT Aaron “Bear” Scott: To explain what Aaron does for a living, I could tell you, but then I would have to kill you! Better ask him yourself.
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MSGT David “Kim” Bassinger: (AKA Happy Jack) Dave has retired. He is adjusting to retirement and a new career as a first-time Dad! (Son Charlie)

MSGT John “Little House” Haus: Since retiring from the Los Angeles Police Department, John has kept busy flying in the squadron. He is fan of drag racing and owns a vintage front-engine dragster.
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MSGT Gary "Duck" Howard: Since our last Boom Signal report, Gary has moved from scheduling to our training office. On the home front, he and his wife are the proud parents of twin girls.
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MSGT/SMSGT select Jamie "McFly" McMath: Jamie has retired from flying as a boom operator and has taken charge as the NCOIC of Combat Crew Communications. Congratulations Jamie!
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MSGT Justin "\$ammy" Ciasullo: Justin is our resident encyclopedia of boom system knowledge. If you need an answer to a question, be prepared for a lesson!
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MSGT Steve "Barstool" Barza: (AKA Choo-Choo) Steve continues to work as a locomotive engineer.
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TSGT Matt "Rosebud" Rose: Matt is our newest technician boom. He is assigned to Current Ops. Not only that, he is an expectant father! Congratulations to Matt and his wife Tamara!
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TSGT John "Cool Runnings" Bradbury: John is currently building an Italian sports car with a Corvette engine and an Audi transmission!?! . WHY? Well, he's from California, a true "Gear head."
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TSGT Mark "Whatever" Evers: Mark is an insurance claim adjuster. Wonder if he'll be in contact with Bradbury in the future?
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TSGT Allen "Gittin'jiggywittit" Gittins: Since our last report, Allen got married and is now working on a new nickname, "Choo-Choo 2 or Switch." You see, he's in school studying to be a line engineer for the railroad. Good luck in your new career!
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TSGT Michael Allen: The Grizzly's newest boom. He traded in his aircraft maintenance tools for a flight bag and suitcase. He is still working on a nickname.
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SSGT Chad "Spanky" Jones: Chad is in Combat Crew Communications, making sure we work the DTD's correctly. A new father and another on the way! A very busy boom operator!
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336 ARS
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Greetings from the RRATS! This has been a very busy 18 months for us. First, we were activated and sent to Masirah, Oman and then Moron, Spain. We then we came home to find out we were headed to Istres, France (tough duty) for a month. Now, we have topped it off by augmenting Grand Forks with a crew at Diego Garcia for the quarter. Other than that things are back to systems normal. So if you can stand the heat, smog, earthquakes, fires, floods, fruits and the nuts, come on out and drop by and see us. Our new crew lounge is always in fine form and the kegs are always full of refreshing malted beverages.

Here's our current roster of the men and women of the 336th:

CMSgt Bob Dunning, Air Reserve Technician, Program Manager
CMSgt Steve Hamer, Traditional Reservist, Pothole Engineer for San Bernardino County
SMSgt Curt Massey, ART, Stan-Eval
SMSgt Deborah McGuane, ART, Boom Scheduler
SMSgt Phil Stidham, ART, Training Flight NCOIC
SMSgt Ken Horner, ART, Pay Guru
SMSgt Maurice Walker, TR, California Highway Patrol Officer
MSgt Tina Jimenez-Skropos, TR, Event Coordinator for City of Ontario
MSgt Nicole Canada, TR, Boeing Aerospace
MSgt Brian Sammons, ART, Unit Deployment Manager
TSgt Robert "Beans" Baxter, TR, Pacific Bell Telephone Installer
TSgt John Irish, TR, Deputy Sheriff Riverside County
TSgt Brent Johnson, ART, Mission Development Scheduler
TSgt Yvonne Sell, TR, Trougher (Reserve Bum) Extrodinaire
SSgt Jennifer (Boshart) Meyers, TR, Horse Trainer and part time Trougher (Reserve Bum)
SSgt Robert Ramirez, TR, LA County Clerk
SSgt Rey Gumarang, TR, TALCE Boom Operator
SRA Robert Long, TR, Carpenter
A1C Amanda "Pippy" Osten, TR, College Student and most of time Trougher (Reserve Bum)

Attached:

SMSgt Frank DeJauregui, ART, 4th AF Boom Operator

Moved on to bigger and better things:

MSgt (1st Lt) Tony Wright
SSgt Kimberly Namnath

ROBERT DUNNING, CMSgt, USAFR
Air Refueling Program Manager

22 Air Refueling Wing McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas

“We Lead”

Greetings from the “Keeper’s of the Plains” at the mighty 22nd Air Refueling Wing! I got to tell you 2004 has been an incredible year for the booms here at McConnell. Like our brothers and sister’s around the globe we are experiencing a hellish operational tempo that keeps us deployed to the four corners of the world and extremely busy right here at our own airplane patch. Our second home in the desert keeps us busy with both white and dark world missions and provides real-world challenges for both young and old booms alike. At home, we have been challenged with the rigors of Block 40, MPRS, and Special Operations training along with getting our pool of new baby booms MQT training. I must admit we do it beautifully! The 22d has the honor and privilege of supporting everything from the somewhat mundane CORONET, NOBLE EAGLE and AEROMED missions to the unconventional and often hair raising missions supporting operations IRAQI FREEDOM and ENDURING FREEDOM. We look forward to the continued challenges of 2004 as well as what ever lies ahead in 2005.

On a sad note, for those of you who hadn’t heard, SSgt Todd Howard was killed in a motorcycle accident earlier this year. The booms lost not only a brother but a good friend. On September 14, 2004 the 349th booms dedicated a stone marker to SSgt Howard on McConnell’s Memorial Walk. His dedication and love for his craft will always be in the forefront of our memory of him.

If anyone is looking for a challenging mission and the camaraderie enjoyed by being a McConnell boom operator then put it on your dream sheet and come join the team. For you CCTS/CFIC instructors out in the flatlands of Oklahoma I sure could use your experience. As the “Master’s of the Art” I would relish the opportunity for you to pass your skills to my young instructors/booms alike. Think it over but also keep in mind the only thing I can promise you is a full weekly flying schedule, cats and dog TDY’s, and a couple deployments a year to the desert. But, you’ll experience the satisfaction of knowing when that fighter puke pulls up behind you with empty racks and bone dry tanks he’ll know he’s in good hands because of the 22 ARW painted on the rudddevators!

The next time you’re at McConnell make sure you stop in and say hey! There’s always a cold beer and a place to stay - we’ll leave the light on.

Todd Salzman, CMSgt, USAF
Operations Group Superintendent

Some people pay thousands of dollars to be with their heroes if only for a short time - all I do is put on my uniform and go to work.

McConnell AFB, KS 344 ARS

Greetings from the “Ravens” of the 344th ARS. We are coming off of another challenging year of leading the wing to the fight in the GWOT. Raven booms have been challenged and have risen to the occasion. Going on the third year of supporting Operation ENDURING FREEDOM and closing in on the second year of Operation IRAQI FREEDOM, the booms of the 344th have contributed to an “Excellent” 8044 ORI, supported numerous coronets, business efforts, START missions, world-wide AE missions, and Operation NOBLE EAGLE missions. During this period, we managed four wing level award winners, an AF level award semi-finalist, one new TSgt, and four brand new instructors. Stop in to see us. There’s always one or two of us here to buy you a beer at the “Raven’s Nest”.

Chief Boom

TSgt Mike “51%” Morris - For those of you that know me, I haven’t changed any...except I’m older, fatter, and according to the AF, what hair I have left is more than 51% grey. I still live to hunt and fish., and I can outfit the heck out of a turkey or duck hunt here. Fellow rednecks are always welcome.

Stan/Eval

SSgt Ro “The Body” Castro - In between winning Tuff Man contest while deployed, this guy single-handedly turned the Stan/Eval shop into a first class operation. He’s been the wing’s choice for all of the “high profile” TDYs....code for trips making over \$100 a day in per diem.

A Flight:

(T)Sgt Bobby “The Airman Hammer” Ryan - What can you say about a former crew chief other than maybe, “Did you wash that uniform this month?” Bobby’s been a road warrior here and an awesome flight super. He’s deployed for OEF/OIF a few times this year and just got back from CFIC. He also found time to make Tech.

SrA Rob Myers - A cross-trainee from the ATC field, Rob’s been around for about a year now. He just completed a double tour downrange. When he’s not across the pond racking up the combat hours, he hanging with his giant snake. I’d check it out, but I’m damn afraid of giant snakes.

SrA Meagan Kruenegal - (Formally Meagan Wolterstorff) Meagan’s been here for a little over a year now. Like the rest of us, she’s been on the road for most of the time. She got married a few months ago to Josh from Fairchild. Both are currently on their honey-moon downrange.

A1C Meagan “The Jayhawk” Hare - Meagan joined the AF to see the world, so we’re helping her out. Coming up a sheltered conservative Kansas girl, she was ready to travel. We’ve been able to consistently keep her on the road seeing all of the “garden spots”.

B Flight:

TSgt Tony “Tong” Digregorio - Tony came over from the AGE side, made Tech, deployed to OEF a few times (at Christmas), completed NCOA, ran a flight, and is now down at CFIC. He’s done a bang-up job motivating the young folks.

SrA Scott “Where’s My Clearance” Scurlock - Scott held the wing record for longest time without a clearance. That translates to long time not having to deploy. We happy to report that he’s got a clearance and retribution has begun. If you’re looking for Scott, he’ll be downrange for the next three straight years.

SrA Ben "Crazy Legs" Cobb - An all-star that may just make the 344th ARS Football Hall of Fame. He's helped to ensure that the O's go down in flames every year on Super Bowl Sunday. For those of you that remember the wild Ben, you better catch him on the road. He's married now, and there's a new boss at the Cobb house.

Training Flight:

SrA Jake "One Lung" Nagengast - If I can't find Jake around the squadron, he's either in the desert or at the smoke pit. Jake's done a fine job around the squadron. He's currently heading up a classified TRP that convenes hourly at the smoke pit. He even CAASS's out his smoke breaks.

SrA Casey "I've got a Secret" Darst-McCray - Casey's spent most of the last year in a brown flight suit. He's also spent some time rockin' and rollin' his way towards a Bachelor's degree. He's finishing up at CFIC and will make an awesome addition to our training flight. He did try get married and keep it a secret, so for all you booms that know Casey, he's married!

Flight Scheduling:

SSgt Ivan "I don't have a Barbi car anymore" Rasmussen - Ivan recently silenced the masses by trading in the Barbi mini SUV for something a little more masculine. For you old Ravens, it's gone. He's also CATT trained, a new IBO, and has orders to Mildenhall.

New Guys:

A1C Eric Vasquez - Just got here from Mildenhall. He's MQTing right now, so we're waiting to get the "dirt" on him. Expect further words in the next signal.

A1C Brandon "The All American" Holaday - This guy just drips "nice guy". In-between helping little old ladies cross the street, he's working on becoming MR training. Brandon's going to be a great addition to the boom force.

A1C Jonathon Barker - I can't think of a name for this guy yet, because I think I only saw him twice. This might be the first boom that we R&C'd in a brown flight suit.

A1C Marc Grossman - Marc's been here for a few months and has yet to screw anything up. We're patiently waiting for him to come up a nick-name.

Departing Ravens:

SrA Jason Wesche - After more than three years and Lord knows how many deployments, Jason's heading across the street to join the reserves. We won't have to worry about missing him. He's married with a young daughter. Look him up at the 931st ARG.

SrA Rob Faurot - Rob's getting out to go to school. He'll be down at FSU helping Coach Bowden recruit a kicker.

Home of the BANDIT'S
349th Air Refueling Squadron
McConnell AFB, Kansas

Greeting from the 349th ARS, Home of the *BANDITS*, the following is a current breakdown of the Booms in the Squadron here. The land of OZ is home for us here, though with the demands of deployments most Booms aren't here long enough to enjoy the FLATLANDS of Kansas.

The Line up:

MSgt Tony (Sultan) Panganiban, IFRPM & 1st SGT - Yes the Sultan is back from an all expense paid tour to Kadena AB, Japan. Currently the Sultan is playing in the sandbox but will be back to relieve us here soon.

TSgt Jay (Hawaiian D) Stiles, Asst IFRPM - Hawaiian D is another transplant from the land of Kadena AB, Japan, and just getting adjusted to the land of OZ. Awaiting his opportunity for travel to the far of lands of the desert. See you all there soon.

SSgt Scott Teague, Stan Eval - Scott is our local black hatter here in the squadron always wondering why no one wants to fly with him as the instructor.

A-Fit

TSgt Gary Evans, A-Fit Sup - Gary is a newly cross-trainee we will be using him well.

A1C Geoffrey (Little Geffer) Richardson - The Little Geffer has been jumping into everything, always wanting to deploy and see exotic places. For some reason the desert looks the same every time.

A1C Thomas (Watermelon) Wicks - Another of our booms that has gotten several trips knocked out. Has learned all there is to know about START missions.

A1C Tamra (The Gambler) Tacklind - Texas Hold'em anyone....watch out for the straights and flushes.

A1C Morgan Clover - Another or our baby booms that is finishing up MQT. Clover will be getting a lanyard for his checklist soon.

A1C Jacob Jewell - Our local go to boom, volunteers for everything then wonders why he just so busy and no time to himself. Also working on being MQT'd, baby boomer.

B-Fit

SSgt Mark McCowan - Mark, a former maintenance dude, saw the light...cross trained to the greatest job in the military and now is finding out how much work it really is!

(T)SSgt Thomas (TJ...Cowboy) Sinclair - Cowboy a former KC-10 boom coming back to the world of the 135's.

SrA Sarah Buechler - Sarah is on her first deployment, all the sun and sands just no water, life not so much a beach now.

SrA Cleigh Robbins - Deployment "KING" gone for 220 days last yeargoals for this next year.....the skies the limit.

A1C Aaron Austin - Extremely witty.....the clown of the squadron.....will make anyone laugh.

A1C Robert Poe - Just finishing up Altus at this posting more on Poe later.

A1C Jeremiah Ibarra - Just got to Altus at this posting more to follow later.

C-Flt

SSgt Matthew Calisi - Matt is our local homesteader here, currently has the most time on station or for that matter time in Kansas than all the booms.

SrA Gregory (Big Red) Brashier - Extremely quiet.....found a blow up doll in the desert....current usage a floatation device.

SrA Ryan (K-9) Korhuniak - K-9 is our new meat instructor and we can't wait to utilize him. All baby booms better stay in the books because here come's K-9.

SrA Jessie (Charlie) Stament - one of the quietest booms.....except while playing on his Playstation 2.

A1C Rusty (DNIF Child) McAbee - Every base has one, ours is Rusty he is no longer allowed to take part in any sports. DNIF Child is always ending up at the bottom of a pile up and getting hurt.

A1C Daniel Hageman - Dan is finishing up MQT, one of the newest baby boom additions to the squadron.

A1C William Parker - Just finishing up Altus at this posting more on Parker later.

McConnell AFB, KS 350 ARS Falcons Rock!

Greetings Boom Nation, from the Booms of the 350 ARS. It has been a journey to get through this very busy year. Just like everyone else, we see no end in sight. Its been a challenge getting our new talent Block 40, MPRS and special mission qualified, but it looks like we are finally close to completion. Our unit's mission is quite unique here and helps breaks the repetitiveness of the standard desert rotations. Having a diverse selection of KC-135 aircraft makes it a pleasure to be a part of this unit's mission profile. If you have any instructors that want to be a part of a tightly knit program, we will be glad to have you come aboard and join our 350 ARS Boom Team. Our Squadron Boom motto is "a unified Purpose" and that "per diem buys a Harley"

Chief Boom:

MSgt Jose "Hozer" Martinez Holy cow Batman went to sleep in a Lexus and woke up in Pinto...back to the real world. It's time to earn that money. "A Unified Purpose".

Chief, Stan Evil:

(T)Sgt Liv "Mama Boom" Hoornstra : Besides working in Stan Eval, the acting Chief Boom and making TSgt she's taking up kick boxing on the side so she can put a boot in the less motivated booms. She held the 350th program together, keeping the booms on track. Good on ya Liv!!!

Stan Evil:

SSgt Jay Gouldjord : A side from wearing a permanent desert bag he's an expert in head butting fellow booms during combat basketball in the sand. (I hear Carino lived).

Mobility

SrA Shannon Bearfield : Loves being a boom so much she's getting out in 10 months!

A Flight:

SSgt Sherwin "Dial Tone" Carino: Survived Altus CFIC to be taken out by Guldjord in a combat basketball game. He's got orders to the TALCE at Travis. Hey TALCE Folk, be gentle on him. "Rigid flexibility".....hoo yah!!

SrA Brandon Gerek He was home for what seem like 3 whole days this year. He hope's he remembers English is first language.

SrA Rory "Rooster" Wilcox: Straightened out that Mobility Shop after the officers fixed it, ha ha. He's kickin-it in his new chicken truck and on his way back to sand land.

A1C Cliff "Red" Leclerc: Working as a sq exec and now understands the pain of a pre-flight in 120 degree heat. You ask and you receive.

A1C Ryan "camouflage" Clauss : I were there...where was we...waiting on a clearance and grammatical skills.

A1C Marcus Mayfield: Go War Eagles or is it Roll Tide? Just kidding. He's one of our college grads, and just finished MQT with a security Clearance! We are sooo happy. That makes 1 new boom with a clearance.

B Flight:

SSgt Paul "P-Phat" Findley: Sitting in as asst. Chief Boom, setting up the new 350 ARS boom pod and waiting for CFIC he also is awaiting his fate on the FE list of DOOM, claims he will not throw himself down a flight of stairs if chosen.

SrA Heath "it's not a Tuma" Tuma: Mobility Guru... Going to CFIC and then on to Moldy-Hole, maybe they will get some benefit from his instructor training that we didn't. (We are not bitter).

SrA Andrea Otto : working in scheduling as soon as she became the sq expert! Again, Moldy -Hole will get the benefit of our loss. That would be the loss of an Ice shield...we know it wasn't your fault?

A1C Brian " Mr. GO" Conforti: His car (a Porsche) cost more than all the cars in the dorm parking lot combined. That tax free really pays off. Who says being a boom doesn't pay? He's working in scheduling and looking for OTS.

A1C Jame "Cajun" Rabb: Two days on station and already has a fleet of girls following him around. I think is that Cajun talk?

A1C Thomas "it wasn't me" Stanley: Has overcome many adversities to jump over even more and he keeps going and going and going..... he's doing awesome now.

C Flight:

SSgt Bobby Honea: # 56 on the FE list and #1 in our Sq, pool that is, who will be flying low level in a C-130 this time next year.

SrA Sam Daniel: Our resident South Park trivia guru keeping us laughing and our minds off the long deployments looking for CFIC in his near future.

SrA Chris Chavez: Still in Honor Guard and holding up the scheduling office. She is a true professional and we need more like her.

SrA Allan " Send me TDY" Frankosky : Never see him. Living, breathing TDY junky, please Boom daddies send more like him.

A1C Jordan "Boy Band" Dosch: Pimp Daddy in the flesh. He's working in the exec office still awaiting his clearance.

384TH "SQUAREPATCHERS" McCONNELL AFB KANSAS

Greeting from the 384TH Squarepatchers, McConnell AFB, Kansas home of Dorothy and her little Dog. 2003 was a banner year for the Squadron with the announcement that we won the 2003 Spaatz Trophy for best ARS in the Air Force. Most of the Squadron has spent more time in the Desert than here, we joke we are TDY to McConnell and based in Al Dahfra.

The Line up:

MSgt Troy "JAG" Doane (IFR Program Manager/First Sergeant): One of those "schoolhouse" guys always wanting us to use our checklist and follow it. What a concept.

TSgt Jeff "Altus wasn't so bad" Bishop (Asst IFR Program Manager): Another "schoolhouse" guy, his head is spinning after deploying for the first time in four years. Great addition to the squadron, using his CFIC Instructor skills a lot.

SSgt Ralph "Hoffbrau" Hoffmann (Stan/Eval): Wonders why all the airmen run when they see him coming, can you say "no-notice". Has orders to Altus, will be missed but will be a good addition to the school house.

A-Fit

Larry (FE) Pfeil (A Flight Super): Most airmen don't know him as he is pulling a four month stint in the CAOC. Saw his name on the FE list and figured if he volunteered he could get a Gulfstream (can you say 130?).

A1C Jeff "Salute" Moore One deployment under his belt and he is a combat veteran, good guy soon to be TDY again. Squadron expert in customs and courtesies.

SrA Jonathon "Stealth Boom" Stevens Actually one of the experienced, if there is such a thing, airmen in the squadron.

A1C Danielle "Jetta" Hughes By the time you read this she should be MQT and on the way to the sandbox, wishing she could cross train to vehicle repair for her personal car.

AB Richard "Shut up" Olson Just walked into the squadron soon to be in MQT.

B-Fit

SSgt Stephen "Pallet" Rau (B Flight Super): Just got back from the fun and games of CFIC, now that the two troublemakers are gone he is looking for something to do. Great guy even if he is a former ATOC pallet pusher.

SrA Bill "Top Secret" Baker He is the only boom that can spell so they put him in the exec shop, we are trying to spring him so he can be a "real" boom operator. Great guy and boom.

A1C Everett "Squeal" Marshall The resident speed demon, ask him about burnouts in a GOV. Always in the desert.

A1C Phillip "Redneck" Costine Drives the squadron's monster truck, great guy always working and flying.

C-Flt

TSgt Mike "That's Bunk" Ulmer (C Flight Super) Loves surprises especially when he pulls them on the squadron (ask to see his wedding pics). Off to the land of the "big utensil" (Grand Forks). No he will really want to go TDY.

SrA Shonna "Cover Girl" Golbek Our squadron superstar, newest instructor and SSgt select. Always at work and the go-to boom in the squadron.

SrA Michael "Pretty Boy" Stahl In the desert so much you would think he is Arabic, made SrA BTZ so he must be doing something right. One of the true workhorses of the squadron.

A1C Kenny "Mr Magoo" Stewart After having to go to Brooks so they could figure out he can really see he is back on flying status. You would not know it from the clothes he wears, all in all a great boom and good guy.

A1C JP "Frenchie" Castech Just got MQT and is ready to go to the big sandbox.

SrA Josh "The male Version" Kruenegel Just got here from Fairchild and he is back in the desert, ask him about his wife's car.

22ND OPERATIONS GROUP (OGV) MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

OGV

TSgt Chris Rieger - Chris is the Chief's right hand man. He's got all the good jobs, stan/eval dude, pubs dude, cargo dude, and just plain...dude.

OSS Scheduling

MSgt Dave Cox -- Dave arrived from Mildenhall and couldn't wash off the wing scheduling stink. Figured scheduling 4 squadrons worth of RT, MPRS, SOAR, Blk40, START, AE, etc...missions would be as easy as one.

TSgt Glenn "Stally" Stallard -- His experience as a USAFE/AMOCC scheduler came in handy as a wing scheduler as well. He has also just returned from a 120 day CAOC tour.

OGT

TSgt Justin Johansen - Justin put on TSgt this year and then took over as the big daddy boom in charge of training.

SSgt Eddie Johnson -- Pulled up to OGT to run the wing cargo loading training. Outstanding boom and winner of wing NCO of Qtr.

SSgt Chris King -- Chris has been doing a great job in OGT as well and silently awaiting his fate on the flight engineer list.

OGX

TSgt Dan Whetzel -- Dan came to us after two lovely tours in the TALCE. Put to work in the wing plans office helping us prepare for the ORE.

OGS

SSgt Mike McIntosh - Brian works over in the "dark world" and while I would love to tell you what he does he would have to kill me if I did.

MCGHEE TYSON AB, TN
151 ARS
Home of the Tennessee Volunteers

Hello from the 151 ARS/134 ARW located at McGhee Tyson AB Knoxville, TN nestled in the foothills of the beautiful Smokey Mountains. We have been a busy group of Volunteers as of late. We have been deployed to Guam, France, Germany and along side of Pittsburg and Topeka took Saddam on face to face from....Mildenhall. We have recently recovered from a serious attrition cycle and have a lot of new faces in the squadron. It is an exciting time in Tennessee with all of the FNGs, the never-ending deployments, and of course rumors of things to come. I heard that we are getting 747-400 refuelers here at McGhee Tyson. OK I made that up but wait and see if it doesn't make it's way back to me before the week is out. In all seriousness we pray that God has blessed you all, fly safe, and we will see you on the road.

And the nominees for the 2004 Boom Signal are:

MSgt. Mark Allen: Mark is still with us for a few more years. We think Mark was trying to tell us something a couple of years ago when he left his civilian job of 15 years to take on the duties of a technician...He moved on after only a month.

MSgt. Wayne Atkins: We can write whatever we like about Wayne because he can't stay awake long enough to read this. Wayne is still married with two little ones and has taken on the position of slum lord buying up cabins in these here hills.

MSgt. Mike Buckner: Buckner has moved from current ops to training and only curses once every five words now. Kelly still keeps him around but we're not sure why...she's way out of his league.

SMSgt Todd Derrick: After a wonderful 20 year career Todd decided to hang up his helmet and call it quits. Instead he went to instructor school and is dug in with that Senior stripe.

MSgt Ronnie Dixon: Ronnie is still in scheduling but he will be going to current ops soon. With Ronnie's scamming abilities we should soon have a schedule full of air shows and be staying in 5-star hotels.

SMSgt Jeff Dyer: Jeff is still playing the role of the sheriff in Stan/Evil. Jeff had a brief hospital visit a couple of months ago when his new horse threw him. He has a new girlfriend too, but we all acted like we believed him when he said it was the horse.

SSgt Eric Jones: Eric came to us from the cop shop a couple of years ago. He's very busy in his civilian job and working on his Master's right now so we don't see him much. Eric if you are reading this, can you fly next Thursday?

MSgt Randy Keener: Randy is still living the life of a young 46-year old technician bachelor...and is still complaining about it.

MSgt Nancy Martinek: Nancy is working with Jeff in Stan/Evil. Her family has grown by one with the addition of a beautiful little girl named Kira.

TSgt Richard Alan Potts: Richard Alan came to us from active duty, but he's a local boy. He was a Boom on active duty, at the Forks with aspirations of becoming a fighter jock but instead left the Air Force to become a Navy Seal. After blowing his 30-year old knees out he did his four years then came back to TN to be a Boom again. Oh yeah, we don't let Richard Alan watch movies any more.

CMSgt Jim Quagliana: The Chief has another 10 years to go. We don't know why he won't go hunting with us. Evidently this group of nimrods has been pretty rough on him. Shortly after becoming Program Manager, all of his hair turned white.

TSgt Jason Reed: Jason will soon be leaving his lucrative job as a guard bum Boom to become a guard bum Pilot. We are sure he will do well at UPT as long as he can keep his mouth shut for 6 weeks in AMS.

TSgt Bo Rogers: Bo is still serving the community as a fireman and EMT. He just got back from a 90-day tour in Tyndall. This guy learned how to work the system quick.

SSgt Bryan Rollins: Bryan is our FNG. We call him Mr. Peabody. His paperwork looks like a second grader did it but at least his boom control sucks.

MSgt Steve Sampson: Steve is still a scheduling technician. He spends more time in the air than in the office. Steve, if you're reading this, we miss you.

TSgt Brent Seymour: Brent is also serving the community as a fireman and an EMT. Brent's wife is knocked up again. He will have his own basketball team soon.

SMSgt Bo Sunderland: Bo is in Current Ops now and just bought himself a motorcycle so we're hoping that a Senior stripe will be open soon. Sorry Bo.

MSgt Brian Thomas: Since I am writing this, I will take it easy on myself. I am moving from pubs to scheduling soon...Thank God. My wife finished Anesthesia School this year so if you've got any cool toys call me 'cause I'm in the market.

MSgt Lennie Tipton: So much material...so little paper. Lennie and his family are doing well and he hasn't broken anything in over a week but we're not holding our breath.

DEMOTED TO PILOT

Lt Col Kelvin Kuwik: Kelvin went thru Castle in 1976 at the tender age of 17, and was commissioned in 1982. He is currently a full time AGR and heads up the Stan-Eval office for the 134th.

Capt Jeremy Taylor: Jeremy came to the boom shop from the flightline. He was commissioned in 1997 and is currently employed as a technician pilot in scheduling. He has 3 children and is still married to his lovely wife Rhonda.

Capt Hiram Williamson: Hiram also came to the boom shop from the flightline. He received his commission in 1999 and is a traditional co-pilot with us. In his full time job, he writes CBT programs for university studies. (I think)

1Lt Chad Cheatwood: Chad came to the boom section from a tenant unit, and was commissioned in 2001. He has been with us as a traditional co-pilot, but has now transferred to the Charleston C-17 reserve squadron. So all you boomers out there...stick it to old Chad if he pulls up behind you wanting gas.

MOVED ON

TSgt Dennis Greenwood: Dennis has gone back to active duty and is now an Engineer on AWACS at Tinker.

MSgt Greg Waters and TSgt Rocky Rollins: Greg Waters and Rocky Rollins both flew the coop to take full time jobs with the new tanker unit at Andrews.

RECENTLY RETIRED

CMSgt Joel Lewis: Chief Joel is retired now and still working in Oak Ridge. Joel had been a Boom for so long that they actually had to fuse some of the vertebrae in his neck together, but that didn't stop Joel, he flew for another 4 years. Hey Joel, what was the KB-29 like?

MSgt Karen Jansen: Karen Jansen aka. Karen Bryson is still around. She has taken on a supervisor position at the post office as well as a new husband and step monsters with the spare time she has now. We wish Karen the best and hope she doesn't go postal on the kids.

RETIRED IN THE LOCAL AREA

Wes Beaver, Jerry Roberts, Robert Hampton, John Miller, Jimmy "Flash" Harris, Ronald McKinnon, Robert Brown, Marty Everett, D.W. Harris, Ted Wright, Ben Long, John Sumpter, Clinton Haley, Bill Witt, Ed Hatton, Ralph Chambers, Chester Harper, Durell Howard, Lloyed Costner, Dean Gambill, Denny Buchanan.

All active members can be reached at firstname.lastname@tnknox.ang.af.mil

78th ARS McGuire AFB, NJ

Hello to all our fellow booms worldwide. First I would like to thank the IFR and Travis Boom Associations for a tremendous 25th Anniversary get together at Castle in April. It was a good time had by all.

We are finally fully manned, but always have an ear for someone interested in becoming a boom and moving to McGuire. I'm sure we are no different than any other squadron our ops tempo is still very high. The past three years have been extraordinarily rewarding, we stood up Doha, manned and managed BASS ops in Al Dhafra from Oct 2001-Aug 2002, activated in 2003, currently in the desert while providing half the TTF crews here at home.

If you are on a trip that is coming through Mcgoo please make it a point to come by to say hello and have a cold one.

The Art Force

CMSgt. Joel Montgomery: Joel is still at the helm of the Boom section and doing a great job keeping tabs on our young folks.

SMSgt. Dan Ciabrone: Yes, Dan is in charge of Boom training. Life is good now that the AD is training our initial qualification personnel. He is still trying to spend his life the road.

SMSgt. Donna (General) Dobbins: Though not new to the ART business she is our newest member to the 78th art force. Donna left Ops Group CCTS to become the 78th Boom scheduler.

MSgt. Tony (The Hammer) Pierce: The addition of SMSgt Dobbins afforded Tony the opportunity to become our Squadron Stan/Eval representative. Tony is also the alternate Group Stan/Eval Boom Operator.

The Reservists

MSgt. Al Alonso: Yes he is still with us. This probably the most stable thing he is doing. Nobody knows where he is working now, nor does he.

SMSgt. Anthony "BART" Bartolomeo: Promoted to E8 and retired shortly thereafter from Ma Bell/Verizon. Tony is "A" flight chief and is doing a great job mentoring our young troops. He is currently supplementing his retirement supporting the Air Force Reserve (semi-bum).

SSgt. Chris "The Stealth Boom" Baez: Chris does a great job for us. He stays real busy with school, internship, girl friends, work and the Reserve. We call him "stealth" because nobody ever sees him, but he always seems to stay current and qualified.

SrA Tim "Marsha" Brady: One of our newer booms, coming to us from the USMC aviation ordnance specialist. Tim is quickly becoming an expert in keg operations; if anyone needs help with keg maintenance please give Tim a call.

TSgt. Jim "The Angry Troll" Carden: Another boom that migrated from the 76th. Jim is currently augmenting the Security Forces and himself by guarding the gates on base.

MSgt. P.W. Carter: P.W. recently moved to Mountain Home, Idaho. We don't know exactly what his new job is, but we believe he is working for Homeland Security in charge of keeping potato supply safe.

TSgt. Anthony "Taco" Cleaver: Yes he is still a tech, but rumor has it that he is enrolled in the NCO Academy by correspondence. He is working diligently with Gemini Air Cargo.

SSgt. Leland Fast: Came to from Little Rock, former C130 load. Bought a big rig and is always on the road trucking around the country.

MSgt. Joe “Sgt. Rock” Fenick: He is now one of our elite instructors. Comes in early for each flight to work out, still thinks he is in the “Corp”.

TSgt. John Frankel: Still a computer geek, but now one with a computer job. John has had no problem becoming a traditional Reservist.

TSgt. Roswell Friend: Roswell has been very active with us over the past year. Being employed by the Post Office, we think he is fighting the war on terror to avoid the dangerous world of the post office.

MSgt. Henry Grill: Henry is one of our finest reservists. Does an excellent job as “C” flight Chief. He is still trying to get SEPTA to buy him a new train.

SrA. Angel Gomez: Angel is coming up on 5 years service and may make SSgt one day if he ever completes ALS. Angel juggles his schedule with working on his car, trying to finish college, run women, work on ALS and fly.

MSgt. Victor “Chi-Chi” Guzman: One of our busiest instructors and one of our best. Just keep him away from those fu-fu umbrella drinks.

TSgt. Marty Johnson: Marty lives in TX and does a great job staying current and keeping his family, and employer happy. Driving a truck for FedEx keeps him very busy.

A1C Jo Ann Lidel: Jo Ann almost became mission ready when she was diagnosed with a hip problem. She is currently (Oct 04) a Duke University Hospital recovering from surgery. We hope she will be alright and flying in no time.

SSgt. Joe “The Governor” McGann: Joe finally got to go the desert, liked it so much he may relocate. The Gov remark has nothing to do with our Governor.

TSgt. Ted Morales: Waiting for another squadron activation, the money’s not bad plus Bulgaria had a Tiki bar.

TSgt. Shawn Moran: Shawn is our squadron ORM advisor with aspirations to go to pilot training.

SRA Jessica “I will fly anything” Osmer: A newby doing great and on her first desert tour (Oct 04).

SMSgt. Steve Reeff: No such thing as retirement. Steve is still juggling TACC and the reserves.

SrA Jazzreal Richardson: Jazz came to us from the Communications career field in Mar 04. Finally got him a BBOC class and he’ll be shipped to Altus on 19 Oct. We expect Jazz to be an asset to our program.

SrA Rob Rodriguez: Rob was newly qualified last year just in time to be activated. He is a NY city policeman and performs with us as often as he can. If you see Rob, ask him why he pulled a long BRAVO tour during the Republican convention. Could be it was safer at McGuire than to fight the whacko in NY city.

SrA. Kingsley Rose: Came to us from aerial port and is doing well.

TSgt. Andy “The Boom from the North” Sylvain: Andy always makes himself available when the s... hits the fan. He is highly qualified and is scheduled to attend Instructor school in January.

Amn Rick Taylor: Rick is currently in Phase II training. He does a bang up job, when he is awake. Yes he is related to SMSgt Rick Taylor on the active side of the house. We figured he would be a good boom since he is a “Legacy”.

SrA Alicia Trudeau: Just completed Altus and starts her Boeing KC-10 training on 14 Oct. Alicia already has her degree and we anticipate her wanting to be pilot in the near future. We will wait until she gets halfway into her flying training before we give her a nickname.

SrA Matt Yockey: Matt came to us all ready to go (batteries included) from the 32nd ARS. Welcome aboard.

Departures

MSgt. Glen Kotch: Retired

MSgt Jeff Heiby: Semi-retired/Decided to become a golf pro in Myrtle Beach, SC

TSgt Mark Kijewski: Non-Active Reserve Service

TSgt. Sigrid "Re" Roche: Medical

SSgt Paul Fennel: Recruiting Service

TSgt Lonnie Lisser: Group Career Advisor

New Arrivals

SSgt Robert Pavlovec: Robert is a former Marine, which gives us 4. Hope we don't have too many jar heads on station.

McGuire AFB NJ
141st ARS
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Greetings from the 141st ARS Boom Operators. It has been a busy year for us as it has I'm sure for all of you. We have a lot of new folks in school to replace all of us old people that are getting out. The first of the old guys leaving goes in November. Here is the latest line up and a little about them.

Steve "The Grump" Gonzalez - No longer a grump because he is the next one to retire. Loves to surf fish and hunt. Soon he will have more time to do both. We all wish him the best tight lines and all that jazz.

Ken "Dutch" Schultz - Ken's next. Another one getting ready to go. Trying to buy the Ponderosa down in Virginia so he can show all those folks how things should really be. Already has his campermobile and is ready to travel.

Paul "Joker" Matlack - Yep he is still here. Paul won't leave until we have to wheel him out. Spends a lot of time on business efforts for Dyess, probably because we fly out of Kelly and usually stay on the River Walk. Has a boat that I think actually touched the water this year, but never left the dock.

Gemini "GB" Bey - Spends more time with us than he does at his civilian job. I guess if I was a corrections officer I would too. Just got back from a 29 day Pacific tour. Got to deal with the Seals (Navy type Seals). Sounded like a lot of fun.

Ed "Fast Eddy" Montalvo - Has one of those real fast boats that suck up about 5 bucks worth of gas per minute at full throttle. Fixes boats that other people break. Works in Scheduling and fly's quite often.

John Holland - Head Mahuff at the Nutley NJ PD. Just got promoted, elected, selected, whatever into the job this spring. Took a 19-day tour of Europe but not with us. Actually went on vacation. Had to fly somewhere and pay for it... Bummer...

Samantha "Sam" Gerofsky - At Boom School now. Used to be a Med Tech. More on Sam next year when we have more info on her.

Tom Miller - Verizon guy. Night flyer. Always has something interesting to say. IFE Magnet well versed on EP's.

Dave Falkowski - Landscaper Supreme. Somehow manages to keep current and run his business.

Angie Chantre - Do not lend this woman an ATV. Ended up in a tree at the Tiger meet in Germany. When she isn't flying she helps out in our command post.

James "JR" Feigenbutz - Just back from school. Wants to be a Fireman. More next year no stories yet.

Mike Martin - At school with Sam. More on him next year too.

John "PSI" Connors - Still our resident computer person. Keeps all our stuff runnin as smooth as the communications folks will let him. He is also our go to mobility guy.

Carl "Jughead" Heinert - According to the stories I got he was given this nickname in AGE when he worked over there. Full time boom part time airconditioning person. Works in current ops and does a commendable job. Trying to train JR to be all he can be.

Jim "Swimmy" Simmons - Never seen him near the water so I don't know how he got the nickname. He has a new job, something to do with money. Every time he goes to take a test they tell him to clean out his desk cause if he doesn't pass he isn't comin back. Just what I need a low pressure job.

Marilia Rodriguez - Quiet, flys a lot and does and outstanding job. Helps us out with short notice trips. Actually ran out of paydays for the year in July. You Air Force guys wouldn't understand that but in the Guard it can happen.

Gary Sills - At school with Sam and Mike. More next year.

Joe "Lambchop" LaMantia. Small a capital M. The guy to go to for anything. Pyrotechnics to ceiling fans. If there is a way to get something done Chop will figure out how to do it.

Nick Bulko - Kind of quiet. Never hear or see much but every once in awhile you know he's around. On a short AGR tour for now.

Kevin Stoddard - New arrival out of the USAF for a year and came to us. Used to be at McDill settled in Texas. He's a bundle of energy. I get tired just watching him do something so I stay away from him. Is already a big help here.

Robert Louis Butler III - New guy back from school. Wanted his entire name on his name tag but Marden said the extra thread would cost too much and the name tag would have to end under his left armpit. I guarnteed him that if he had gotten one with all that on it his next one for sure would just say "Bob". Nickname may be "My Heart". He said that after a very close encouter that resulted in a real b-way. His first by the way.

Jim Monaco - Waiting to retire seems like I've been waiting forever. Well I guess I have. I have been lucky enough to have this great bunch of Boom Operators who keep me out of trouble. Lots of new folks in school to replace all the old guys leaving in the next year or so including me.

Our Retired in the Area

Rich "Dog Balls" Emley - Rich is enjoying life fishing, gardening , golfing, and fighting with the neighbors. We really miss him and all his awards and decs. He has more than Audie Murphy. Nobody knows what he did to get them but who cares. He never saw a ribbon he didn't like so he bought them all.

Stevee "Stinky" DeSanto - small e capital S. Steve is still the postman who never rings at all. Last sighting he was running over garbage cans with his pretty postal truck. Has dirt on everyone in town and not afraid to use it. Enjoys fishing, E-Bay, and collecting things. Doesn't matter what they are.

That's it for this year. Hope to see some of you on the Road.

Jim Monaco
141st ARS

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CMSgt. Marvin Nichols: Marv keeps very busy around the squadron doing his usual multi-tasking. He submits our pay (yeah!!) and recommends awards and decorations for those that deserve such things.

SMSgt. Glenn "Hoot" Houthuysen: Your humble writer. I recently became a teacher in the public school system and am working on my master's degree. I also just got off of dnif due to a detached retina that occurred during Operation Iraqi Freedom. Some people will do anything to stay away from the family.

SMSgt. Robert "Stem" Edelschein: Rob also is a school teacher and also is our resident night flyer part timer evaluator. He too is working on his master's degree and will be complete next year.

MSgt. George B. Grand: George is now in current ops after a move from training. He sells stereo equipment on the side and always has a good deal. Set up charges are extra (usually a pack or two of filterless Camels)

MSgt. Raymond "Otto" Petersen: Our new instructor who recently got back from terrorizing Oklahoma. He has an internal gps to the go-go bars. Otto is putting a new addition on his house and he is doing all of the plumbing. Lastly, he manages to get at least 90 days of military leave from his job each year which certainly endears him to his employer.

MSgt. Frank "Don't Call Me Francis" McCarthy: Frank works for the state and is their resident computer guy. He can also build you a state of the art home computer if you have a need. Definitely knows his technical stuff.

MSgt. Darrell "D-Man" Dellesite: Darrell is one of our boom schedulers. He is also a tactics guy and knows the difference between a MIG and F-16. He is working on his college and hopefully will be done soon.

MSgt. Jose "Hose B" Rodriguez: Jose is another state worker and knows how to work the system. He, along with Frank and Otto, manage to get those 90 days away from work and family. How do they do it? We are happy to report that Jose's accent is getting better.

MSgt. Michael "Sly" Sylvester: Mike is our boom in training. If you need some kind of training, you had better get it or else! Mike is a newlywed after marrying out of the squadron. He married the former Lisa Ameigh from the 141 ARS, our sister squadron.

MSgt. Kauriee "Cooter" Wood: Kauriee is now dnif and has been for well over a year now. She has a stained glass business and is very talented in that endeavor. She lives out-of-state (Delaware) but we still love her anyway. Kauriee just got her bachelor's degree in May.

TSgt. Marlon Chantre: Marlon resigned his technician job and became a professional student and part time boom. He is now done with his education (bachelor's degree) and we see him at the base on a fairly regular basis. Marlon was hired on for a Bravo alert line so we keep him busy doing pubs changes.

TSgt. Marshall Rice: I have met the guy but don't know too much about him.

TSgt. Stephen "Freebird" Falker: Steve is another boom scheduler which probably explains how he gets all of the good deals (only kidding Steve). He is still a bachelor and enjoys it like that.

SSgt. Anthony "Seaside" Niwore: Tony is also working at finishing his bachelor's degree. We see him at drill and on a occasional flight.

SSgt. Patrick "Toronto" Ogle: Pat is employed on the outside as a private pilot and does this for fun. Don't know why though.

SSgt. Miguel Badillo: Miguel came to us from the Army and is happy to be aboard. He is at Altus now.

SSgt. Marcie Montalvo: Marcie is married to a boom in the 141st ARS so I guess that is how she heard of us. Marcie is a cop on the outside and worked in our Intel shop prior to crosstraining. She too is at Altus and is doing well.

SSgt. Heather "Sheetrock" Schoenrock: Heather is a cross trainer also coming to us from supply. We were hoping that she would come bearing gifts but it didn't happen. Heather has been back from Altus for a few months and is all checked out. She landed a cozy state job with that 90 day military leave policy. Nice going!

SSgt. Jason Roskam: New guy with us and don't know too much about him. I assume that he crosstrained due to the rank.

Sra. Gregory "M-9" White: Greg is a college student and is taking five classes this semester. Don't know how he does it but he manages to get all passing grades. Greg is working temporarily in scheduling. He occasionally helps when he isn't trying to get parts for his Mustang.

Sra. Frank "Yoplait" Nucera: Frank is in Altus now and we will see him in several months. He is excited about being a boom but we don't know why.

Closing comments: Since our last participation/update of the Boom Signal, Jim Amrich, Jamie Eckert and Tony Procopio have left the squadron for bigger and better things in life. Larry "The Crusher" Hoffman is now a professional co-pilot for our organization.

October 2004

SUBJECT: Boom Signal Inputs

Greetings all, time for a quick update for everyone on the happenings here at McGuire AFB, NJ.

Pete Seeger wrote a song in the early 1960's, recorded by The Byrds. It was adapted from the book of Ecclesiastes and it said, "To everything...there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven..." He might have written that for us for our year to date has been a year of highs and definite lows. To a man we'll tell you one of our consistent highs is the opportunity we have to train our current KC-10 boom corps, our Dutch and Israeli friends, and keeping in touch with all our acquaintances around the world. This job keeps us young.

Let's cover the current status of our worker lineup - I'll fill you in on changes a little later. Our current list of workers here for KC-10 boom training follows:

Steve Fromm, Flight Check Airman
Greg Heffron
Andy Miller
Steve Smith
John Page
Mike Cardina

J.C. Coleman
Mark Schumann
Steve Custis
Pete Abraldes - Part-timer
Eric Thomas - Part-timer

Our previous check airman, Mr. Frank Junge, has retired to Louisiana. After serving the Air Force for about 43 years as an active duty boom and as a contract trainer he is now enjoying the fruits of his efforts, sitting by his pool and doing what he wants on his own schedule. Well done Frank - you deserve a good, long, leisurely retirement and we salute you. As noted above, Steve Fromm has now taken the reins of this runaway wagon train.

Sadly, in August we lost a long-time boomer, Leroy Sweeney. He had a massive heart attack one Friday morning that eventually took his life 10 days later. Leroy had an Air Force career that spanned 29 years and included 10,000 flying hours in KC-97s, KC-135s, and he worked our KC-10 program training for 20 years.

He was a big man who left a huge, empty spot in our hearts at his passing.

Time does move on and so must we here at Boeing Aerospace Operations. We recently hired Steve Custis as a full time worker and we have two new part-timers, Pete and Eric, who are going to be checked out for duties with us in a matter of days.

Also of note, we bid farewell to Steve Smith's left knee. He had it replaced in July but with a titanium knee for a man of normal height; as a result he now limps worse than before.

Although this entry is short on humor and small talk we want you to know we are proud to be a part of this great Air Force team. Regardless of the jet you fly in we think of you as family because you are. Keep safe, no touches outside the receptacle and remember to tell others who don't fly that if they're not producing lift or thrust, they're a drag.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Smith's ghost writer

Meridian ANGB, MS 153 ARS

Finally got everyone back home for awhile. Just like everyone else we have been super busy since 9-11. Whenever we are called upon for defense of our country the office is flooded with volunteers. Such a great bunch of boomers here that will go anywhere, anytime. We here in Meridian MS would like to say thanks to all you Boomers out there for your part in the fight on terrorism. We will one day stop them from affecting our lives. We are still cleaning up the mess made from Hurricane Ivan here but if you are coming this way we will stop long enough to feed you some fresh catfish and hushpuppies. Take care and fly safe.

Boom line up:

SMSgt Rick Robinson
SMSgt Ed Mikell
SMSgt Gerald Harper
MSgt Glen Hancock
MSgt Ned McCormick
MSgt Sonny McCarra
MSgt J.R. Benson
MSgt Ronnie Blackwell
MSgt Robbie Knight
MSgt Chuck Smith
MSgt Blake Stanley
MSgt Steve Lewis
TSgt Mike Powell
TSgt John Massey
TSgt Jay Ziller
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RAF MILDENHALL UK
351 ARS

Home of the Bloody 100th Boom Operators

Greetings from the land of great TDY's (and they are not that long), great beer, rainy days and lots of great flying. Like the rest of our Brother and Sister Booms the last couple of years have been tough. For a place that does not have a doc statement to deploy, we were deployed during OEF and OIF for the first time.

This is a great assignment!! We lose about a third of our booms every year due to PCS, so if you want to come over then put Mildenhall on your dream sheet. When you all stop through please give us a call at the BOOM POD DSN 238-8764. The first cold one is on us. If we have the time we might even be able to show you some of the local sights. Here's our all-star line up of the BEST DAMNED BOOMS ANYWHERE.

OG Superintendent

CMSgt Jim "Right Now Damn it" Morman: DSN 238-8504 Been here since Sep 02 and happy to be here. Loves to torment the young booms with systems questions and conducts classes in the "art" of shining boots. Beware if you fly with him, have your boom coin at all times. He definitely is a man that demands respect.

OGV

SMSgt Mike "Double D" Davis: DSN 238-8516 Swears he can't run better than a 14 minute mile and a half. All around great guy, still tries to drink with the young guys, can't keep up though. Still must be fed by 1100 or he gets grumpy. Traded his pimp mobile in for a Mini.

OGT

(M)Sgt Mike "Montgomery" Ward: His bark is worse than his bite. The sponsor of all sponsors. Watched the Lewis felines for 47 days. Will help you with anything you need. Don't mess with his wife she'll give you a piece of her mind, and if your not lucky a piece of her fist.

351st Chief Boom

MSgt Larry (Triple L) Lewis: Not to be confused with WWE's Triple H. New from Kadena, already in charge. When he got here he had a full head of hair and now he's bald.

Stan/Eval

(M)Sgt Paul "Russian" Jacobs: Kickin ass and takin names, has the "master plan". Hey Paul, do you still want to go to Amsterdam?

SSgt Nathan "Chickenhawk" Hackney: Recently moved to S/E. Is excited about only having a year left here. Nate and Sabrina on toddler duty now with Claire.

SSgt JL "Boogie" Smith: Been here about 18 months and have seen him for about 30 days. Lucky Bastard goes on all the good TDYs.

Training Flt

SSgt Joel "Half Pint" Jones: On his way to being Mr. Jones with the Guard in Mississippi. Took him his entire tour here to make up his mind what he wanted to become. Kids still know all the words to Eminem.

SSgt William "Dirty Will" Perdew: New from Fairchild, second tour here. Glad to be off the desert train...so secretive, he snuck in without anybody knowing he was here.

(S)Sgt Andrea "Single Shot" Otto: New from McConnell, high speed low drag (in fact low center of gravity)...we're just jealous, wished we had her muscles. Should be a great asset to training flight.
Readiness Flt.

SSgt Justine "Hyphen" Pescetello-Parr: Still has not missed one of CMSgt Morman's systems questions! Is affectionately know by her peers as "the Princess".

SSgt Jason "Brain" Burianek: Still married and we are still trying to figure out what she sees in him. Future F/E of the year...

A Flt

TSgt James "Jimmy B" Bakos: New from McConnell, a TDY machine...Incirlik told him to go home. Have not seen him smile yet. Sponsorship poster child...see "Dirty Will".

SSgt Todd "Dark Cloud" Patesel: Todd still has a black cloud that follows him where ever he goes. You know you're in for it when Todd starts a sentence with, my Ex-wife, RUN, RUN, RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!!! Another future F/E of the year...

SrA Atasha "Roxy Cordoba" McClurg: Yes, you guessed it that's her porn name! Also known as XXX, ask her. Now on toddler patrol with baby Makena and pregnant again. Roxy's biggest downfall is she married to a crew chief. Still loves Beer Pong!

(S)Sgt Sandra "Sandy Fernandy" Fernandez: Recent cross-trainee from MX scheduling. Is giving Martha Stewart a run for her money "party planning". Famous quote: 10 Knot gusts...winds...never mind, I'm stupid.

A1C Patrick "Just Happy To Be Here" Crossland: Newest baby boom. "Joshy-Motto" has taken him under his wing. Becoming a favorite of the Chief boom by bodily stating "Fly me, fly me, fly me". We expect good things.

B Flt

(T)Sgt Nancy "The Boom Goddess" Primm: Resident Static display expert. She made such a good impression in Russia, Putin says she is banned. Blames her memory loss on the anthrax shots.

A1C Clinton "LawDog" Laughman: Recently from Altus, thinks he can decide when he needs to mission plan. Is so quotable, book dedicated to his constant "Gold Plated Nuggets".

C Flight

Sra Ryan "no nickname yet" Perry: New from McConnell, has a thing for mousse and "soft lips lip balm", as long as he is comfortable with it, we are.

A1C Joshua "Joshy-moto" Bates: New from Altus, former cheerleader and will perform if asked. Still trying to get MQT due to no fighters. Also eats enough popcorn to starve a small country. He is our GO TO guy for...just about anything.

OSS Scheduling (THE PIGEON CLUB)

MSgt Danny "Loves Piggy Back Rides" Miller: DSN 238-8763 No matter what you do you cannot make this guy mad. Smiles all the time, especially while driving his mini...also known as the "Bee" car. Unfortunately, he sold his Harley to buy it.

TSgt Robert "Nascar Bob" "Sponge Bob" "Bob the Builder" Boettcher: Still the biggest NASCAR / Jeff Gordon fan around. Gets really excited when he finds new NASCAR fans. Still plays cassettes from his 1970's camaro.

SSgt Jason "Little K" Resler: Second child born recently. Still the only testosterone in the household. Lives for the Thursday pizza day. Ask Jason if he's still happy to be here.

SSgt Neil "Hopsing" Husong: Recently paroled from Altus, and the squadron sticks him straight into scheduling...so much for the operational world. Resident crotch rocket jockey and has the leather to prove it.

XP

(T)Sgt Ricky "EASY BAKE" Martin: No girls he's not related. Tactics guru, and Emeril wannabe, working over in the vault growing mushrooms. His Mini and wife keep him busy with "a bun" in the easy bake oven.

OUTBOUNDS

USAFE Boom

SMSgt Nathan "Peach Man" Peachey: Great voice for us over in the land of the fighter pilots. Nathan's leaving us this year and will leave some big shoes to fill... 2 hour debriefs on Q1's. On his way to Altus.

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SMSgt Milton "Greedy, aka Shrek" Griggs: DSN 238-8706 Angry Greedy and we like him that way, mellowed since sewing on Senior. Still shaves the old nugget, says the girls like it that way. Becomes Grumpy if not fed at least 4 meals a day! On his way to McConnell in Jan.

TSgt Clint "Soccer-Mom" Slick: The ultimate trash talker but he is still a soccer mom. Ask him about East Anglia's inbreeding program. Cruising Hogs with Randy Kay at Altus.

TSgt Mark "Tower" Babel: Left us for the sunny shores of MacDill. He is so quiet we don't have any dirt on him.

SSgt Kate "Ba-bump" Shoemake: Has owned more cars at Mildenhall, than most people own in a lifetime. She is banned from the city limits of Berlin by order of the EU. On her way to Altus.

SSgt Dan "Djdankid" Leonard: Boogies twin, resident training flight expert or at least that is what he tells everyone. Single handedly increased Polish Vodka sales by 50%. Also, attracts Egyptian vendors like flies on s**t. In the New Hampshire guard.

SSgt Shawn "Satan" Hewett: Currently this fiscal year Shawn has not broken any bones. Fairchild is now the stomping ground for the "Lord of Darkness".

SrA Dustin "Underachiever" Clark: Greedy's stepson. Went on leave and came back with a truck. Went long term DNIF so we stuck him into scheduling. Has more children than pairs of socks. Too bad they don't know who their daddy is. Mark is so good and Dustin is so bad...we had to balance out the Yin with the Yang.

SrA Jon "Rhodie" Groleau: This guy does it all and has no problem sharing it. He has spent more time in Africa than Nelson Mandela. Now at Altus turning out "Little Jons".

SrA Joe "LowClass" Arnold: More tattoos than Rick Brack. "Hey Joe what's a Prince Albert", don't ask he will show you. All we can say is, it's not your grandpa's tobacco. Cholo Joe seeks fame and fortune on the Russian mail order bride enterprise. McConnells loss is our gain.

SrA Kim "Pate" Burk: Loves that French stuff. Decided she would rather be a linguist. Currently at Monterey learning how to ask for Kimchi in 7 different dialects. Soon to be Mrs. Kosher Boy.

SrA Kenny "Cold Beer" Harwood: Trying to get to Altus and we're trying to help. Still our resident runner and 36-2903 poster child. Found 2 decorations, may be a Staff Select after all. Girls get giggly when Kenny walks in. Don't let him start talking about his personal goals when he's drinking, you'll be there for hours.

SrA Neil "The Goob" Godwin: The skinniest boom in the world, a buck fifteen soaking wet. Single handedly has more Fit points than some bases put together, yet did not fair so well on the PFT. Ask him about his party trick. On his way to Altus and the Pimp suit is going with him.

A1C Eric "Dirty Mexican" Vasquez: The lesser of the 2 mexican booms here at Mildenhall. A.K.A. #2. Managed to get his car MOT'd one month prior to PCS'ing, after being here for 2 years. Does a great job if he would just invest in a can of KIWI. Bed buddies once again with "LowClass".

A1C Kristin "Don't call me Strychnine" Strickland: Has decided to become a stay at home momma...working soon at a CDC near you. Set the record for longest time on station without completing MQT.

Milwaukee General Mitchell IAP, WI 126 ARS/128 ARW

Hello from the great state of Wisconsin! Home of the: Badgers, Packers, cheese, brats and beer (these are the only winning programs we support). Yeah, that's right, we're just a small refueling squadron with great booms who like to drink a little while having a fishing problem.

CMS Robert Derrick (AGR) Program Manager Robert continues to handle all of the abuse that the squadron receives from upper management. This could be due to the fact that we make him look so good.... Most of the time.

SMS Steve "Woody" Schweiss (AGR) Stan Eval A true legacy boom, Steve keeps the Stan Eval office running in smooth order when he's not busy playing Sheepshead or hearts.

SMS Jerome "the Penguin" Schiessl (Tech) Current Ops Jerry stays busy keeping our trips running smooth and making sure that all the pretzels are paid for. He's also planning his retirement which should happen soon.... About nine years from now.

MSG John "Mags" Magnus (Tech) Training Every night John dreams of riding in big red fire trucks. Kidding aside John works as a volunteer fireman and EMT.

MSG Marlin Mosley (AGR) Scheduling Congrats to Marlin and Jessica who are expecting in the spring. Despite having to sell the Ultimate Driving Machine to get ready for the baby Marlin continues his undying devotion to NIKE. Marlin is also off to instructor school. (More Moseltine Please)

MSG Pat "the King of Cabbage" Sosinski-Borzyinski (Tech) Training Congrats to newly wed Pat! Scratch golfer who keeps things light and simple and definitely one of the guys you can always count on.

MSG Kurt "Iggy" Iganasiak (Tech) Scheduling Our newest fulltime hire, Kurt took his father-in-laws desk and is filling it our quite well. Kurt does a great job watching out for the bums.

MSG Mike "Werm" Weimer (Tech) XP The belligerent golfer of the group, Mike is finally down in the vault where he can be contained. He only comes out on days that are WMC (Werm Meteorological Conditions).

MSG Don "Strychnine" Strickland (Tech) Current Ops Congrats go out to Don and Monique who are also expecting. Don does a great job keeping an eye on the Penguin and always makes sure the bums have enough alert. Don is also off to instructor school.

SMS Mark "Marty" Lipinski (TG) Marty is our senior guardsmen and the one who takes all the crap that Robert doesn't want to handle. Mark is also a full time fireman who understands the true meaning of the Burning Man. You should know that it's not a party without a little help from Marty.

MSG Don Harvey (TG) "And ahhh...(still thinking)" Donny is another true legacy and our only Traditional evaluator boom.

MSG Dan "Boomer Schmidt" Schmidt (TG) Back from CFIC for almost a year. Definitely the night flying guy because he knows how to step up for the team when he's not doing his materials engineer outside of the guard.

MSG Tony White (TG) "YEAH!" chunks "YEAH!" Tony works outside the base as a fulltime fireman and is the squadron leader in electronic technology. We're still waiting for him to say something.

TSG William "Eche" Echevarria (TG) Always the life of the party, whether there's a party or not, Eche stays busy as our third fulltime firefighter. This is the man to have with you in Puerto Rico.

TSG Pete Gauerke (TG) Another legacy boom, Pete is our guard bum extraordinaire. Playing the game like a true veteran. Pete loves alert, alert, and his wife's health insurance.

TSG Chris "Pops" or "Notch" Johnson (TG) Pops continues to play the game like an 18 year old despite the fact that he graduated BBOC just 4 years ago at the age of 49. Chris is also a respiratory therapist and a former Army man.

TSG Amanda Look (TG) Nothing bad to say about Mandy. She has worked long and hard as a guard bum. Now she has a temporary AGR tour running drug interdiction with a # of organizations and she is contemplating her new job as a career as well as moving on to Grad school.

TSG Drew "The Kid" Hegner (TG) Recent grad of UW-Milwaukee, still going Mach-2. When he's not sailing, golfing, whitewater kayaking or taking flying lessons, he's getting a package together for the dark side.

SSG Chris Winchell (TG) Redefines the Phantom Crapper. Co-recipient of the Sally award with Werm. When he's not drinking or chewing he's smoking a scud. This is all due to a high volume of credits taken at the local university starting with 18 credits winding down to 0.

SSG Paul Matthews (TG) Paul came to us recently from the flight-line, and flies on the outside for Skyway (Midwest Express). Paul is currently upgrading to Captain on the Beech 1900.

SSG Will Mattert (TG) Will is a recent addition wanting to learn the scams and system of a guard bum. When he's not doing that he works as a private eye trying to uncover insurance fraud.

SSG Anthony "the A-Train" Walters Seriously, this guy is a train; get out of the way is he's charging. Anthony is coming to us from our Life Support shop and is giving up a technician position to join the fun.

Brian Baltz Brian left us a few years back to..... but couldn't resist the lure of Boom Operator life. So off to Altus with Brian for requal.

Boom is Stowed and Latched Club:

CPT Lauri Hrovatin - Lauri is still with the unit as a Co working on her up-grade to the left seat.

George Snamiske

Clifford Klingbeil

Roger Steckhan

Chuck Schweiss

Bob Kowalski

Jenny Wieland

Dean Dachenbach

Terry Sands

Lee Cornell

Ralph Ellis

Floyd Polzin

Ray Fassett

Ray Bazen

Ron Puzia

George Sweet

John Gadowski

Julie Van Aert

Dick Harvey

Herb Kieferndorf

Earl Gauerke

Dave Eddy

Jerry Nelson

Teckla Thorn

John Famularo

Honorary Booms:

Lon Hansen

Rod Langford

Donald Paddock

Gary Tenney

George Bacik

Murry Mitten

NIAGARA FALLS ARS, NY
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“HOME OF THE FALLS BOOMERS”

Greetings from Western New York! Our ASEV just concluded, where I am happy to report we are an “outstandingly” satisfactory organization. Just like everyone else in the tanker world we are keeping very busy, so my thanks to all our booms for continuously stepping up to the plate. In-between our two lines of Bravo alert, Business Efforts, Guardlifts, and various AEF’s we find the time to consume copious quantities of alcohol to drown out another disappointing Buffalo Bills season. So if you are in town stop by, I promise we are never too busy to buy a fellow boomer a beer.

CMSGT Harold Clark - Air Technician - Program Manager. “H” is breaking away from his technician job at the end of this year. All of the booms would like to Thank the Chief for his many years of service, the knowledge he imparted, and the many Vegas and Hawaii trips he selected himself to go on. Evidently 36 years of Guard drills are not enough for Harold he will stay on a couple of years as a guardsman to cover our “tropical” commitments.

SMSGT Sam Davies - Air Technician - Stan / Eval. Sam “The Hammer” is smiling a lot more after the recent ASEV. Now that we are back to Ops normal stop by Stan/Eval early in the day, Sam’s nap begins right after lunch.

SMSGT Gary Henning - Air Technician - Training. Gary is enjoying being a card carrying member of the Native -American Nation, and the booms are enjoying cheaper gas and valet parking at the casino. Can you collect BAQ, on the reservation?

MSGT Dave Wohleben - AGR - Tactics Guru. Congratulations to Dave on completion of his Master’s Degree, in Underwater basket weaving. Dave is also in charge of the new AF fitness program(see change 5), \$1 a pound, \$1 a minute I believe is his policy.

MSGT BOB MAJOR - Air Technician - Bob is currently pulling Bravo alert , on a Guardlift mission to South Africa, and getting paid as a Technician, if that’s possible. Is MyPay down again? Ahh the power of Cheese.

MSGT JIM SIEVERT - AGR - Current Ops. Jimmy is our trip planner, and traveling AGR boom. He is currently having a hernia operation. Hey Jimmy you better check your Tricare coverage, is Micro-surgery covered?

MSGT RAY FITZPATRICK - Air Technician - Scheduling. “Ace” is our resident scheduling guru. Is currently fighting Bob for weekend Bravo’s, and the extra cheese. BY the looks of it Ray is getting plenty of cheese.

MSGT TIM GEMSHEIM - Air Technician - Current Ops. “Gumshoe” is a recent addition to the full-time force, upgrading from the Guard side of the house. Tim handles our Cargo load section, pursuing booms for their annual drawings is a full-time job in itself.

MSGT TERRI SANTORO - Air Technician - Stan/Eval. Congrats to “Oompa Loompa” , she is also a new hire to the technician force. Terri is catching on with the technician system very quickly, her comp time is growing far more than she ever will.

SMSGT KEN ISGRIGG - Guardsman. Kenny is getting ready to Stow the boom in the Spring ‘05, after xx years of service. I don’t know if Ken will know what to do with only one job, and more time on his hands. Thanks Ken, Good Luck with everything.

MSGT CAMILLE HUGHES - Guardsman. Camille is enjoying the best of both worlds, furthering her education in school, and supplementing her income on Bravo alert.
Hello long orders!

TSGT MIKE CHAN - Guardsman. The "Angry Asian" is another college student here at Niagara. Mike's major is in the pharmaceutical field. Drugs and college. That could explain his many mood swings and short-fused outbursts.

TSGT TOM OBROCHTA - Guardsman. Tommy "O" is back to Guardbumming and being Mr. Mom after leaving the teaching profession. Tom used to work with special children, I guess it reminded him of his school days and riding the "little yellow bus", with his hockey helmet.

TSGT PAUL RESTEY - Guardsman. Another part-timer taking advantage of the long-tour Bravo orders. When he is not flying off alert, Paul is dabbling in real estate. He recently bought a house, then sold it and bought a bigger house. Big house, more room, room to start a family, hmmm.

TSGT NICK LANGENFELD - Guardsman. We at Niagara enjoy living vicarious through Nick, the ladies man. Although recently he swore off all military women, after a few home station "misunderstandings". Watch out Nick, the rabbit in the pot on your stove was no coincidence.

SSGT ADAM "HAIRY" BUSH - Guardsman. Hairy's a baby boom who just tied the knot, so Congratulations to Adam and Mrs. Bush. Adam used to work in the medics along with everyone Nick has dated. He is all over the trip list like white on rice, enjoying the travel I take it.

SRA MARY MARTIN - Guardsman. Mary is another baby boom, and college student extraordinaire. She is by far the youngest boom ever at Niagara at 19 years old, bringing down the avg. boom age from the 50's to the 30's.

RECENT ADDITIONS

SRA CODY BOILLOT - GUARDSMAN. Cody just arrived at Niagara via McConnell, more to follow.

BREAKAWAYS

SMSGT JIM "J.J." CICHOCKI - J.J. retired in January. He loved working with us so much he moved across the ramp in the Tower. ATIS never sounded so good.

MSGT JAY HOPPER - Jay really retired at the end of 2003, and moved to Florida. Jay could not stand surviving Buffalo winters. Surviving is what he is barely doing in Florida following 4 tropical storms that blew through sunny FLA.

OFFUT AFB, NE 55 WG

Greetings from Offutt AFB, Nebraska! Home of the last tanker and boom operators in ACC. Yes, Offutt still has an old EC-135 and yes we still use a slip stick to compute weight & balance. The EC-135 has been converted to a WC-135C for use in the “Constant Phoenix” mission and is also used as a tanker. Recently WC-135C returned from PDM with all the new modifications that are primarily related to its on-board atmospheric collection suite, which allows the mission crew to detect radioactive “clouds” in support of the Limited Nuclear Test Ban Treaty of 1963. When not in use for the Constant Phoenix mission, Offutt uses the WC-135C in the tanker role. Currently there are two active duty, one full time ANG and two part time ANG boom operators assigned within the 55th Wing. The ANG booms are assigned to Detachment 1 Nebraska ANG and provide support to the 338th Combat Training Squadron and 55th Operations Support Squadron. Here is our current lineup.

SMSgt Leighton “Layto” Michaelson, Leighton.Michaelson@offutt.af.mil, Det 1 NEANG: Currently residing in wing scheduling and keeping the wolves at bay.

TSgt Steve Mason, Steve.Mason@offutt.af.mil, Active: Steve is working over at the 338 Combat Training Squadron as the fill in First Sergeant and handy man.

TSgt Patricia “Patty” Brown-Davis, Patrica.Brown-Davis@offutt.af.mil, Active: Patty just arrived from Altus and has settled into wing scheduling, although she would prefer to work tanker scheduling verses RC-135 scheduling.

SSgt Bradley Musick, Det 1 NEANG: New boom in MQT.

SrA Kodi Steckelberg, Det 1 NEANG: New boom in MQT.

Pease ANGB, NH 133rd ARS

Here's the newest from the 133rd. We've had a couple of folks retire, a couple of folks move on to bigger and better things, (like there's anything better than being a Boomah!) and some folks that have been here so long they're like fine wine. If you recognize names from the past that you'd like to catch up with give us a call at DSN 852-2452, that will get you directly into the Boom Shop and someone there will be happy to help with an questions about our folks.

CMSgt Carl Sneirson: Chief Boom, spent last Summer with most of his Booms in Qatar and in Turkey last Fall. He's been overseeing many more of us now that most of us are on MPA tours and getting into what little hair he has left.

CMSgt Steve Morgan: Stevie "B" is now working in the Training Office. Last year he became a certified flight engineer on Pan Am's 727's and is looking forward to rejoining them upon his retirement from the Guard this coming November. Ask him about his recent addition to his garage, his new nick name is Deuce's Wild.

CMSgt Kelly Philbrick: Holy Cow...that's three (3)!! Kelly is now in Tanker Task Force as a Coronet Planner after having worked in Stan Eval and passing an ASEV inspection with flying colors as the Stan/Eval Boom. P.S. Hey Bricker...Kel says the Beer's on him next time ;-)

SMSgt Denis Boucher: Denis is back running the cargo program for the Boom's. The ASEV team inspected his program and gave him top scores for his organization and commitment to the -135 cargo program.

SMSgt Mike Blandina: That's right - Mike was promoted since the last Signal. He's moved into a new house, sent the oldest off to college and is enjoying life.

MSgt John Lennon: John's back to work with his civilian job driving the Big Rigs. Spent a bit of time with us on a short tour. He's loving being the dad of a 14 month old boy.

MSgt Dave Lajoie: Dave is still living the life of a starving artist, which isn't quite true - he's very talented so starving isn't quite the proper term. He recently joined the over 50 club and is beginning to receive AARP forms and questionnaires in the mail. Dave Plans on retiring this coming January.

MSgt Elaina D'Orto: ED's left Tanker Task Force to become the Boom scheduler. She does a great job of juggling the schedule to meet the needs of her booms. She also has begun to receive her AARP forms this year. Along with that, she's been a participant for the past 3 years in the "Avon Walk for Breast Cancer" raising money and awareness for this very worthy cause.

MSgt Glen Starkweather: Glen also had a stellar performance, as measured by the ASEV team. His publications organization lead to many compliments from the team. Glen is moving to the training office where we know we can expect the same stellar performance.

MSgt Tony Casella: Tony is our resident computer Guru...still. He's built a scheduling program that is accessible throughout the base intranet. It makes him a valuable resource, in the fact that he's the only one who knows how it works, talk about job security! Tony has moved into Chief Philbrick's position in Stan/Eval.

MSgt Jim Doyle: Jim is Bummin', doing an active duty MPA tour. He spends most of his time off working construction on the side, if he's not with his wife and daughter.

MSgt Mike George: Mike just bought his parents house. Can you believe he made them sleep in the garage until they got their new house. Not really, but he did give them grief about cleaning up after themselves and turning off lights when they left the room. Must be left over from his upbringing. Mike has just been hired as our newest full timer. He'll be spending the very near future following in Glen Starkweathers footsteps as he's the new pubs boom.

MSgt John Craig: John is our local passenger boom. He takes care of sign ups for space -A travel and passenger handling. It has become quite a task since Sept. 11 now that we have to do our own screening of passengers.

MSgt John Gibb: Gibblet is still over in TTF traveling the world as a planner for Coronet missions. Enjoying spending his free time with his wife.

MSgt Steve Munt: Steve and his wife had their second daughter on Jan, 8th 2003. He finished his Master's Degree in 2004 and is currently working on a Doctorate at the University of NH.

MSgt Sam Blackwell: Sam is keeping company with Gibb and Kelly at TTF. Traveling just as much and enjoying seeing the world. An astute planner, not to mention one of the sharpest booms we have.

MSgt Mike Dunlap: Mike and Connie just moved into a new house. Working on expanding the family. Mike has gone back to the Manchester Police department and is presently working the Juvenile Division.

TSgt Alan Beaulieu: Al is still turning wrenches, working at the garage and coming in to fly as often as possible.

TSgt Mark Brophy: Mark is working at a local Biotech firm and being a traditional part timer. He and Leslie have two beautiful twin daughters that are keeping them busy.

TSgt Ralph Siemer: Ralph is working as an MPA warrior while on leave from the Portsmouth shipyard where he writes manuals for submarines. His horse gave birth this year and all are well on the farm.

TSgt Mike Girouard: Mike is working on his Master's Degree and he is also on an MPA tour and making himself indispensable by lending a hand in Scheduling, Pubs, and in the Cave. He is still married to Natalie. Additionally, he was recognized as one of the 157th's finest when selected as the Traditional Guardsman of the Quarter Award.

SSgt Dan Luter: Dan came to us from maintenance and is performing well. He went Qatar in July 2003 and was happy to be out of the desert when his time came. He is married with two teenagers and works as a Business Development Manager on the outside. Dan has chosen to go back to school for his Master's Degree in Business Administration.

SSgt John Walsh: John is an ex-cop on an MPA tour. He's fighting real hard to gain hours, looking for that 1000 hour mark and any rank that might come along with it. He was even overheard as saying that he wishes to fly during the Superbowl - this coming from a Pats fan is huge.

SSgt Dan Leonard: Some of you folks may recognize his name. He's joining us shortly, Palace Chase form Mildenhall. So, if his name shows up twice in the *signal* - now you know the rest of the story.

We had a couple of departures this past year. Jeff Hy took on a full time job at Scott AFB. One of the requirements was that he could not be deployable, so he had to give up being a Boomer. Melanie Mathew left the flying career to be a command post controller in California. Glenn Senechal and Mark St. Cyr both retired - Mark is still climbing poles for the local Electrical company and Glenn opened up a sub shop in Manchester - Glenn also still works at the shipyard.

From the 133rd ARS - thanks for all of your support on the road and at home, wishing you all the best for a productive, safe and memorable year. The men and woman of the 133rd ARS Boom Shop.

**PENNSYLVANIA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
HEADQUARTERS 171ST AIR REFUELING WING
PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
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It has been a busy year for the 171st ARW (146th & 147th ARS). Our Alpha, Bravo and Charlie Alert commitments have made this a banner year for Guardbums. We are currently in the final phase of converting to the "T" models transferred from our Active Duty brethren at Fairchild AFB. Additionally, we filled several IG Inspection squares including ATSO, IGX and are preparing for an ASEV visit Oct 04.

146TH ARS GUARDSMEN

SRA Josh (Hairy) Wood- College man and fast and furious wannabe.
TSG Tom (Rumor Mill) Armour - State Trooper and conspiracy theorist.
TSG John (Yeah, Baby!) Lombardo - Soon-to-be retired. Lumbo65@cs.cmu.edu
TSG Joe (the original) Morris - County Firefighter. joemorris33@verizon.net
TSG Mike (Continental Neckless Divide) Nagy - Continental Airlines. mangy@coair.com
TSG Jim (and in my spare time I...) Perrott - City fireman and about 30 other jobs. perrott370@aol.com
TSG Mike (OOPS!) Schanck - Aspiring teacher and occasional bull in a china shop. mschanck@aol.com
MSG Jim (Bloom operator) Bloom - Cigar aficionado and law enforcement legend.
kcboom@comcast.net
MSG Terry (koo-koo) Davis - Outstanding go-to player. Wears many hats in ops. tkukuruda@yahoo.com
MSG John (Fire Marshal Bill) Fitzpatrick - Another city firefighter and golf hustler. Fitzkc135@aol.com
MSG Patrick (Shark Bait) Sharkey - Once again, excellent go-to guy on continuing tour.
patricksharkey@comcast.net
SMS Randy (The traitor) Miller - Jumped ship at FEDEX for DHL. Jtdplane2003@yahoo.com

146TH FULL-TIMERS

TSG Yale (Percules) Perkins - Current Operations and in-house biker trash.
TSG Mike (Worthless) Worthington - Current Operations and resident humorist.
MSG John Cima (later) - Training and latrine check airman.
MSG Craig (NASCAR) Smith - Stan Eval and suburban racing fan.
SMS Tony (How many hours!?) Trenga - Scheduling. More time on the john than you have in the jet.
CMS Pat (The Road King) Plonski - Don Corleone of the 146th Boom Mafia.
MSG Bill (Petey) Quillen - Long Range Scheduling and sole 146th AGR...lonely, isn't it?
All full -timers E-Mail = fname.lname@papitt.ang.af.mil

147TH GUARDSMEN

SSG Dennis (50Cent) Buckley - Another Big man on Campus and aspiring civ. Pilot.
buckakid78@yahoo.com
SSG Jon (Bolt Neck) Gift - Guard bum with interesting wardrobe. mntbiker35@comcast.net
TSG Dan (Mini Me) Cervone - Little guy with the big voice. Another Bum on tour. fuelnaround@aol.com
TSG Ryan (Hollywood) Conley - Highly dependable guard Bum...Do you sense a trend?
TSG Scott (Lash) LaRue - Patriot fan in a Pittsburgh unit...Brave man. Working in mortgage industry.
rue34@comcast.net
TSG George (Mad Bomber) Meszaros - This guy's IQ is higher than Nagy's cholesterol.
george.meszaros@verizon.net
TSG Jeff (the other) Morris - Yet another fire fighting Boom operator. jam_15226@yahoo.com
MSG Steve (Big Daddy) Grindle - The long, long, long arm of the law. boomn3@msn.com
MSG Casey (Pie Boy) O'Connor - The godfather of Guard Bums. caseyjoconnor@attbi.com
SMS Mike (Warden) Sabatasse - You definitely don't want to stay at his bed n' breakfast.
msabatasse@american-man.us
CMS Joe (US Scare-ways) Gallik - Making the flights leave on time at Greater Pitt. jgallik@comcast.net

147th FULL-TIMERS

TSG Steve (Boo-Boo) Moser - Making sense of the madness that is scheduling.

TSG Keith (X-Games) Stevens - Airfield Mgmt - Skiing, Motocross, full-contact racquetball...a real triple threat.

MSG Marc Barna (Rubble) - Current Ops veteran and cargo-loading guru.

MSG Don (DHY) Hendrix - Long Range scheduler and able to lift entire buildings in a single grunt.

SMS Ken (MT3) Teyssier - Training - The marrying Man.

MSG John (The Hawk) Buckwalter - Vault - THE Tactics man, and a workout machine.

MSG Scott (Scooter) Trowbridge - Scheduling and Gourmet deer jerky purveyor.

SMS Gerry (Curl) Levato - The rock of stan-eval and hairstyle dare-devil.

SMS Nick (lucky) Lucyk - The Smiling head of the 147th totem pole.

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147th RETIREES

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SMS Skip Kubacki

CMS J.T. Williams

CMS Mike Strauch kcboomer234@attbi.com

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Standardization and Evaluation

SMSgt Nathan "Peach-man" Peachey - My time here has run out and I'm packing my bags for Altus. I'm currently advertising for my replacement on Equal Plus so I don't have a clue who's filling my shoes, but I hope they enjoy the assignment as much as I did.

During my time here as the Command In-Flight Refueling Functional Manager, I was able to weigh-in on all the big boom issues. I made plenty of inputs to our technical guidance, updating the Dash 1, 9, 5-2 and ATP-56(A). I also made significant inputs to our current Career Field Education and Training Plan. Flying with the folks at Mildenhall and inspecting the other USAFE units was certainly a bonus. Not sure how Altus is going to work out, but I figure nobody knows how they're going to perform when they're staring down the barrel of a gun in a combat situation; I'm just going to rely on my training, control my breathing and let that "hero" come out!

"Peach-man"

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**AIR EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMAND
Randolph AFB, TX
(HQ AETC/HQ 19 AF)**

Greetings from Randolph AFB, home of the "First Command" Headquarters Air Education and Training Command, Air Force Personnel Center, Air Force Recruiting Service, and Headquarters 19th Air Force. It's Hard to believe 2004 is almost over. It's been a very busy and trying year for AETC.

I am very happy to say we have finally received all the money to build two new Boom Operator Weapon System Trainers (BOWST) to replace our two aging Part Task Trainers. The 12th Trainer Development Squadron here at Randolph is building the devices, working with Southwest Research Institute and other contractors for various component designs. We are in the process of building the Statement of Work and finalizing the Systems Requirement Document for the new simulator. In addition to providing better systems and procedures training for our student booms, our goal is to reduce aircraft training by approximately 3 sorties. The visual system fidelity we are hoping to achieve will allow us to accomplish actual contacts in the BOWST, providing more realistic aerial refueling scenarios.

As most of you are aware, in 2003 AETC/CC implemented a 3 Year Maximum tour (Code 50) for all AETC instructors. With 71 boom operator authorizations in AETC, the 3 Year tours within AMC, and our commitment in supporting other Special Duty Assignments such as MTI/MTL, Recruiter Duty, and First Sergeants, it is not hard to see that our pool of qualified instructors is well tasked. Additionally, the boom career field is currently being tasked to cross-flow approximately 40 booms to the Flight Engineer Career Field. These taskings make AFPC's job of managing the boom manning even more difficult. I would like to thank TSgt Kris Hunter for her effort in keeping our schoolhouse manned and making sure all MAJCOMs have the manning resources needed to accomplish our missions. Unfortunately, Kris will be leaving us in Jan 05 for a tour at Kunsan AB ROK. Although not a boom operator by AFSC, Kris has done a superb job in becoming involved with our unique manning problems and worked with us to make sure individual assignment preferences and Air Force manning needs were accomplished. She will be missed.... Good luck Kris!

Once more the CMSgt promotion cycle highlighted the stellar individuals AETC has been recruiting. Most recently, Todd Salzman earned the right to join the top 1 percent of our enlisted corp. Todd has left us to be the Chief Boom and Operations Superintendent at McConnell AFB and is quickly finding out what the operational world is all about after being away since the early 90's. With Todd's departure, we gained SMSgt Lonny Hall to 19th AF and just so happened Lonny came to us from McConnell. I'm not saying CMSgt Salzman's reputation preceded him...but I'm getting words about a lot of folks leaving! Joking aside both will do great things for the boom operators in their new positions. Of course I would be remiss not to mention my initial boom class buddy Jim Morman and again congratulating him on also being promoted to CMSGT. It was a long road since Castle as an AB....congrats Jim!

Last but certainly not least, Lonny and I wish to thank the schoolhouse Squadron Operations Superintendents, Program Managers, Schedulers, Flight Supervisors, Instructors, and also our FlightSafety Instructor Boom Operators for the outstanding job they are doing in training our boom students and future career field leaders. Their hard work and devotion to duty ensure our graduates are ready to meet the needs of our Air Force and nation. Always remember; it's YOUR career field and Air Force. If any of you are ever in the area please stop in and see us. It's always great to hear from folks passing through when we see a KC-10 or a KC-135 parked here at Randolph.

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ROBINS AFB, GA 19 ARG / 99ARS

Hey Y'All! (It's a *Southern* thang...)

We've been quite busy here at the 19th since the last Signal was published. Some of our most recent accomplishments include: Bringing home the Spaatz Trophy an unprecedented three years in a row, earning the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award for five consecutive years, and managing to fly over 200% of our allocated flying hours while covering numerous deployments, coronets, alert lines and Med-Evac missions. With stats like these, it's easy to see why the Black Knights are "Out Front!" Alright, enough bragging, here's the line-up that made these phenomenal events happen.

19 ARG Boom Operators

OGV

SMSgt Howard "Wally" Tennyson - A great addition to our OGV shop. Bringing in AMC/IG experience.
TSgt "Angry" Frank Antonsen - Loves his milk and honey buns! Looking forward to getting back to the pubs in Mildenhall!

OGS (Secret Squirrel World)

MSgt Tom Hewitt - He's so secret, we don't even know where he is half the time.
MSgt Chris Campbell - Trying to get back up on status after a long term DNIF. Always in the hallways screaming "I'm coming to join you Elizabeth! It's the BIG ONE!"

XPO

TSgt Mel Brewer - "Goat" was last seen enjoying an ice cream cone at the local Ford dealership.

OSOS (Scheduling Guru)

TSgt Mark "Penguin" Yandell - My legs!! I can't feel my legs!!!! I swear, they're working on my waiver as we speak.

OST

TSgt Walt Markwas - A supply troop cross trainee. Recent instructor upgrade with an assignment to Altus.

99 ARS Boom Operators

Program Manager

MSgt Jeff Whited - "Don't worry about your water jugs guys, just leave them in my office after your flights. I'll get them back to the Flight Kitchen for you!"

DOV

MSgt(s) Tom "T-Bone" Rice - A great year for "T-Bone". Made Master and celebrated by making a baby! Congrats TWICE!

TSgt Dave "Stads" Stadnicki - "Come on Down!" Stads had his 15 minutes of fame on The Price is Right this year. "Anybody want to buy some really cool watches?"

Training Flight

SSgt Pete Rodriguez - Keeps asking us to "Smell my finger" Must be a PEMCO thing...
SrA Steve Timlin - Sure I can fly a helicopter! I mean, it can't be that hard, can it?
SrA Lyndi Carney - Newly back from CFIC. "Hey Lyndi, where does it say that I can't do this"?

"A" Flight

SSgt Dave Coleman - #32 on the Flight Engineer cross training list. Would rather cross train to the Professional Bass Fisherman AFSC. They have one of those, don't they?

SrA Tre Mackey - Building hours and prepping for CFIC.

A1C Timothy "TJ" Ablay - SrA BTZ! We just can't seem to keep this guy busy enough!

A1C Joel "Betty Crocker" Greve - "Yes Sir, the locks on both of the kitchen doors work as advertised"

A1C Vince Maiuri - Great addition to the boom operator career field. Flying and building hours in prep for CFIC.

A1C Mark "Frito" Fioritto - Only 20 years old and already "RE-married"? Go ahead and ask him about his first wife!

"B" Flight

MSgt James Lockley - Southern born and bred. Just back from re-qual at Altus. Loves the smell of cinnamon candles.

SSgt Denim Beeler - #24 on the Flight Engineer list! Has had enough of the "E" life, wants to be an "O".

SSgt(s) Terrence "Brown-Eye" Brown - Squadron scheduler guru..

A1C Aaron Smith - "Flapjack Mix-a-Lot" currently in the process of legally changing his name.

A1C Joe "JD" Pittman - A college educated Boom Operator? We're lucky to have gotten him before the Officers did!

A1C Andy Koehler - Made "Mr" He sews on in Nov 04. He keeps talking about his "lady friends" in the Geriatric Ward.

A1C Terrell "Kyle" Frideger - Got an "Old Fashion Butt Whuppin" at the Viking Club in Guam!

"C" Flight

SSgt Bruce Klima - #21 on the Flight Engineer list and slowly moving up. Trying to get an Altus slot to avoid it.

SrA Chris "Dr. Dvorkain" Dvorak - Moved from Scheduling to Mobility. He must be doing something right. Or wrong?

A1C Zachariah "Yackariah" Lauritzen - Got a little queasy during an ASEV No-Notice check ride! "Spew 1"!!

A1C Ben "Buck" Rogers - Taking advantage of the Force Shaping Program. Got a slightly used Harley for sale.

SSgt Doug "E. Fresh" Boren - Gave up nicotine for Twinkies! Expecting a baby soon and looking for an assignment to Altus.

SSgt(s) Drake "Shocker" Dayton - Wants to be a Park Ranger so he can grow out his Kentucky Waterfall. Anyone got a good used Mopar for sale?

A1C Marcus Barnes - Our newest baby boomer still needs a signed permission slip from his parents just to come to work!

Departures in 2004

A1C Raiford - Separated.

SrA Paula Lane - Separated.

Amn Amanda Newman - Separated.

SSgt Dustin Schales - Cross trained into ATC.

SSgt Eric Hicks - Separated.

That's about a wrap from here. If you're ever in the area, be sure and look us up! It's always good to see familiar faces and catch up on old times! (Remember when we used to actually burn water.....Yeah, me too.....)

Utah Air National Guard
191st AIR REFUELING SQUADRON
Known as: **SLARCO** (Salt Lake Air Refueling Company)

Hello from the Mountains of Salt Lake City, home of “SLARCO”, the few, the brave, the Boomers! Well, we have been busy as ever flying our E-models around the world. Sometimes we wonder if we’ll ever get R’s. Maybe their saving the best for last! Hmm.... We here at SLARCO headquarters have been busy developing some prototypes for Boomers worldwide. Our newest division “FBBB” (For Boomers By Boomers) have scoured the world looking for solutions, for instance: “The pilot gerbil watering bottle”, *simply run a plastic tube from the galley mounted to the visor above the pilots head with an attached nipple.* “The touch & go Boomer” *just inflate, put a head set on him, they’ll never know.* “1 step checklist” *remove nose down lock! , your good to go.* “The (Hickam) hula doll” *place on dash board, if she leans left your in a left bank, right, your in a right bank, if her skirt falls off it was a hard landing.* “Black Forest cuckoo clock (Ramstein)” *hangs over the clock and altimeter you can’t use.* “Can of Fommunda” *gets rid of bothersome passengers in the jump seat.* “NASCAR setting for two,(Osan)” *these authentic plates and silverware for fine dining at the Nav table.* “Samurai costume and authentic looking sword” (Kadena), *look just like John Belushi in seconds when the pilots want to do 1 more T&G!* Look for these and more, at “FBBB “(For Boomers By Boomers) a division of SLARCO.

CURRENT TEAM SLARCO MEMBERS

CMS Douglas A. Cline, “Chief of the boat” (*Technician*)
CMS Joseph R. Mace, assigned AMC Scott AFB, (*Active Duty*)
SMS Marty J Nielsen, (*Technician*)
SMS James L Zaelit, (*Technician*)
SMS Jarvis T. Brown, (*Technician*)
MSG Brian Steenblik, (*AGR*)
MSG Brian Jensen, (*Technician*)
MSG Ben Williams, (*Technician*)
MSG Eric Henderson, (*Traditional*) (Civilian, Hill AFB)
MSG Brian Lawson, (*Traditional*) (Civilian, Hill AFB)
MSG John Salazar, (*Technician*)
MSG Tim Molder, (*Technician*)
MSG Karen Keely, (*Traditional*)
TSG Santiago (Jay) Avila, (*Traditional*) (Civilian, Hill AFB)
SSGT Dave Hudson, (*Traditional*) (student, Weber State University)
MSG Jason Blood, (*Traditional*) (Business owner)
SSGT Kurt Armstrong, (*Traditional*) (Civilian, Hill AFB)
SRA Derek Larsen, (*Traditional*) (student Columbia College)
AMN Nick Thompson, (*Traditional*) (student University of Utah)

FORMER BOOM OPERATORS

MSG Mat Ocana - 1lt Mxs. Officer
MSG Lorin Pratt - Unit Intel
1lt Dan Boyack - Squadron Pilot
2lt Jason Moffat - Squadron Pilot
TSG Robert Bean - Unit Command Post
SRA Brian L. Jensen- Separated
SRA Eric Hill - Crew Chief
TSG Mike Snieder - Separated
TSG Ed Smith - Separated
MSG Suzette (Kemp) Umphrey - Separated
TSG James Morrison - Separated
SSG Ken Gardner - Separated

SSG Robert Nielsen - Separated
MSG Ken Hadley - Retired
MSG Dallas Stevens - Retired
MSG Dennis Green - Retired
MSG Don Hackman - Retired
CMS Jimmy Duncan - Retired
CMS Marvin Boase - Retired
CMS Val Petersen - Retired
CMS Dennis Daniels - Retired
MSG Spud Hansen - Retired
SMS Ole Madsen - Deceased
MSG Dennis Woodward - Retired
MSG Steve Stephens - Retired
MSG Leon Greenhaulgh - Retired
TSG Billy Welch - Squadron Pilot - Separated
TSG Corey Jones - Separated
TSG George Sanders- Separated
TSG Wayne Burton - Retired
MSG Charlie Alder - Retirement
TSG Frank Miller - Separated
TSG Richard Anderson - Retired
MSG William Parker - Retired

HQ AMC SCOTT AFB, IL

To All Boom Operators,

Before I begin, I'd like to recognize Chief Dan Mongeon for his contributions to the Boom Operator AFSC. He worked tirelessly to improve our lives in the field, and left us in great shape. He took us from manning levels around 80% to well over 100%, and delivered an update to W&B programs. I still rely on him for advice from time to time, and wish him the best of luck in watch making school and whatever career plans he pursues upon graduation.

I enjoyed (sort of) the 30 hour drive to Castle Air Force Base for the 25th Annual Symposium. Dan Mongeon, Tony Nicholson, Dave Monk and I made the drive with a few stops en route. What an experience. Lou Drummond and the Travis Boom Association did an outstanding job hosting. It was a pleasure visiting with old friends and meeting some of the legendary Boom Operators. I can't wait for the next one at Altus.

So, what's going on in AMC and the Air Force for Boom Operators? As you are all aware, we're in a Force Shaping and drawdown year. The Air Force has too many people, and not all of them are in the AFSC we need them in right now. This coupled with our 110% manning levels have led to the first ever Boom Operator participation in an NCO Retraining Program. We are retraining 40 of our finest into the Flight Engineer AFSC. The situation is not ideal, and we are definitely going to miss those selected. I want to be clear about one thing though. The alternatives to this program were to retrain into other non-flying AFSC's experiencing shortfalls, separation, or cross flow to the Army. The Career Field Manager is doing everything he can to keep 1AXXXs as 1A's.

TALCE and Altus school house vacancies continue to be at the top of my list. With the advent of Assignment Action Code 50s, these jobs will be rotated every three years. This should tell you a couple things. First, you won't drop into a black hole and be forgotten, and second, everyone should plan to perform one or both of these duties. Be proactive so the assignment system or command doesn't have to reach out and touch you. The era of doing 10+ years on station are over. Enough of the official stuff.

Christine and I welcomed Olivia Madison Winter to our family on January 25, 2004.

I wish each of you a great year and commend you for the hard work you're doing everyday. Keep the pole in the hole!

Lee Winter, CMSgt
Functional Manager, HQ AMC

HQ AMC

CMSgt Oliver "Lee" Winter, lee.winter@scott.af.mil - AMC/A37TF

CMSgt Joe Mace, joseph.mace@scott.af.mil - I'm the resident SLARCO guard guy here at HQ AMC, A37TK. We left Salt Lake in March of 2003 and plan to be here at Scott until at least March of 2007. Chris and the kids are doing well and enjoying living in Illinois. Ashley is married and lives in Salt Lake, Nate is taking classes at Southwestern Illinois College, Estee is a junior and Westin a freshman at Mascoutah High School

CMSgt Les McPeak, leslie.mcpeak@scott.af.mil - Doing the AMC IG thing until retirement. Having the opportunity to be a Command Chief for a great wing (the 97 AMW) was the pinnacle of my AF career, but I needed a change. Although technically I'm back in the 1A000 career field, I don't have enough TIS to requal so no flying...BUMMER! Still having fun; ten months to 30 years!" v/r Chief McPeak

SMSgt Mike Adams, michael.adams@scott.af.mil - AMC/A37VK

SMSgt Luis Drummond, luis.drummond@scott.af.mil - AMC/A37VK. Lou came over to the dark side about a month ago from Travis.

(S)SMSgt Gary Elliott, gary.elliott@scott.af.mil - HQ AMC Tanker Requirements Branch Program Manager. Gary is doing great! He's been busy with several different projects... most notably the Joint-Unmanned Combat Air System's Automated Aerial Refueling program. He said if the program remains on schedule Booms should be refueling unmanned receivers in the very near future.

SMSgt Scott Konieczka, scott.konieczka@scott.af.mil - KC-10 Boom Operator Training Manager. KB and the boys are doing great. Bryan is a junior and Matthew started the 3rd Grade. Finished my Master's Degree last year and now just play the guitar in my spare time and am making tentative retirement plans. KB is a full time Mom and is planning to start a photography business in the near future. Go Packers!!

SMSgt Bricker Martin, bricker.martin@scott.af.mil - AMC Command KC-135 Evaluator Boom Operator TDY most of the year to all AMC units. The office says I'm TDY to Scott when I actually show up to work. SMSgt Mike Adams has been a tremendous help this year. We both will have over 200 days TDY each by years end. It would have been hard for me to do 400 days without Mikes help. Looking forward to seeing both new and old faces in the future

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MSgt Alton Lundin, alton.lundin@scott.af.mil - AMC/A330

MSgt Barry Mayhew, barry.mayhew@scott.af.mil - HQ AMC IG/IGIOT (the duty symbol is indicative of my intelligence) If unable to instruct, evaluate is my motto. I am currently on the IG team as an operations inspector. My duties also include serving as the IG's focal point for TALCE inspections. The past three and 1/2 years have brought many life changes. Divorce, PCS, promotion, college graduation, remarriage and a child on the way are just some of these. If in the area, give me a call at DSN 779-0452 or email me and we can catch up!

MSgt Dave Monk, david.monk@scott.af.mil - Living in Troy IL, Enjoying life! Watching the BIG picture and seeing the AF doing incredible things every day! NKAWTG - Nobody

MSgt Anthony Nicholson, anthony.nicholson@scott.af.mil - KC-135 Boom Operator Training Manager. Fran and the boys are doing well. Trying to work on a Master's Degree but coming along slowly. I have taken up running as a new hobby when the work is not piled up. Good Luck and remember "ALWAYS FLY THE AIRCRAFT"

MSgt Kevin Schlegel, kevin.schlegel@scott.af.mil AMC/A31M - Functional Manager, Mobile C2 TALCE Operations. Kevin has had a long tour at AMC and it's about to come to a close. Heading back to the jet...KC-10 that is. PCS to Travis in Dec 04 with a class date in Jan 05. He will be missed. Looking for a replacement...anyone want to volunteer? Big shoes to fill!!!!

MSgt Jeff Sidles, jeffery.sidles-02@scott.af.mil AMC/A31M - Functional Manager, AMC Affiliation Program. Jeff just arrived in Aug 04 replacing MSgt Jose "Hozer" Martinez (PCS'd to McConnell). Jeff's been at the HQ for 15 minutes and still likes it! By the deer in the headlight look, we can tell he's going to love staff work. We're glad to have him on the team!

MSgt John Reigelsberger, john.reigelsberger@scott.af.mil - As you know, Lou and I are now the Command KC-10 Evaluator boys. I came into the job Jan of 2004 over from the IG for the two years prior to that and McGuire AFB before the IG.

TACC

SMSgt/Mr. Steven Reeff, steven.reeff@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOOKP

SMSgt/Mr. James Ward, james.ward@scott.af.mil TACC/XOP - Exercise/contingency planner. Doing fine especially during this year, with the run of the Cardinals!

MSgt Julie Cassard, julie.cassard@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOPM

MSgt Randy Crittendon, randall.crittendon1@scott.af.mil - Doing pretty good, working at TACC as a Mission Support Coordinator for XOP/Global Readiness, basically our office directs and manages all TALCE deployments. If I'm not at work, I'm probably out RV'ing in some of the great campgrounds in Illinois/Missouri.

MSgt Doug Garrett, garrettd@scott.af.mil -TACC/XOBK, I'm working in the long-range shop in the Tanker Barrel. Loving life in the mid-west but I really miss the flying. I'm currently working on my computer degree for the after AD life

MSgt Dennis Pratt, dennis.pratt@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOOKN

MSgt Jaime 'Jim' Recuero, jaime.recuero@scott.af.mil - CJCS Contingency Airlift Director, HQ AMC/TACC Future Operations. Life is good here at Scott. Just got here in July and have adjusted to my desk job (for now). My wife, Kim, and our girls, Rachel and Taylor, are doing great. We are all closer to family so that will make the Holiday's a lot more special. Having my brother and his family get stationed here as well was an added bonus. It should be a great 3 to 4 years. With any luck I'll be back in operational unit after this assignment then call it quits after that. Take Care, Fly Safe."

MSgt Mark Reuter, mark.reuter@scott.af.mil - Moved to Scott AFB in Nov 03. Now working as a Coronet Mission Director for fighter drags. Glad to back close to home and family. Still riding motorcycles every chance I get and recently qualified as an MSF Instructor.

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Retired in the area

Mr. Jim Eden (CMSgt Ret), wingnut135@charter.net - The Air Force was extremely good to me for 30 years, but retirement has been even better. If you are contemplating the jump, come on out, there is life after AF. I say I'm not working yet, as coaching baseball at Pontiac JHS, three months out of the year, can't be work. It's almost as much fun as flying those 3-5 boom sorties, and winning that beer from your buddies for best contact. Can't say that I've ever done that, but then again.....I've never hit an F-4 outside the receptacle or closed his door with my nozzle. The only way it COULD be better is if we make post-season. Anyway, life is good. Drop me a line. Boom Stowed. HP: 618-628-9547, CP: 618-580-6238,

Mr. Erskin Glast (CMSgt Ret), erskin.glast@scott.af.mil - Got assign in the TACC's Coronet Shop in Oct 31 2002 working as one of the Supervisors of the Coronet shop, supervisor four civilians. I'm just having a ball. And why not a Boomer operator working in the Coronet shop moving Coronets it doesn't get any better!!!

Mr. Scott Harris (CMSgt Ret), harris2404@hotmail.com

Mr. Ted Inwood (CMSgt Ret), chiefted2@aol.com

Mr. Dan Mongeon (CMSgt Ret), mongeon@okstate.edu - Doing great, loving retirement. Julie, Mikaela, and Danielle are doing great too. Well into my first year at OSU-Okmulgee to become a watchmaker.

Mr. Jake Benscoter (SMSgt Ret), jbenscoter@charter.net - Here, I am still working at Anheuser-Busch in their IT Department (Management Systems Group/Desktop Services). I provide second level desktop pc support to the International Division and several other groups not located in St. Louis. I finally finished college, got my BS from Park in Management and Computer Information Systems last June. I have been to Mexico City, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Tokyo, London, and back to Guam. In my spare time (what little there is) I've taken up bike riding

Mr. Greg Conrad (SMSgt Ret), gregory.conrad@scott.af.mil AMC/A31C - Functional Manager, Air Mobility Division (AMD) Training and Stan/Eval. Finally found a permanent GS position and enjoys all the paychecks. Seems to be immune to staff work after being on the staff for nine years. Says everyone should look forward to the ultimate promotion.... "RETIREMENT."

Mr. Charles Gurkin (SMSgt Ret), gurkinc@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOCM

Mr. Mark Sletten (SMSgt Ret), marknlisa@hometel.com - Working at Flight Safety and live in St. Jacob, IL

Mr. Robert "B.B." Wiggs (SMSgt Ret), robert.wiggs@scott.af.mil - Officially retired 1 April, 2004. Now working as a Contractor for Tri-Cor Industries, Inc. as a GDSS 2 Analyst/Trainer.

Mr. John Felisky (MSgt Ret), john.g.felisky@boeing.com - Retired from active duty in May 2003. Stayed in the St. Louis area and went to work with Boeing in June 2003. Work in the Advanced Designs department of the Tanker Program. Married for six years now with two children (ages 10 & 3).

Mr. Dave Harrison (SMSgt Ret), harrisod@charter.net - I retired in '97; been working as a contractor testing C2 software for AMC ever since. I like very much having a job that I can still support the AF and my country. I spend most of my free time now (after family obligations - honey dos) playing golf and enjoying a new home with a backyard pool. Previous assignments were Plattsburgh NY, 78-87, and Beale AFB 88-94. Drop a line if you like.

Mr. Chris Hocter (MSgt Ret), hocctor1@charter.net - Retired in '02, 10 months with a contractor in Hawaii, and then a year and a half in the AMC Dip Shop, mostly at night. I was lured away by normal

working hours and a chance to get re-acquainted with my family. I was tempted to retire completely, but the honey-do list at home would kill me. Swamped with my son's football schedule, and yard sales to pay for his college. Pease 82-85, Kadena 85-88, SJ 88-94, Travis 94-97, and Scott 97-02. Send updates, jokes (or money) Dave and I are both retired and working with a contractor here in the IG building at Scott AFB, testing the next generation of GDSS and whatever else they throw at us. It's like "old home week" at Scott, running into booms and all the other types we have flown with throughout our careers. If you come to visit AMC, feel free to stop by and buy us a lunch!

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Mr. Jerry Linscott (MSgt Ret), jerry.linscott-02@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOCZF

Mr. Colon Miller (MSgt Ret), colon.miller@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOPEE

Mr. Jim Norris (MSgt Ret), james.norris@scott.af.mil - (TACC / XOBK) Tanker Allocation Director, Chief of Tanker NOBLE EAGLE Operations, ex-flight manager, and head bottle washer. Present wife - Captain Glenda L. Norris. Newest member of the Norris household - Alexandra Michelle Norris, age 5. We built a palace on the 17th hole of Locust Hills Golf course; feel free to stop by for a cold one or two. Bring your sticks.

Mr. Laroche Placide, (MSgt Ret), placidlj@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOOKP

Mr. Randy Seip (MSgt Ret), randy.seip@scott.af.mil - Randy and Marla became young new Grand Parents in Jun 03. We'd like to thank all those who have served, and are still serving our Great country.

Mr. Michael Trace (MSgt Ret), micheal.trace@scott.af.mil - KC-10 / KC135 Current status: Working at Scott as GS civilian at USTRANSCOM J3 in the Directors Initiatives Group. Still looking for that 14 position back at AMC.

Ms. Tina Wallace (MSgt Ret), tina.wallace@scott.af.mil - Retired in 1999. Working at Scott AFB for Northrop Grumman, on the CAMPS contract.

Mr. Jim Wood (MSgt Ret), james.wood2@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOBA

Mr. Scott Anderson (TSgt Ret), scott.anderson3@scott.af.mil - TACC/XOOOP

Ms. Fran Nicholson (TSgt Ret), frances.nicholson@scott.af.mil - Doing great working at HG AMC/A581, in Foreign Military Sales. The boys, Justin, Wyatt, and Tony are all doing fine. Busy with karate in my spare time, three belts away from a black belt.

SCOTT AFB, IL 108TH ARS

Well, it's been a couple of years since you have heard from us. We have seen a lot of people come and go but business is still boomin!

Brown, Daniel, TSgt: "*Downtown*": daniel.brown@ilscot.ang.af.mil Technician

Dan arrived from Kelly Field and has been here about a year now. Recently forgot his helmet going to GK and had to buy mucho Erdinger

Buckwalter, Bill, MSgt "*Uncle Buck*": william.buckwalter@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Big wig at National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency

Butler, Steve, TSgt "*Iceman*": steven.butler@ilscot.ang.af.mil Technician
Finally left the vault and now is one of the Scheduling guru's

Buzenski, Mark, TSgt "*Boo Boo*": mark.buzenski@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Does anyone want to see my windmill?

Castilloiceaga, Jamie, SrA: jamie.castilloiceaga@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Recently returned from Altus by the sea, and is recently been released on his own

Doeding, Douglas, TSgt: douglas.doeding@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Recently graduated from the NCO academy, and is gainfully employed as a prison guard

Fusek, Paul, TSgt "*Fusebox*": fusey15@yahoo.com Traditional Guardsman
Currently a guard bum who put together a very nice mission planning package for Boom use

Gerros, Sammy, CMSgt "*PM*": sammyg36@hotmail.com Technician
Better known as the "original" Sammy from Chicago and, as far as we know, hasn't got a problem with cork in his bat. Has been waiting 45 years for his beloved Cubs to do something!

Glover, Matt, SMSgt: "*The Hated One*": daboomkc135@hotmail.com AGR
Recently been promoted to Senior and is still the TDY Boom

Lagioia, Peter, MSgt: "": peter.lagioia@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
The aging Boom has a great gig working for a big company out of his basement. Occasionally comes down to fly and goes TDY

Latimer, Arie, TSgt: arie.latimer@ilscot.ang.af.mil AGR
You can find him anywhere but his own workplace. Obsessed with Texas Hold'em and is looking to break into the World Series of Poker Tour

McCauley, Pat, TSgt "*McGoofey*": patrick.mccauley@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Chicago Fireman who gets the same thrill air refueling as he does saving a life. Found him a Turkish woman

Meinken, Chris, TSgt "*Curly*": curlyq@intertek.net AGR
Scheduler to the stars. Busy working on finishing his basement

Phaff, Michelle, TSgt: michelle.pfaff@ilscot.ang.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Brand new Boom Operator. Still at Altus by the sea

Reed, John, TSgt: john.reed@ilscot.ang.af.mil Technician
Can refuel in his sleep which is good because he is usually asleep after takeoff

Rizzo, Rob, SMSgt "Ratso": rarizzo@hotmail.com AGR
Still the Stand/ Eval guru but is lonely because of the recent retirement of his mentor

Slater, Christopher, SrA: christopher.slater@ilscot.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Recently been doing counter drug program. Has an incredible collection of hats and tee shirts from his TDY's

Spejewski, Rick, MSgt "Spoogio": rspejewski@hotmail.com Traditional Guardsman
C2IPS boy. Still has the biggest muscles in the unit and needs a constant supply of food to satisfy his enormous appetite

Wagner, Keith, SMSgt: keith.wagner@ilscot.af.mil Technician
He was forced to return his retirement watch upon his return to the squadron in 2002. Currently in current Ops

Zahner, Christopher, SSgt: christopher.zahner@ilscot.af.mil Traditional Guardsman
Working on getting his college degree, plans on being a teacher upon graduating

108th Present and Past Boom Lineup

Allendorfer, Brian TSgt: Traditional Guardsman
Balsamo, Roy: Retired CMSgt.
Banakis, Gus: Retired MSgt.
Bowers, Vernon: Retired CMsgt.
Buckwalter, Bill, TSgt: Traditional Guardsman
Butler, Steve, MSgt, AGR
Buzenski, Mark, SSgt: Traditional Guardsman
Crome, Richard: Deceased. Killed in a KC-135 accident, March 19, 1982. The Boom Operator of the year award is named after him.
Dunbar, Tim, MSgt: Traditional Guardsman assigned to the DOX former boom.
Fleckenstein, Len: Retired MSgt.
Fusek, Paul E., SSgt: AGR wannabe
Garcher, Joe: Left for greener pastures across the ramp at Airborne Express using his vast knowledge of weight and balance.
Gerros, Sammy, CMSgt, Program Manager
Glover, Matt, MSgt: Full time technician assigned to training flight.
Gessner, Pete: Retired MSgt.
Groch, Jeff: Retired MSgt.
Guerrieri, Dom: Retired TSgt.
Heimann, Jay, TSgt Traditional Guardsman
Kalaba, Faruza: Retired SMSgt.
Kapusta, Gene, SSgt: Still on the lam whereabouts unknown.
Kolb, Joe, Retired SSgt.
Koncar, Jim, Retired MSgt.
Kurzeja, John, Retired CMSgt.
Lagioia, Pete: Retired MSgt.
Lawhorn, Dan Retired MSgt.
Long, Joe, TSgt: Presently assigned to the Civil Air Patrol.
Luciani, Susan: Retired TSgt.
Malik, Jerry: Retired CMSgt.
McCauley, Patrick J., SSgt, Traditional Guardsman
McNamara, Sherri, SSgt: Assigned as crew chief with the Wisconsin ANG, traditional guardsman.
Meinken, Christopher, SSgt AGR
Melonides, Spero, Retired SMSgt.
Miranda, Jim, Retired SMSgt.
Ohse, Rory J., Retired MSgt.
Olson, Steve, SRA: New hire from active duty
Phillips, Ken, Retired SMSgt. Former program manager.

Palumbo, Randy, MSgt : Still a boom at Seymour Johnson AF.
Quaid, Pat MSgt.: Full time technician, boom scheduler to the stars.
Reed, John, SSgt, New hire from active duty, full time technician
Rewers, Dan, TSgt: Got out when enlistment was up.
Rizzo, Rob, MSgt: AGR Stan/Eval Boom.
Shell, Joe, TSgt: Turned in his wings for an engineer's cap, working for the railroad all the livelong day.
Seiple, Dick, Retired MSgt.
Smedley, Sean, A1C: Newest boom candidate presently at Altus.
Spejewski, Rick, MSgt: Full time technician, Current ops.
Struck, Les, Retired MSgt
Thibault, Bob, Retired MSgt.
Tromp, Karl, Retired MSgt.
Wagner, Keith, Retired CMSgt.
Weber, John, Retired TSgt.

SELFREDGE ANGB, MI 63rd ARS

“Home of the Motor City Madmen”

Hello from the 63 ARS “Motor City Madmen”. The last couple of years have been very challenging for the 63rd. We just finished our PACER CRAG conversion and upgraded from E-models to R-models. Trying to keep up on all of our normal commitments and deployments has kept all of us pretty busy. The booms of the 63rd have meant this challenge and then some. Let’s take a look at those booms.

ARTS:

CMSgt Bill “The Bowler” Shaw: If you are looking for him, look no further than the base bowling alley. When Bill isn’t running the wing Stan/Eval program you can find him in the parking lot arguing with Reg as to who should be the leader of the 63rd Madman Motorcycle gang.

SMSgt Reg “Chief Boom” Nolte: Our Chief Boom, if he is not at the squadron he is chopping trees down in his yard, or riding his Harley Davison. 12,000 hours under his belt and still flying. Isn’t there a rule against that?? To set the rumor straight he is not the original boom.

MSgt Greg “Coffee Mug” Ringel: If you can’t find Greg look for his coffee mug, he won’t be far away. He was one of our beloved schedulers until he took over training flight. Loves going on all the trips he can. Still misses his C-130 days.

MSgt Larry “Mr. Quiet” Wyland: We would like say something about Larry but is he keeps to himself. Just remember beware of the quiet ones. Rumor has it that he likes to fish.

MSgt Michael “Race Car” Weir: The recently promoted MSgt loves his racecars. He just bought a new home and is already trying to make a shrine to NASCAR. The unit decided it was time to upgrade him to evaluator, so watch out. Word has it that Mike plans on starting his own backyard-wrestling league.

MSgt John “Mr. Lake” English: He volunteers to fly on every weekend and holiday while at the same time being kept busy over at mission development. He was a cornerstone in Mission Development so we decided it was time to move him to further his knowledge. Then we changed our minds and moved him back. John recently got promoted to MSgt.

TSgt Johnny “Special Projects” White: Our newest ART boom! First he got hired as a reservist and nobody knew it, then gets in a car wreck with a semi when he got here, after that he gets hired as a ART, shortly after he got selected for upgrade, then got promoted to TSgt. Bought a Z4 BMW and getting his private pilot license. What’s next? Sounds like a early mid life crisis.

RESERVISTS:

CMSgt Jeff “Aerial Port” Rooding: Jeff has been tasked to work at Aerial Port for the unforeseeable future. One of those line of sight things. Jeff has been doing a great job at trying to help everyone out doing First Sergeant type stuff. Chief Rooding has been working over in the Middle East for the majority of the past year.

MSgt Joe “Postal” Bozzo: Life is rough for Joe these days, he’s not sure what is more dangerous; working at the Post office or the military now a days.

MSgt Fred “Nightlife” Goettsche: Fred is an Air Force man by choice, but a Marine at heart. If you ever need someone to show you the nightlife of any city, Fred is your man.

TSgt Ben "Phone Man" Lance: When Ben isn't out here flying he is home watching his children. He thought about applying for a full time position with the unit but decided he wanted to work for the local phone company instead, just so he could wear a hardhat.

TSgt Dale "Liberal" Ryan: If anyone loved being a boom Dale is it. For the past two years he has flown more than any other boom at Selfridge while being a reservist. Did I mention he lives out of state or that he runs his own business also?

TSgt Brian "Social Butterfly" McDonald: Brian recently got married. She is a schoolteacher and Brian is hoping she will keep him out of trouble. Brian works as a teacher himself. Brian knows more people than the mafia has connections. Brian recently got promoted to TSgt and was selected to be commissioned.

TSgt Karl "The Controller" Kivela: Karl went to work ATC at Chicago then finally came back to work ATC at Detroit Metro. He has started to come out and fly a lot more since moving back. He is so good on the radios that he missed his true military calling: AWACS Controller. Karl recently got promoted to TSgt.

SSgt Robert "Hard Hat" Vossen: Rob was a KC-10 boom then moved to Ohio and seen the light. He decided to join the unit and enjoy life as a KC-135 boomer. He recently got a job working at a large power plant.

A1C Richard "New Guy" McFadden: Our newest boom. Richard just got married before he left active duty and is trying to start a life up out here. He is thinking about getting a job as an ART out here.

RETIRED or SEPERATED:

SMSgt Niki "Mr. Excel" Zachary: Almost anyone can drive a car, but who can drive a car backwards better than he or she can forwards. Niki that's who. If you need it, Niki has already created it! He has created an excel program for everything. After he retired he took a straight civilian job in Mission Development.

MSgt Rick "Handy Man" Morrow: If it was meant to be built, than Rick is the person for the job. He runs his own construction business.

SSgt Tom "Mini Morrow" Polk: Tom left his job at Detroit Metro Airport where he was a shift supervisor to work for MSgt Rick Morrow doing construction work. He figured he would be on the fast track since he knows the boss (Rick).

SSgt Michelle "Registered Nurse" Keller: Michelle finally earned her degree and got a commission. She recently got married. Congratulations.

CROSS-TRAINED:

TSgt Andre Jones: Andre was an Aero Med then he became a Boom Operator. After a couple of job changes he moved on and now works elsewhere in the wing.

INBOUND:

A1C Michael Sthal: He is scheduled to join the unit towards the end of summer. He comes to us from Fairchild AFB, WA.

From the Selfridge booms we wish everyone the best. If you find yourself in Michigan, come by and pay us a visit. The beer is always cold and company friendly. Till next time take care.

SMSgt Reg Nolte
63rd Chief Boom

SEYMOUR-JOHNSON AFB, NC 77 ARS

Hello from Seymour Johnson AFB, NC - home of the 916th Air Refueling Wing and the 77th ARS "TOTIN' TIGERS". Great Boom Operator's from across the Air Force will be reading this and we salute you all for a tremendous job. Here is an informal introduction to the proud, the few, from our great Wing!!

MSgt Barry "The Weasel" Bradley - Our "Get everything Boom" that gave himself the nickname "Blade" which we humbly changed to "Butterknife". Our Training Flight Boom, who is always busy, with what we don't know. Also ask him how many cars he has. And then ask him how many run!

SSgt Jorge "Mini Carl" Brewer - "We will call him..... Mini Carl". Too bad he doesn't know what that means. Our newest Boom right from Altus, also a NC Highway Patrolman, (The sole reason for hiring him). Thinks going out to breakfast is authorized for a late show time.

TSgt David "Chando" Chandonnet - Our resident computer guy, who doesn't need a "PA" system to be heard when drinking. Also has a sign in every foreign country that says, "Please be quiet!" (Written in English)

MSgt Keny "DAMMIT" Fallin - "says it all right there" The Stan Eval "boy", who is soon to be our newest instructor. His Super charged "Yellow Key" jet ski is one tough machine! He holds the worlds record for the longest flatulation and he thinks Budweiser is the only beer.

SrA Tara "Can you hear me now" Hopewell - Our "go to" Boom that said, "I'm not going any more!" She moved 6 hours away to sell cell phones and to go to school. She is really happy with the way her life is going now, just ask her about her latest oil change.

TSgt Kevin "Bling Bling" Hughes - He's the coolest guy he knows..... just ask him! Renowned for his original one of a kind line, "I didn't know". To include CDC's, checklist changes, Sate Training, water jugs, FLIP.....etc....etc...etc.

SMSgt Sean "Bobble Head" Martin - Coined the phrase, "Dammit Fallin". Newest ~~High School~~ College Graduate. Just got his B.S. in B.S. Our Stan Eval Boom with the hopes of a role on "Law and Order". Congrats Sean you earned it the hard way!

MSgt Mark "Maclmonkey" McElmurry - Known for having the "Purple Mouth of Istres Syndrome". Tired of the Troughing life, he finally took an ART position and became our Current Operations guy. He is also expecting the Milk Mans first kid.

MSgt William "Bill" Norris - Our newest knucklehead scheduler. Also soon to be another of our newest Instructors. Went to "Hooters" for the first time last year..... and we're holding the pictures hostage!

TSgt Lorie "Loper" O'Connell - Our actual newest Boom awaiting school in Altus. Our "Tell it like it is" New York accent Yankee, that we stole from Maintenance Supply. We are looking forward to giving her all of the squadrons additional duties.

MSgt Rodney "Rowdy" Smith - Still kicking and screaming "KISS" lyrics with his 20 something guitars. Newest saying, "Which of my Vettes' are you talking about, or do you mean my Harley?" Also claims to be the first person to ever refuel the Space Shuttle.

CMSgt Jerry Snyder - Just call him "Snyder"..... He likes that. Our "Can't do without Chief Boom", that always has our back. Ever since he got here the Booms have run the squadron. He's a die hard GM fanatic, always looking for the best deal on a vehicle, be it truck or car. Ask him about Twin Turbo's or anything to do with Vettes and he can go on for hours. He also claims he trained Rowdy on refueling the Space Shuttle, but he can show no proof to back it up.

TSgt Billy "BJ" Somerville - To this day nobody still knows what "BJ" stands for, except for the Bear. Our smiling gimp who is our dependable Thursday night Boom, (until the gimp thing happened). Hope you get better dude!!!

SMSgt Don Templeton - Our most senior reserve Boom... is waiting on retirement. We hate to see him leave, but we know he's got a lot going for him on the outside. Best of luck.

We see a lot of jets transit our prime piece of parking on the east coast. Please take the time to say hello. After calling RAYMOND 25 (4TH FW Command Post) give LIGHT HOUSE a call (both on 311.0) and have them pass to the BOOM SHOP your parking location. We will come out a greet you if we can. On the ground call (919) 722-2035.

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SIoux CITY IOWA AIR NATIONAL GUARD
174TH ARS
Home of the BATS

The 185th ARW went through massive changes the last two years converting from F-16s to KC-135E's. The majority of the booms were hired from within, however there were some "foreigners" that slipped through the cracks. These infiltrators are listed below. The conversion has gone well for the boom operators. I honestly believe we have the best initial cadre of booms ever assembled. This shows in the schoolhouse DG and EQ grad numbers.

Our four imported IBs would like to personally thank all the units out there that allowed us to fly on their jets when we had none. In addition, a special thanks goes out to the Flight Safety guys at the school house. Their positive Our newfound -135 fighter jock convertees were truly impressed with the amount of camaraderie the boom field exhibited through our conversion. Again, thanks to all!

CHIEF BOOM

SMSGT TONY FORTNEY

"Tone" was the initial boom hire and was on station in March of '02. The 185th Fighter Wing was still actively flying the F-16s and the "Coming of Tone" was the symbol of all evil for the -16 pilots. Tony was immediately responsible for hiring all the booms, setting up class dates, creating a temporary work environment for the new booms, and educating the -16 world on enlisted flyers, specifically boom operators. His job was not one to envy, especially in a single-seat conversion unit.

Tony has deep roots as a boom. After graduating from Boom School at Castle AFB, CA in August 1981, he was assigned to the 916 ARS, Travis AFB, CA. cutting his teeth in the A-Model. After a quick squadron closure in 1982 he was shipped south to Carswell AFB, Texas. In 1987 he somehow managed to get in the EC's at Hickam. From there he was hired into the Hawaii Guard in 1991 to stand up an R-Model Guard unit at Hickam AFB. The life must've been too good for Tone as he left the Hawaii Guard for the Alaska Guard and took a position as a -130 Engineer at Anchorage in 1998. Tony did his engineering thing for a few years but always knew that being a boom was the only way to go. In Early 2002 he came across the Chief Boom position at Sioux City and applied. He arrived in unit in March '02 and went to -135 requal that summer where he credits everything he knows to his awesome flight instructor (James Hill) at Altus.

You can call or stop by his house or office anytime. Unless, of course, he is on one of his many TDYs to Hickam that he "accidentally" happens upon. Did I mention his wife lives in Hawaii?

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Instructor Booms

MSgt James H. Hill (Chicken Hawk) - AGR, OGV Boom - james.hill@iasiou.ang.af.mil ext 0244 or home email siouxcityboom@cablone.net - I've never liked the Chicken Hawk nickname but ever since the days of old when Mike Maines (Country) at Dyess dubbed me Chicken Hawk I can't escape the name. I was one of the "outsiders" hired here at Sioux City from active duty. Even worst, hired from the schoolhouse! Overall, I love my new found Guard life and the family is doing well. I have also begun the AITW tradition as of Sep 04. Life is good.

MSgt (SMSgt select) Phil Frank - Philip.Frank@iasiou.ang.af.mil ext. 0267 - Active Duty Advisor/Training Flight - Phil has made a good name for himself here and works very hard. He makes the rest of us look bad. He still has the active duty stink on him though. Hopefully we can talk him into joining the dark side and become a permanent Guard member. Now all we have to do is protect him from his mad crazy potato gun antics.

TSgt Benjamin I. Davis (Ben) - AGR, Scheduling - Benjamin.Davis@iasiou.ang.af.mil ext 0261 - Ben... what can I say. He is another outsider that came from Altus. I don't even think he was ever hired he just moved up here from Altus and walked around in a flight suit until someone eventually started paying him. Ben has worked out well here and his numerous instructor hours and schoolhouse experience has served him well. They have bought a house in Sloan, IA, and have had time to bring in a new daughter into the family in Aug 04. Ben should pin on MSgt April 05 and he is just happy to be here.

Mission Booms

TSgt Scott Anthone - Traditional - Scott.Anthone@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA "Ant" - Boom School slot in Jan 05. Former SAC B-52 Crew Chief. He is on the books but no one has seen him yet. I think he was interviewed and hired via telegrams.

MSgt Dave Dietrich - AGR, Tactics- AKA "Tapeworm" David.Dietrich@iasiou.ang.af.mil - You would understand if you ever went out to eat with him. Hell, I'd rather buy his clothes than feed him. Dave was recently promoted to MSgt. His off time is mostly spent riding Harley's. Annually, he can be found at Sturgis.

SMSgt Jay Doran - AGR, Current Operations AKA "Jaybird" Jay.Doran@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Jay runs our Current Ops shop. Right place for the right guy. Jay put the "N" in "Netting. He is currently working on the laundry list of requests from the crews...Paris air show, Reno air races, and of course. Oshkosh!

SrA Angie Flanagan - Traditional - Currently in MQT - Angela.Flanagan@iasiou.ang.af.mil - We don't have a nickname for Angie because everyone is scared of her.

TSgt Mike Dunlop - Traditional- AKA "Lumpy" Mike.Dunlop@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Mike is our resident computer geek. After the guys at Gateway let him go due to reduction, Mike has never been the same. Needless to say, neither have we. Mike is one of our two true "Guard Bums". Got a trip....Mike's your man!

TSgt Chuck Griminger (The Grimator) - Technician - Stan/Eval assistant - Charles.Griminger@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Greetings to all the fellow booms out there. I joined the Sioux City, Iowa ANG in 1997 as a traditional with no prior service. In 2000, I started up full-time in the Flightline Avionics shop. With our conversion to KC-135s, I cross-trained over to the Boom Operator field and graduated Altus in May of 2005. So far, it's been a great ride, a constant learning process, and a challenging job, and I think those are three things that I can count on to remain that way for quite some time.

MSgt Chuck Heald - Technician, Scheduling- AKA "Charlie" Charles.Heald@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Chuck came from out F-16 Gun shop. He shoots on the Guard pistol team. I don't mess with this guy....I've seen him shoot!

MSgt Marshall Hill - Traditional- AKA “The Postman” Marshall.Hill@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Marshall Hill, father of 10. Guess what he’s good at! Marshall is a black belt in Tae Kwon do. He needs to be. If you ever had dinner at the Hill house you would understand.

MSgt Tim Ireland - Traditional l- AKA - “The Shop Teacher” Timothy.Ireland@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Tim is a high school shop teacher. One TDY with this gentleman will justify the costs of private schooling. I have lost all confidence in public schools!

MSgt Dudley Joines - Traditional - Dudley.Joines@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Dudley works downtown as a city cop. We are not sure of his booming skills but who cares, we all have get out of jail free cards!

TSgt Jeffrey Lindemann - AGR, Crew Comm - Jeffrey.Lindemann@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA “Lurch” Jeff is our token “former,” (Lord help us, not EX), Marine. Jeff is 6’8” with size 18 shoes.

SMSgt Al Mast - AGR, Training Flight - Alan.Mast@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA “Grandpa” - Graduated from Altus in Nov 2002 returned back to the unit and started the MQT process, The only problem was we didn’t have any Aircraft so we had to count on a lot of other unit’s to fly with our own instructors. It meant that we were able to see a large part of the country and meet a lot of great booms from other units. Now that we have our own aircraft it is really helping with the conversion and helps with the new grad’s from Altus. Also the unit is starting to take on real missions. (Coronets, MRAs, etc.) Been a busy 2 years looking forward to the future.

SSgt Misty McNamara - AKA “Big Mac” - Traditional - Misty.Mcnamara@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Boom School slot in Oct 04. Plucked from the bowels of Supply, Misty brings her smiley face to Ops and brightens all our days. Give her a year or two in Ops; that will get rid of her smile!

MSgt Lee Phelps - AGR, Current Operations - Lee.Phelps@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA “Buddy Lee” Previous SAC warrior that worked on EC-135’s out of Offutt. Too much exposure to radioactivity has left him with a sparsely populated cranium. Hiring Lee led us to a wondrous cartoon discovery...an 8th elf in the story of Sleeping Beauty...Stumpy!

SSgt Andy Pick - Traditional - Andy.Pick@iasiou.ang.af.mil - Currently at Boom School. Andy is military liaison for a local University. He was also a “State Champ” wrestler. Maybe Dan Mongeon can make him a belt....

SSgt Jason Stoos - Traditional - Jason.Stoos@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA “The Buckmaster” Jason recently missed an 8-yard shot (bow) on a monstrous corn-fed Iowa whitetail that would have made Ted Nugent envious. Jason is our other true Guard Bum. He would sell his soul for an AFTP.

MSgt Noreen Skelton - Traditional - Noreen.Skelton@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA “The Drill Sgt” Boom school slot in Oct 04. Noreen is a PME instructor so watch your Ps and Qs. Her Altus IB better review AFI 36-2903.

SSgt Ryan Surber - Traditional - Ryan.Surber@iasiou.ang.af.mil - AKA “Limfac” Ryan is a full-time student at Wayne State University in Nebraska. He sold his AFTPs to Jason.

FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF

Hello fellow Booms far and wide!

The past two and a half years have been nothing less than a blur for me and the rest of the initial instructor cadre team here at Sioux City. We have went from learning to order desks, pens, and pencils to completing whole mission de-briefs without even talking (just a lot of cool hand signals emulating high-speed flight maneuvers).

The only thing that is crystal clear is the fact that I have surrounded myself with the finest group of instructor Boom Operators flying. Singularly, they have made this F-16 to KC-135E conversion appear effortless. The fact of the matter is that they have sacrificed countless hours away from their families in their effort to spool up this Boom section (and squadron). So, with the rest of the tanker community listening, I wish to thank these selfless professional flight instructors for a job well done!

James "Chicken Hawk" Hill, MSgt/Stan Eval, (Coolest thing to come out of Texas since ranch dressing)
Ben "Al Miller's boy" Davis, TSgt/Flight Scheduling (Best young instructor on the market)
Phil "Tater" Frank, MSgt (SMSgt selectee)/Active Duty Advisor (My personal lawyer)

The rest of the Boom force here at Sioux City is comprised of the best of the best. Hand picked and highly motivated would best describe the new Boom Operators of the 174 ARS. Their consorted efforts ensured the timely building of all squadron divisions. (A feat that most current and qualified Boom's would have found extremely challenging to say the least.) As the program manager, I could not be more proud of their effort to "represent." They have studied endlessly, worked long hours, and been thankless in their effort to be the best they can be. To these individuals I openly admit my endless admiration and respect.

Lastly, and surely not least, I wish to announce my extreme appreciation to all the units and individuals that contributed to our successful conversion. A few key players cannot go without mention:

SMSgt Frank Santos- As the program Manager for the Guard, Frank's continued support has proven invaluable in every situation. Mahalo Frank! They picked the right guy when they got you up there.

CMSgt "Red" Paultet- The awesome job that Red provides the Guard/Reserve Booms going through the schoolhouse in Altus signifies the reason for his recent promotion to Chief Master Sergeant (and yes folks, he is a true "Chief").

Flight Safety Services Corporation/Boom Operator Division- This group of under-rated, story-tellin, big-brains is the start of every Boom Operator's career. If it were not for these quality individuals and their unconditional love for the job, I am sure Sioux City and the rest of the Tanker community would not be getting the quality Booms we see coming out of the school house. So, to this academic super-hero's I say "Thanks guys! You're the best and I appreciate you!"

The Flightline Instructors of the 54th and 55th ARS- Professional to the bone! You guys and girls make my job easy. I couldn't even attempt to do the job that you do on a daily basis. Truly amazing (kinda crazy) but still truly amazing! Thanks for a quality product. I'll have 18 more instructor candidates here for you real soon!

Well everyone, that's about it for the boys from IOWA. To all you Booms out there, be cool, fly safe, and keep an extra five knots on final for mom and the kids! Feel free to stop in any time. Our beer fridge is always open to brother Booms.

Tinker AFB, OK

465th ARS

United States Air Force Reserves

Welcome all to the 465th Air Refueling Squadron-home of the "Shit *Hot*" Okies! Well, many of you may know that the past few years have been busy for us. The accelerated pace began after September 11, 2002, (9-11) as we rapidly enlisted in the engagement taking up precious ramp space at Hickam AFB, HI. Somewhere in between flying the 1.5 hour missions and pulling alerts, we were able to squeeze some time in for ourselves and lounge on the beach. And of course, accumulating per diem! After the Grissom folks horned their way in and took our good deal, we shortly joined the fight over in sunny Diego Garcia pulling thirty-day rotations supporting the B-52's coming in and out of Afghanistan for OEF. (The navy sure has one hell of a well-kept secret there.) Then in February of 2003, our lottery card was drawn; we were activated. Once we received the status of our destination, we packed up and left for an all-inclusive vacation spot. When I say inclusive-I mean INCLUSIVE! Would anyone care to guess? Well, if you guessed a location off the tip of Oman called Masirah Island, you are our lucky winner! Four months of eating, sleeping, and flying over the wonderful land of Iraq and Afghanistan! During this time we found out how cohesive a unit that we really are. Now that our activation has ended, we are settling back into the old Okie traditions of years past fighting for alerts and TDY's. So, if you are ever in the Oklahoma City area, stop in and say hello. We are always up for a good story and we will have a cold beverage waiting on you!

Now for the 2004 OKIE all-star lineup:

AIR RESERVE TECHNICIANS (A.R.T'S)

CMS Steve Robinson (BIF)- Boys, look out! There is a new Sheriff in town and he goes by Bif. (Pssstttt- Hey, I think his badge is bigger than he is...) He is our new Program Manager. While the U.S. was busy tackling Saddam Hussein, Bif slipped in under the radar and set up his own puppet regime. CMS Robinson rules with an iron fist while staying busy trying to keep the rest of us in line as well as paid. On his off time he can be found with his boat running down to the lake for poker run tournaments. It has also been reported that he has been spotted sliding down embankments in his truck WITH his boat still attached! The operative word being SLIDING...OUCH...that's going to leave a mark!

CMS John Beasley (BIG JOHN)- As some of you are aware, BJ is no longer the Program Manager and has been put out to pasture to graze in the fields. He was selected for a new position where he would be working directly for the Operations Group Commander. He is responsible for looking out for the best interests of himself...oops...I mean the booms and working on special projects that no one knows about. BJ has a new passion in his life and that is his recently acquired Chevy SSR; however, before this vehicle, you could see him cruising around town in a red Chevy Corvette! How long does it take to get over a mid-life crisis?

SMS Marty Lochman (ELVIS or PIGEON)- Has anyone seen Marty? Depending on what day it is, Marty has a couple of different nicknames. The first is Elvis...as in Elvis has left the building. The second is Pigeon. We call him that because you have to throw a rock at him to get him to go fly. Seriously, Marty is our long range scheduler who stays really busy between working on scheduling issues and surfing for Mustang parts on the Internet.

SMS Phillip Brand (X-MAN)- Is there anything this guy cannot do? Phil is a recent addition to the rank of SMS and also our new Standards and Evaluations ART. This man has the knowledge and ability to do great things in that section. When Phil is not making changes and conducting evaluations, you can find him taking classes at the local college or working on his house. (SIGH) Unfortunately, Phil has been working on his house now for three years and it is still not done to his specifications. Can we say PERFECTIONIST?

MSG Kathleen Lowman (SHEBA)- Queen of the pride-ladies and gents! There is no doubt she is the head lioness in charge! She will be the first to correct you when you are out of line, but will also be the first to defend her cubs. Kathy is the N.C.O.I.C. of training and is the glue that holds the training flight together. If you have a question about anything, and I mean anything, she will have the answer! Also, on the down low... if you need to throw a kick ass party-call Kathy. She makes everything happen!

MSG Ricky Erwin (REBORN)- What can we say about Ricky? He keeps us laughing all the time!! This man's ability to embellish a story cannot be matched by any other! If not flying or on TDY's, he can usually be found on the golf course showing everyone his "Big Bertha" and pounding holes into the ground. When in the office, Ricky can be located in Current Operations holding down the fort. Before moving to that office, Ricky did a short stint in an isolated place known as Stand/Evil...er...uh...I mean Stand/Eval...yeah, yeah...that's what I meant.

MSG Steve Switzer- I don't think there any type of scheduling crisis that Steve can't handle with his eyes closed, hands tied behind his back, and standing on one leg! This man can do it all! Here shortly Steve will be moved into current operations building flights for the local flyers and packages for the TDY's. Current operations is fortunate to have a "go-to" guy coming to work with them. I know Marty is going to miss him...

TSG Kelly Witt- Kelly is another one of our lionesses (also known as one of the "elly" girls) and is hands down our mobility guru! You need something organized and looking good; she's the one to call. Kelly came to us in 1998 from the Civil Engineering Squadron within the 507th ARW here at Tinker. She zipped through boom school and then quickly joined the ranks of instructor booms. So, not only is she a boom and an instructor, but she's organized, AND can drive just about any type of heavy machinery there is! Down boys!

TROUGHERS

MSG Darby Perrin (JOSE DARBO)- Leader of the free world of troughers and not to mention one-hell-of an artist! Next time you pull up next to a Tinker bird, take a look at the nose art. It was put there by none other than Darby Perrin-aviation artist extraordinaire! Darby is a starving artist whose motto is "Have per diem and man days will travel with paintbrush!" He also has a very good business on the side selling computers to Indonesians. When you have a moment, check out his website at: www.planeart.com and buy something-he needs the business.

MSG Mark McGougan (MCGOO)- McGoo came to us from the 931st ARS located at McConnell AFB, KS, a fully qualified instructor boom and a definite bonus to our boom force. When he is not scraping dried raw hamburger meat off of his legs, he is our "ACE-IN-THE-HOLE" when it comes to filling the squares for short notice trips. However, you have to find him first. He is probably at a swap meet working a scam. Also, be advised; if this guy comes sauntering up to you, winking, and saying he has a good deal for you...RUN as fast as you can in the OTHER direction!

TSG Alvin Kuper (COOP)- The newest of our boom operators. Kuper is an ex-life support troop who came to us not too long ago and has just completed boom school and is on the road to becoming mission qualified. He received an EQ on his weapon system evaluation. If you want to see the amazing transformation that wearing the flight suit causes, take a look at Kuper. You can see him driving around the base with his Tom Cruise sunglasses on and his collar up looking cool.

SSG Shelley Lawrence- The last of our lionesses, (also known as the OTHER "elly" girl) Shelley came to us from active duty with a maintenance background. Not long after we had her in our grasps, we were able to scrape together enough money to send her to boom school. She made us proud by graduating as a Distinguished Graduate! Now that she is qualified and running around the squadron, she is our part time college student/ trougher...depending on her mood. When she is not out flying or helping Kelly in Mobility, she can be found at the gym working hard or hardly working...we're not sure. However, if J Lo saw Shelley, she would be jealous.

SSG Charles Dalton III (TAZ)-To be honest, I'm not sure why they call him TAZ...I think it has something to do with the fact that when you get a couple of shots of Yegermeister in him, he grows to about ten feet tall. However, since Dave Frugee (a.k.a.PEACOCK) has left the squadron, I think Chaz should inherit the nickname. Chaz has definitely turned "picking up women" into a fine art. On a different note, Chaz is another one of our latest hires. He came to us from the Chicago Guard already a qualified boom. Right now he is currently working hard to secure the next UPT candidate slot. Wish him luck!

TRADITIONAL RESERVISTS

Scott Wilson (SCOOTER)- Scooter made the command decision to give up his ART slot and move across base to work in the technical publications section for the wackers. Because of his decision, Scooter has officially been moved to the land of traditional reservists, population two...Max and himself! When Scooter is not across base or supporting our night schedule, you can find him with his family or out running at least two-hundred and fifty miles a day! Scooter battles with the "goldfish in the fish bowl syndrome". Get the picture?

SMS Max Staats (MAD MAX)- Mad Max is our poster child for the commercials about being an Air Force reservist! You know, one weekend a month and two weeks a year and then you're done. Max is stealthier than the F-117 dropping ordinance! He is in and out so quickly that we often don't realize that he has been in the squadron. We all should learn from him.

DEPARTED THE FIX

SMS Rodney Sanders- The second half of Bartles and James has moved on. Rodney has retired from the Air Force after thirty years of flying and departed the land of the Okies in October 2003. Rodney was a respected and trusted member of the boom force that will definitely be missed. I will never forget Rodney's infinite words of wisdom he shared with me on his way out the door, "Now remember. I'm good for a one-time-get-out-of-jail-free card; so call me." Wait a minute...what does he mean by that?

MSG John Williams (JOHN BOB)- John is the mold that all new booms should be made after! John has left the Okies to help start up the new Portland, Oregon unit. He is an ex-CFIC boom who has stepped up, drank the juice, and became an A.R.T. He is currently chasing the dollar. Rumor has it that he hopes to someday move back to God's country...who can blame him? *SH Okies* are exactly what the name implies- SHIT HOT!!

TSG Frank Valley (BARNEY FIFE)- What can we say...Barney has lost his bullet and he has left to go and find it! Frank is another boom that has departed the land of the Okies and moved across base to work with the 10th Test Flight. Also, if you are looking for a craftsman who has an awesome ability at woodworking; he's your man...as long as you don't mind waiting several years for the project to be completed. Hope he finds that bullet.

Special Note: At this time, we would like to claim this note as our disclosure. MSG Mark McGougan and SSG Shelley Lawrence are responsible for this year's boom signal. After reading this, we have called the Life Skills Center and have asked that two white jackets with shiny buckles be expressed over. By the time you read this, both Mark and Shelley will have nice rooms with padding. We encourage visits; however, avoid eye contact with these individuals because it could be misconstrued as an act of aggression. On a lighter note- everyone enjoy!

GETTIN' A LOCK ON US...

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TINKER AFB OK 10TH FLIGHT TEST SQ.

Greetings from the 10th Flight Test Squadron (FLTS), the largest C-135 Depot in the heart of tornado alley. Once again, it's been a very busy year for us but we managed to weather the storm. We still have our annual tornado or two or three coming through taking Bubba's trailer house for a ride. Peak season is April to October but if conditions are right, could be 365 days a year.

The 10 FLTS is manned by two Active Guard and Reserve (AGR) booms; SMSgt Quinn Janke and MSgt Brian Buss. We hired our first Traditional Reservist (TR), MSgt Frank E. Valley, from the 507th ARW (Okies) in April 2004.

We complete flight test support \$97 million depot functional/acceptance flight test program here, the USAF's largest C-135 overhaul and upgrade facility.

Brian has had a long term battle with education to complete his Bachelor's Degree (BS) so that he may cross-over to the euphoric world of the O's. It appears his fantasy may become a reality shortly, which may open a MSgt AGR slot here.

Frank keeps himself busy with his home business (F & S Cabinets) and augmenting the Oklahoma Sheriff's Department as a Reserve Deputy.

On 23 July 2003, we lost our Big Toe, Harold "Beve" "Big Kat" Katus to retirement. He took it really easy for nine months, then decided he wanted a 2005 Harley-Davidson Road King Classic, because you can't be "Big Kat Katus" without one. So after the money tree in his yard failed to produce again this year, he took a job with the OC-ALC and now is lost somewhere in the E-3/E-6 planning world. He was last seen barking orders, or talking to himself, with long hair and a goatee (*a short pointed beard on the chin but not the cheeks*). Give him a call or drop him at line at Harold.Katus@tinker.af.mil or Com: (405) 734-1025, DSN: 884.

Boom Operators who have retired from this job are as following, Ron Poe, (Ret. MSgt) currently working in Edmond OK for the US Postal Service, and Bud Naylor, (Ret. TSgt) who departed for Michigan in 1996.

If you're in the area to pick-up or drop-off a jet, stop by for a visit, we are located in building 3102 NW corner.

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6th Air Refueling Squadron, Travis AFB, CA "Extenders"

Sq Superintendent: CMSgt Fred "He does it all" Lewis-Joined our ranks this year; was previously the AMC FE Functional manager...at least he's moving up in the world!

Chief Boom: MSgt Jack "The Bus" Lemons-Got em' a Hayabusa, an F2, and a GSXR 600 (supposed to be his wives'). Loves riding the bikes and motivating the booms!

Resident First Sergeant: MSgt Tony "Shirt" Edwards-Heading to the Shirt Academy with a follow on to Vandenberg. Already looking forward to coming back in three years!

A-Flight Supervisor: MSgt Randall "Wish I was in TEXAS!" Zaiontz-Recently joined us from the AMOS; has had a smile on his face since he showed! Blessed with a baby girl (Zoe) this year.

- SSgt Brian "I'm outa here" Coomer-Good boom served his time, payed for his college!
- SSgt Scott Steinhauer-Burned up instructor upgrade recently...moving up in the world.
- SrA Ed "Body Paint" Soto-Showed up, got married, now deployed...whats next?
- SrA Josh "Triple X" Swann-Talk way to much.....
- Amn Victor "Got my license and a car" Plancarte-?
- SrA Sean Scott-TDY all the time...
- A1C James Wells-New guy to the squadron. Still trying to feel out the career field

B-Flight Supervisor: TSgt Rob Tabor: Prior CCTS, Stan/Eval, Trng Flt...how bout' Flt Super?

- SSgt Steve Novicki-Tactics guru
- SSgt Alfonso Duenez-Cross-trained from ? Doing a great job...getting married!
- SSgt Patrick Bowling-Great boom, misses TEXAS, headed to Dyess as an FE.
- SrA Dustin "Fat Bastard" Sharpmack-Mr Comedian, recently married, enjoying life!
- SSgt Jessica Stockwell-Sent from McGuire, ??? Loves the west coast
- SrA Jacob Ramirez-If he's not flying, he's at his Moms eating home cooked meals.
- A1C Brooklyn Mosely-Quiet, wants to go to college and become a pilot.

C-Flight Supervisor: TSgt Paul "Can I go TDY?" Piazza-If he's not on the road, he's asking. Will cook a pig, in a hole, in his back yard...in base housing!

- SSgt Jason Brady-AMOG volunteer?
- SSgt Jason Trussell-Just finished IBU and wrecked his third bike...is this a trend?
- SrA Zach Fleming-will upgrade in min time...great boom!
- SrA Steven Wentz-Just earned SrA BTZ, burning it up, future leader.
- SrA Brian Gerrard-Having fun when he's not on the computer...has his own websight!
- Amn Ron Espinoza-Where's he been lately...likes base horticulture!
- SrA Cooper Boeke-Scheduling. Just wants two good legs to walk on...

Stan/Eval:

MSgt Dana Hutchinson-Long time TALCE Boom, enjoying sq life again!

SSgt Justin "Party Coordinator" Barrett-If it's happening...he's there. OTS???

Training Flt:

MSgt Dan Jorgensen-Another long time TALCE Boom, great artist, technical expert!

TSgt Lucy Molina-Just returned from the AMOG, always on the road, having fun.

SSgt Jason Shultz-Made SSgt on a Supplemental, 4 months back pay...where's the beer?

Attached/On-loan:

MSgt Greg "Gone Fishin" Warren-OGV boom, loves fishing, Diego Garcia, and fishing!

MSgt Sterling "At the Lake" Keller-AMOS, plans to be a helicopter pilot after retirement. Vertically challenging career ahead

TSgt Brian "General" Lane-CCTS, at OTS, headed to Vandenberg to be a Cone-head.

TSgt Nick “the Stick” Slahor-CCTS, pumping out the studs, always in the gym.
TSgt Able Sanez-Air Ops, Scheduling guru...enjoying the single life again!
TSgt Luis Acevedo-AMOG Volunteer, wants to be Lance Armstrong!
SSgt Jay Hermisillo-AMOGGER, soon to be a non-vol engineer.
SSgt Don Myers-CCTS, got his eyes fixed...he can refuel now, wants OTS!
MSgt Greg Atkins-Motorcycle still to big for him.
SMSgt Chris Powell-715 AMS Supt, got a Harley, Jeep, Dodge...from TEXAS? Just waiting to be call
Chief.

The "Mighty" 9th ARS Travis AFB, CA

This has been a great year for the 9th booms. Current winners of the Albert L. Evans award for 2003. Our squadron has the last two Boom Operator Dutch Huyser Award winners for '03 and '04. Although the squadron is filled with a younger group of booms, we have maintained the complex taskings around the world. Our presence in the UAE supporting Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom are always ongoing. When not deployed we are busy with cargo runs and coronets. Give us a call at DSN 837-7855.

MSgt Mark Redden: Chief Boom Operator. Currently remodeling his house. His family is growing with girls, a 1yr, a 2yr 10 mo, and a 14 year old, not to mention the 31 in the squadron. Took 2 weeks just to get SMSgt Drummond's office clean enough to move into.

MSgt Josh Bracht: Retires 5 Nov 04. Then off to drive locomotives in the Pacific Northwest. All this after 5 months of great TALCE trips in an on loan position.

MSgt Jon Purdue: Just back from the AMOSS/AMOG. Going to upgrade to instructor in Oct. Finishing his education, and promoting school for our airman.

TSgt Mark Storrey: The newest MSgt select. Just got a job in Red Bluff as a recruiter. Purchased a new house, and will raise cattle on the land. A gain for the newest Air Force members, but a huge loss for the 9th ARS.

TSgt "DMac" McMillan: The hardest working NCO at Travis. He was the POC for the 25 annual Boom Symposium, which was a huge success. He is currently one of three Flight Supervisors assisting the Chief Boom

TSgt Sean O'Leary: Flight Supervisor. The unofficial leader of the motorcycle posse. If you need information on the latest riding equipment, or add-ons to your Suzuki or Aprilia, see Sean.

TSgt Jim Webb: Flight Supervisor. Back from CCTS, just long enough to put a package in to become a Flight Engineer. Still utilizing his talent to teach the young ones, as well as writing awards packages and EPR's.

TSgt Frank Acosta: MSgt select. Our Chief of Stan Eval. Has been designated to carry the Axe for the 9th. Been out on the road giving check rides ever since.

SSgt Shane Hickman: TSgt select who is currently working in Stan/Eval. He is awaiting a Flight Engineer training slot to Little Rock. Only a 6 hour drive from Neylan Stadium, home of the Vols.

SSgt Dex Morton: Stan Eval Boom Operator. A member of the motorcycle posse with plenty of stories to tell. Our squadron basketball captain.

SSgt Mark O'Connor: Currently working at the barrel then he gets his dream assignment working at the Test Sq. at Edwards. He leaves in Oct.

SSgt Roy Galloway: Training flight boom operator currently working with CCTS on Phase II student program. Recently engaged to be married!!

SSgt Artis Jones: Enjoying his time as a line boom operator, after serving time as life support troop in the 9th. Artis is looking forward to his first desert tour from the Operations side.

SSgt Rich Gordon: Scheduling. Newest Instructor. Still hanging pictures and getting his new home just the way he likes it. Motorcycle posse member.

SSgt Brad Gavin: Mobility/Training flight. Training our newest students in cargo loading. All the while doing a superb job in the Mobility office. Our resident computer guru.

SSgt Casey Cooper: Enjoying his time flying the line. Squadron Litho NCO, ensuring recognition of all departing squadron members.

SSgt Ken Tockey: Still in CCTS, getting his training. But when he gets here, has a stack of EPR's to do on his desk.

SSgt Steve Rodrigues: Scheduler/Instructor. Keeping things under control at the scheduler's desk. He is on his way to Current Ops in November.

SSgt Jacob Fields: Scheduler. Either on the desk, on the road, in the desert, or at Edwards. Jacob is running for city counselor in Lancaster he's down there so much.

SRA Albert Sukut: SSgt select, and newly engaged to a former boom operator, Crystal Blevins. He's currently in ALS, so he can put his stripe on.

SRA Ebony Lowry: Squadron pubs monitor. Her husband just transferred here from Kadena, so she's very happy.

SRA Kai Bresser: Scheduler. Kai is one of our newest instructors. We put him to work as soon as he got certified.

SRA Jon Johnson: Recently upgraded to instructor. Serving in the Travis Honor Guard, while doing the trips, desert rotations, and taking care of a new baby.

SRA Mike Maroshek: Either on the road, in the desert, or in SoCal surfing. If you need to know the tide schedule just ask Mike.

SRA Jamie Morton: New instructor and scheduler. Got him to work as soon as he got back from CCTS. Recent OG Airman of the Quarter; always leading by example.

SRA Christian Leon: Just returned from his first deployment to the desert. Now he has the 3 mile stare from all the combat time he logged.

SRA Lucero Stockett: New scheduler. Young boom with veteran skills. The 9th ARS version of Mia Hamm. Avid soccer player.

SRA Justin Brundage: Back from the war. A veteran of combat that still has that 16 year old look. The only boom to go to the Old Course at St. Andrews and sit in the clubhouse relaxing.

A1C Tim Lenz: Currently in CCTS training, looking forward to getting mission ready. He recently passed his A/R check.

A1C Jo Dee Blankenship: Just got finished with CCTS. She's all checked out now and ready for some good trips.

A1C Richard McMillan: Half Mac. We've got him out on trips right now. Fresh out of CCTS. Half Mac because he's only half the size of "DMac", no relation.

A1C Erin Keogh: Fresh out of CCTS. Out on trips, and enjoying life as a qualified boom operator. The Spud Web of the squadron, short but heck of a ball player.

A1C Casey Mondragon: New boom, enjoying not having an instructor look over his shoulder. Having fun as a line boom.

A1C Conrad Lewis: Coming off the disabled list, from his car accident. He looks forward to getting out on the road.

A1C James Lufker: New Boom, loving life as a line flyer. Just got back from his first deployment with that seasoned warrior look to him.

A1C Lori Sullivan: Currently in CCTS training, looking forward to getting qualified.

ATTACHED BOOM OPERATORS:

SMSgt Billie Black: Chief of Ops Group Stan Eval and a newlywed. Married his high school sweetheart. He still enjoys long walks on the beach under a moonlit night.

MSgt Troy Keach: SMSgt select. Works at Det 1 in Fairfield Ca. He and his son live in Vacaville and are doing great. He bleeds Dolphin and Gator orange.

MSgt Mike Routheau: 615th AMOSS. Took over for MSgt Jon Purdue. Works at the AMD, and learning to run the war.

TSgt Roman Munoz: Newest member in the 815th AMS TALCE. Learning to teach affiliation, and ramp coordinator for the AMOG.

SSgt Mike Hinton: Creating the fine 9th Boom Operators, by training them in CCTS. He and his wife Debbie just purchased their first home.

SSgt Scottie Thomason: One of our on loan CCTS instructors working hard with the new students.

SSgt Jaydee Langley: Currently Mission Support Team Chief in the 715th AMS TALCE. Probably out taking care of some dirt strip in Iraq right now.

SSgt Scott Beasley: 715th Air Mobility Squadron. Probably out on a good deal Affiliation to Schofield Barracks in Hawaii, or Korea right now.

SSgt Seth Bunker: TSgt select. Retrained as a new Flight Engineer on C-130s.

NEW ARRIVALS:

SrA Corvus Lowry: The 909th loss is our gain. Corvus comes to us from Kadena, and has finally been reunited with his wife. Starts Boeing soon.

A1C Adrianna Phillipin: Just graduated FTAC, and is awaiting a Boeing class in November. She can't wait to get started.

CLASS ROSTERS

1999-2004

Provided by Steve Tuttle, FSSC

00-09	27 Jan 2000	01-01	12 Jun 2000
SrA	Gibbs, Benjamin A.	TSgt	Brodie, Keith M.
SrA	*Minnihan, Alexandra S.	SrA	Docken, Jeremiah J.
		A1C	*Gomez, Angel T.
00-10	24 Feb 2000	A1C	Gordon, Shyla S.
SrA	Armstrong, Kurt A.	A1C	Hanson, Robert L.
SrA	Bloom, Alexander B.	AB	Klidy, Jason B.
A1C	Davey, Floyd W., III	SrA	Lim, Lek Quee
TSgt	*Frazer, Michael E.	Amn	Norris, Christopher E.
TSgt	Moses, Lawrence P.	SrA	Reed, Jason B.
SrA	Scott, Jason D.	AB	*Sakony, Michael T.
TSgt	Shamburger, Arthur G.	SSgt	Seymour, Gary B.
		AB	Shoemake, Katherine B.
A1C	Smith, Donald W.	AB	Timlin, Steven R.
		TSgt	Yong, Ho Kwong
00-11	22 Mar 2000	01-02	11 Jul 2000
SSgt	*Calhoun, Dayton A.	A1C	Bulko, Nicholas J.
SrA	*Dohlman, Bryan J.	SSgt	Johnson, Christian R.
SrA	Halpain, Trevor L.	SrA	*Moran, Shawn D.
SSgt	Kee, Jiun Hian	Amn	Shoemaker, Robert A
SrA	*Nixon, Mia N.		
SrA	Sim, Chee Wee		
00-12	18 Apr 2000	01-03	7 Aug 2000
A1C	*Asewicz, Kimberly I.	Amn	*Boeke, Cooper J.
SrA	*Beasley, Scott B.	AB	*Brown, Daniel L.
Amn	Clark, Dustin J.	SSgt	Cervone, Daniel
SSgt	Demel, Darren L.	SrA	Jones, Mikell W.
SrA	*Evans, Erin M.	SSgt	Larue, Scott F.
AB	Gomez, Jonathan E.	SrA	Loya, Olivia V.
AB	Irby, Christopher D.	SrA	*Mellinkoff, Robert R.
SrA	*Langley, Jayde D.	SrA	Namnath, Kimberly S.
TSgt	Myers, Wanda C.	SrA	Ortman, Kevin R.
		SrA	Rogers, James B., Jr.
00-13	15 May 2000	01-04	1 Sep 2000
TSgt	Blood, Jason D.	AB	Beck, Amy E.
SrA	*Boshart, Jennifer A.	SrA	*Bresser, Kai S.
A1C	Brown, Terrence D.	SSgt	Gauerke, Peter E.
AB	Dayton, Drake T.	SrA	Granados, James P.
SSgt	Graham, Kenneth D.	SSgt	*Green, Joseph L., Jr.
AB	Hust, David M.	SrA	Hegner, Drew A.
TSgt	Ignasiak, Kurt E.	AB	Jones, Shannon N.
SSgt	Kamm, Amber J.	SrA	King, Robert C.
SrA	*Mack, Andrew L.	AB	McBride, Timothy P.
SSgt	Mayfield, Michael L.	SrA	Ourso, Gabriel V.
AB	Pinney, Eric R.	SrA	*Phile, Laura R.
AB	Titsworth, Christopher D.	AB	*Rivera, Justin L.
AB	Widener, William A.	A1C	Tarasiewicz, Leon III
		AB	*Timko, Daniel S.
		A1C	*White, Christopher M.

01-05	28 Sep 2000	01-09	29 Jan 2001	01-13	16 May 2001
SSgt	Angeles, Dominic A.	SrA	Graham, Daniel A.	AB	Brashier, Gregory A.
AB	Battista, Seth D.	SrA	Look, Amanda S.	SSgt	Brents, Robert E.
AB	Cervantes, Oscar M.	A1C	*Shiekh, Amir A.	A1C	Callaghan, Kristin A.
SrA	Davis, Nicholas E.	SSgt	Siemsen, Matthew E.	SrA	Debusk, Brian S.
Amn	Eckhardt, Cy W.	SrA	Teo, Choon Chye	MSgt	*Dias, Joseph H.
SSgt	Girouard, Michael J.	MSgt	Teo, Vincent T.	SSgt	Diaz, Ernesto E.
SrA	Hudson, Charles D.	TSgt	Valley, Frank E., Sr	A1C	Jurek, Jeremiah J.
SrA	*Jeffreys, Christy M.	SrA	Wood, Brian N.	MSgt	Kneibler, Jeffrey M.
SrA	*McCarthy, Joseph J.	AB	*Yockey, Matthew M.	AB	Sundquist, Eric K.
AB	*Richardson, Chardo J.			SSgt	Turcotte, Michael A.
AB	Sparks, Jeffrey J.			SrA	Zoller, Nolan J.
A1C	Tonnessen, Kristian E.	01-10	26 Feb 2001		
A1C	Vancil, Jeremy M.	Amn	Arnold, Joseph M.		
		AB	Chambers, Douglas B.	01-14T	13 Jun 2001
		SrA	*Elmer, Eric J.	TSgt	Cambus, Philip M.
01-06	25 Oct 2000	A1C	Fullerton, Jodi M.	TSgt	*Farley, Jesse A.
A1C	*Baez, Christopher S.	SSgt	Gaffney, Drennen J.	AB	Frankosky, Alan S.
Amn	Boltz, Kristin M.	AB	Groleau, Jonathan P.	A1C	Godwin, Neil F.
AB	*Craig, Jason B.	AB	Ham, Travis B.	AB	*Matthews, Nathan R.
AB	Gomel, James S.	SrA	Smith, Zachary B.	MSgt	Sarno, Richard P.
Ab	Guldjord, James J.	AB	Smith, Douglas L.	AB	*Severson, Carla S.
SrA	*Hickman, Shane E.	AB	Sontag, Lisa J.	TSgt	*Upton, Robert C.
AB	Macklin, Lindi J.	SrA	*Trussell, Jason L.	SrA	Vanderveer, Loren A.
AB	Martin, James P.	SSgt	Van Houten, Charles J.	SSgt	Whitehouse, Jessica L.
AB	*Perry, Ryan J.	AB	Widman, April S.		
AB	Rueckert, Christopher M.			01-15T	11 Jul 2001
AB	Smith, Adam M.			A1C	Blume, Darryl T.
A1C	*Thomas, Michael V.	01-11	23 Mar 2001	SSgt	Brolliar, Robert W.
		SSgt	*Fisher, Ahmadou B.	Amn	Coyle, Brandy L.
		SrA	Gilley, Derek J.	SrA	Deroode, Adam D.
01-07	22 Nov 2000	AB	Hopewell, Tara L.	AB	*Fleming, Zachary E.
SrA	*Fennell, Paul A.	Amn	McClain, Clifford E., II	SrA	Honey, Asa R.
MSgt	Kennedy, Kari L.	AB	Newcomb, James E., III		
		AB	Patton, Guyland K.	SrA	Langenfeld, Nickolas P.
SrA	Robichaud, Andrew J.	A1C	*Schultz, Jason B.	SrA	McCowan, Mark D.
		TSgt	*Simon, Noel F.	SSgt	Meador, Brian L.
		TSgt	Somerville, Billy J.	SrA	Restey, Paul M.
01-08	23 Jan 2001			A1C	*Sukut, Albert E.
AB	*Blevins, Crystal M.			Amn	*Whitehead, Michael A.
SrA	Carroll, Phillip S.	01-12	20 Apr 2001		
SSgt	*Davis, Michael A.	AB	*Bowling, Patrick A.		
SrA	Eckert, James M.	MSgt	Desilles, George	01-16T	07 Aug 2001
SSgt	Garrison, Timothy B.			TSgt	Doeding, Douglas G.
TSgt	Guengerich, Sheila M.	TSgt	Duncan, Andrew D.	SrA	*Fields, Jacob M.
A1C	Ling, Jared O.	SSgt	Kahny, Mark D., Jr	Amn	Harwood, Kenneth P.
A1C	*Morton, Willie J.	SSgt	Markwas, Walter F.	SSgt	Kissire, Michael D.
TSgt	Newton, Scott D.	SrA	Nelson, Donnie J.	AB	McBurne, Terrence D.
AB	Norton, Brian S.	A1C	*Purtz, Eric J.	SSgt	Scoville, David R.
SrA	*Steinhauer, Scott A.	Amn	Randall, Casey E.		
AB	Wesche, Jason P.	AB	Snider, Atasha N.		
SrA	Woods, Christopher C.	AB	Williams, Justin R.		
SrA	York, Matthew P.				

01-17T	04 Sep 2001	02-04	3 Jan 2002	02-07	25 Mar 2002
AB	Baumann, Mark A.	SSgt	Amos, Sam	AB	Faurot, Robert T.
AB	*Gaiser, Daniel E.	CMSgt	Anderson, Douglas E.	AB	Gilliam, Matthew R.
A1C	Killian, Donald R.	Amn	Burk, Kimberly K.	SSgt	Gleisberg, John D.
SSgt	*Piazza, Paul A.	AB	Carden, Timothy C.	SSgt	*Gordon, Richard J.
AB	*Scully, Susan I.	A1C	Chavez, Christine L.	TSgt	Lester, Todd W.
A1C	*Soto, Edward L., Jr.	AB	Darst-McCray, Casey B.	SSgt	*Natera, Manuel A.
		SrA	Garst, Julie D.	A1C	Rodriguez, Robert
		SrA	*Geary, Casanova L.	A1C	White, Greg M.
02-01	01 Oct 2001	A1C	Haas, Jonathan C.		
MSgt	Hughes, Camille	AB	Holthaus, Andrew P.	02-08	19 Apr 2002
AB	*Johnson, Jon R.	SrA	Money, Mike A.	TSgt	Al Samari, Khalid A.
TSgt	*Joyce, Johnnie J.	SSgt	Pheil, Larry J.	AB	Ciucci, Adam K.
TSgt	*Platt, Tige E.	SrA	*Rosa, Anibal	SSgt	Clark, Kenneth E.
AB	Workman, Richard L.	MSgt	Smith, Scott T.	A1C	Ertle, John L.
		A1C	Wood, Joshua H.	SrA	Flores, Francisco A.
				A1C	*Greene, Alan J.
02-02	26 Oct 2001	02-05	29 Jan 2002	TSgt	Hardee, James B.
TSgt	Armour, Thomas W.	2SG	Arthiappan, Pandykumaran	A1C	Horvath, Robert W.
AB	Boillot, Cody J.	Amn	Hester, John W.	AB	Kuttler, David A.
SrA	Falucho, Daniel D.	AB	*Hill, Eboni M.	SrA	Luter, Daniel E.
SSgt	Gift, John W.	A1C	Lowry, Corvus M.	AB	Minnis, Jessica L.
TSgt	Honeycutt, Rodney G.	AB	Maxwell, Nicholas E.	AB	*Monke, Katherine M.
AB	Korhuniak, Ryan P.	Amn	McKim, Carl J.	AB	Peschel, Sarah L.
A1C	Lane, Paula E.	Amn	Miller, Robert L.		
A1C	Mackey, Herman III	Amn	Mullendore, Phillip L.	02-09	16 May 2002
AB	Martinez, Michael D.	SrA	Ng, Tze W.	SrA	Betterton, Justin C.
SrA	*McGann, Joseph J.	2SG	Rau, Stephen M.	AB	Brooks, Edsel R.
A1C	Scurlock, Scott C.	SSgt	Slater, Christopher	A1C	Cobb, Benjamin L.
AB	Zickefoose, Daniel W.	A1C	Thimgan, Andrew R.	AB	Hammer, Levi O.
		AB	Vasquez, Eric M.	A1C	*Lynch, Breeann E.
02-03	27 Nov 2001		*Wise, Carl M.	SrA	Norris, James J., Jr.
Amn	Aguilar, Richard			AB	*Plancarte, Victor H.
A1C	Bunton, Felix, II	02-06	26 Feb 2002	AB	Robbins, Cleigh M.
A1C	Chantre, Angie	SSgt	DiGregorio, Anthony J.	SSgt	Ryan, Bobby T.
MSgt	*Cooper, Steve A.	TSgt	Ely, Daniel B.	SrA	Salazar, Marivel
SSgt	Jones, Steven W.	AB	Gerek, Brandon L.	A1C	Schwan, Christopher P.
SrA	Lawrence, Shelley R.	Amn	Golbek, Shonna M.	SrA	Sparks, Richard L.
SSgt	*Layne, Darrell A.	TSgt	Hall, William K.	SSgt	*Stepp, Timothy J.
TSgt	Morgan, William J.	SSgt	*May, Emery C.	AB	Thomas, Ryan, C.
AB	Otto, Andrea C.	AB	McClard, Brad W.		
SSgt	Patesel, Todd P.	MSgt	Merrill, Debbie M.		
AB	Paull, William S.	SrA	Navratil, Benjamin A.		
AB	Perry, Ryan W.	AB	Oeser, Jennifer L.		
SSgt	Remmenga, Joseph R.	A1C	Schimandle, Christian M.		
		AB	Singer, Paul J.		
		AB	*Smith, Douglas K.		
		MSgt	Wilcox, Kenneth D.		

02-10	14 Jun 2002	02-13	4 Sep 2002	03-03	25 Nov 2002
SrA	Canlapan, Ricky D.	AB	*Brantingham, Heather A.	AB	Brewer, Drew J.
A1C	Deeds, Joe J.	SrA	Cline, Kevin R.	SSgt	*Castro, Jimmy L.
AB	*Fagin, Nijon B.	TSgt	Dietrich, David L.	AB	Flackus, Adam P.
AB	Gray, Wesley M.	A1C	Dvorak, Christopher L.	SSgt	Hayes, Jon P.
SrA	Honea, Robert L.	Amn	*Gerrard, Brian S.	SSgt	Jones, Eric M.
SSgt	*Howard, Kevin A.	A1C	Koehler, Andrew M.	A1C	Leonard, Deborah A.
AB	*Howell, Richard A.	AB	Kruenegel, Joshua R.	SSgt	Martell, Ronald A.
MSgt	Kolb, Curtis W.	AB	*Lewis, Conrad W.	AB	McColligan, Lonnie D.
SMSgt	Patterson, James J.	SrA	Neidhardt, Nathan J.	AB	*Moreno, Lucero
SSgt	Primm, Nancy L.	TSgt	*O'Leary, Sean P.	AB	*Paredes, Isaac N.
SrA	Rose, Burke A.	A1C	Reynolds, Jereny D.	SrA	*Rose, Kingsley A.
Amn	*Stockett, Conner L.	A1C	Wolterstorff, Meagan L.	SrA	Sorrell, David A.
A1C	Thompson, Nicholas A.			TSgt	Stabell, Derek C.
TSgt	Ulmer, Michael W.			A1C	Stevens, Jonathan D.
				A1C	*Taydus, Justin L.
				AB	Werner, Matthew A.
02-11	11 Jul 2002	03-01	30 Sep 2002		
SSgt	Bopp, Shaun D.	SSgt	Albers, Steven L.		
AB	Carlson, Trisha L.	AB	Buechler, Sarah C.		
MSgt	Clampitt, David S.	AB	Converse, Charles E.		
SrA	Farmer, Corey W.	A1C	*Dickerson, Lonnie R.	03-04	2 Jan 2003
Amn	Gontkovic, Chad M.	MSgt	Doran, Jay A.	Amn	*Chenosky, Michael A.
AB	*Hammer, David J.	Amn	*Kay, Devin R.	SSgt	*Downie, Russell P.
SSgt	*Hill, Kevin D.	MSgt	Martin, James E.	SSgt	Findley, Michael P.
MSgt	Kenney, Jason R.	A1C	Mosier, Adam P.	Amn	*Glick, Jessica L.
TSgt	*Kijewski, Mark S.	A1C	Patrick, Isaac G.	SrA	Ham, Casey L.
		SSgt	*Puchakjian, Charles M.	MSgt	Ireland, Timothy M.
SSgt	Landrum, Phillip L.	AB	Russell, Michael S.	A1C	Ketler, Andrew B.
AB	*Lang, David A.	A1C	Schnapp, Linda S.	TSgt	Kistner, Kendall J.
Amn	Lee, Brandon M.	SSgt	Swanson, Erik M.	SSgt	Kunzie, Donald D.
TSgt	Lowder, Joseph B.	SSgt	Ward, Leonard J.	TSgt	Macie, James H.
MSgt	Mast, Alan R.	Amn	*Wentz, Stephen C.	A1C	Marshall, Everett L.
A1C	Ryan, Eric M.			AB	*McFadden, Richard L.
SrA	Wright, Henry T., III			A1C	Myers, Mitchell S.
02-12	7 Aug 2002	03-02	28 Oct 2002	AB	Philip, Joseph C.
SSgt	Anthes, Daril L.	A1C	Besaw, Jason T.	A1C	Saul, Creston R.
Amn	Baker, William J.	SrA	Buckley, Dennis R.	SrA	Surber, Ryan M.
MSgt	Brown, William L.	AB	Coffman, Jason E.	A1C	*Swann, Joshua E.
SSgt	Brown, Chad M.	SrA	*Collins, Sherman S.	TSgt	*White, Jolynn E.
A1C	Brown, Jonathan A.	AB	Frideger, Terrell L.		
A1C	Daniel, Samuel J.	AB	*Gamble, Cameron D.		
A1C	Decker, Edward C., II	AB	Langford, Max M.	03-05	29 Jan 2003
A1C	Dixon, Justin D.	AB	Maiuri, Vincent A.	SrA	*Brady, Timothy A.
AB	Guthrie, Ralph J., Jr.	AB	McAbee, Rusty A.	SSgt	*Cooper, Casey C.
A1C	*Maroshek, Michael T.	SSgt	McBride, Erin S.	A1C	Elmes, Corrie L.
Amn	McClenahan, Tuesday A.	Amn	Moon, Lindsay S.	SSgt	Grimminger, Charles O., II
A1C	*Osmer, Jessica L.	TSgt	Morris, Jeffrey A.	TSgt	Heald, Charles W.
Amn	Parsons, Tyler E.	SrA	Myers, Robert M.	A1C	Smidt, Kristin A.
SSgt	Phelps, Lee E.	SSgt	*Prosser, Jason B.	SSgt	Walsh, John A.
SSgt	*Poole, Robert A.	AB	Raabe, Christopher M.	SSgt	Winchell, Christopher D.
Amn	Sellers, Steven M.	AB	Stahl, Michael S.		
A1C	*Sharpmack, Dustin R.	AB	Thoreson, David W.		
Amn	Stament, Jessie D.	Amn	Wilcox, Rory C.		

AB	Tuma, Heath A.	A1C	Wright, Jesse P.		
SSgt	Weiss, Jonathan P.				
03-06	26 Feb 2003	03-08	21 Apr 2003	03-10	11 Jun 2003
A1C	Ablay, Timothy J.	AB	Brooks, Michael D.	A1C	Adcock, Erika A.
TSgt	*Addison, Michelle	MSgt	Clemmer, Bruce N	AB	Becker, Gerald C.
SrA	Bearfield, Shannon R.	A1C	Cordeiro, Callen A.	TSgt	Dunlop, Michael L.
AB	*Brundage, Justin R.	Amn	Ellis, Stephanie J.	A1C	Ellis, Omar S.
SSgt	Danielson, Nicholas C.	SSgt	*Fast, Leland D.	Amn	Greve, Joel E.
AB	*Espinoza, Ronald J.	AB	Finnegan, Russell G.	A1C	Hare, Megan N.
1SG	Foo, Kok Chiang	A1C	Gibbs, Nathan L.	TSgt	Hill, Marshall R.
AB	Forncrook, Christopher M.	A1C	Greenwood, Christopher Q.	AB	Hunter, Jessica F.
AB	Frey, Richard P.	A1C	*Hicks, Erick S.	TSgt	Joines, Dudley M.
Amn	Harkness, Nickolas A.	Amn	King, David A.	TSgt	*Kajtor, John J.
AB	Howington, Daniel O.	AB	*Lee, Jesse A.	TSgt	Maheu, Edwin F.
SSgt	Hughes, Kevin D.	SSgt	Martin, Derrick L.	AB	Mix, Adina L.
AB	Hunter, Justin R.	A1C	Morse, Noa	A1C	Reese, Kelley A.
AB	Lauritzen, Zachariah M.	SrA	Pescetello, Justine N.	AB	Rogers, Benjamin J.
AB	Lifer, James C.	A1C	*Powell, Roy J.	A1C	Sprague, Barnabas J.
AB	McCrillis, Daniel B.	Amn	*Ramirez, Jacob R.	AB	Stewart, Steven K.
AB	McCleod, Kenneth A.	SSgt	Smith, Shane D.	AB	Swinson, Travis W.
TSgt	Meszaros, George J.	A1C	Smith, Aaron T.	A1C	Thomas, Xavier A.
SrA	*Mullen, Joshua T.	A1C	Smith, Philip A.	MSgt	Warren, Kevin L.
AB	*Scott, Lawrence L.			AB	Wilson, Kevin M.
				03-11	09 Jul 2003
03-07	25 Mar 2003	03-09	15 May 2003	CMSgt	Federlein, Guenther G.
A1C	Balk, Aaron D.	TSgt	Allen, Michael	SSgt	Horn, Shawn G.
A1C	Cremers, Justin M.	SrA	Corey, Geoffrey E.	A1C	Johnson, Brandon J.
SSgt	Davis, Stephen A.	Amn	Dosch, Jordan M.	SSgt	Kean, Samantha
Amn	Franklin, Cortney R.	A1C	*Dubois, Daniel P.	TSgt	Kilbarger, Sandra L.
SrA	Gilbert, William J.	A1C	Flanders, Eric D.	SMSgt	Kurth, Juergen H.
TSgt	Harris, Jason E.	AB	Hooper, Nathan I.	AB	*Lidel, Jo Ann S.
Amn	Kline, Apphia M.	SrA	*Jones, Artis C.	SSgt	Matheus, Ricardo A.
SrA	*Leon, Christian	TSgt	Lindemann, Jeffrey A.	SSgt	Pelletier, Alan R.
AB	Liskooka, Jason M.	Amn	*Lufker, James L.	A1C	Rankin, David L., II
SrA	Loncon, Morris L.	AB	Montani, Anthony L.	SSgt	Scheur, Jay I.
SrA	McCormack, Sena R.	AB	Newman, Amanda L.	03-12	04 Aug 2003
SrA	Melton, Deborah L.	AB	Raiford, Edmond T.	SMSgt	Al-Hajri, Hamed B.
AB	Mills, Curtiss J.	SrA	*Redpath, Randall R.	A1C	Austin, Aaron G.
		AB	Richardson, Geoffrey D.	CMSgt	Barnawi, Adei S.
A1C	Mosley, Brooklynne M.	SrA	Rodriguez, Juan	A1C	*Basham, Matthew J.
Amn	Phares, Melissa S.	SSgt	Stanko, David J.	A1C	Bumgardner, Kenneth F.
A1C	*Rossman, Robert M.	SrA	Stoos, Jason J.	A1C	Christensen, Aaron D.
A1C	*Scott, Sean D.	A1C	Vesser, Thomas A.	A1C	Cramer, Susan E.
A1C	*Smith, Daniel A.	SSgt	Vossen, Robert F.	A1C	*Culotta, Phillip L.
AB	Strand, Nathaniel J.	AB	*Whitney, Timothy A.	A1C	*Dudley, Robert J.
TSgt	Walls, Wayne S.			SSgt	*Duenez, Alfonso
				TSgt	Evans, Gary M.
				A1C	Hinson, Kurtis L.
				TSgt	Kaufman, Larry D.
				A1C	*Keogh, Erin B.
				A1C	Martin, Mary E.
				A1C	*Massey, Christopher L.
				SSgt	Mattered, William P.
				SSgt	McKinney, Ronald R.
				A1C	Tacklind, Tamra L.

03-13	29 Aug 2003	04-02	23 Oct 2003	SMSgt	Westbrook, Paul L.
MSgt	Al-Shiban, Ahmed A.	A1C	Abbey, Joshua B.	04-04	18 Dec 2003
A1C	Conforti, Brian A.	A1C	*Choi, Jae H.	Amn	Almquist, Jamie C.
AB	Costine, Phillip E.	AB	Clauss, Ryan B.	MSgt	Bates, Anthony R.
SSgt	Daughenbaugh, Kenneth H.	AB	Ford, Brandon P.	A1C	Berglund, Bruce E., Jr.
AB	Dieter, Jacob M.	AB	*Gray, Jennifer N.	A1C	Binkley, Brian D.
TSgt	Freeman, John F.	MSgt	Gray, William J., Jr.	A1C	*Blankenship, Jodee L.
AB	*Garcia, Heath A.	AB	Grossman, Mark C.	A1C	Butwin, Jeffrey P.
SrA	Gray, Michael D.	MSgt	Halbert, Kendra J.	A1C	Clover, Morgan B.
AB	*Hagstrom, Christopher M.	A1C	*Hauer, Matthew P.	A1C	*Essick, Kenneth C.
AB	Hall, Jessica L.	AB	Laughman, Clint A.	SrA	Fernandez, Sandra L.
AB	Johnson, Jeremiah	AB	*Lego, Brad M.	A1C	Fioritto, Mark A., Jr.
A1C	LeClerc, Cliff E.	AB	Martini, Joshua R.	SSgt	Gumarang, Reynaldo E.
SSgt	Matthews, Paul G.	A1C	Miller, Randy A.	A1C	Jewell, Jacob S.
AB	McCloskey, Marie D.	A1C	Pittman, Joseph D.	SSgt	King, Emry G.
AB	*Mondragon, Casey M.	AB	Ragone, Daniel J.	SrA	*Wells, James E.
A1C	Neumann, Laura R.	SSgt	Ramirez, Robert	SSgt	Yoshikawa, Denny T.
A1C	*Patrick, Alexandra H.	SrA	Ryan, Jeffrey J.		
SSgt	*Richardson, Bobbie J.	SSgt	Schoenrock, Heather L.	04-05	27 Jan 2004
AB	Ryan, Jeremiah D.	SrA	Stucky, Brian D.	AB	Castech, JonPierre
AB	Sisco, Nathaniel S.	AB	Van Lin, Ian M.	SSgt	Duhaime, John R.
				SSgt	Grayson, Jefferie K.
04-01	29 Aug 2003	04-03	20 Nov 2003	AB	*Hobbs, Russ B.
SSgt	Bush, Adam D.	SSgt	*Adkins, Lee J.	A1C	*Lacey, Shawn R.
AB	Carter, Samuel W.	AB	Bankston, Whitney J.	AB	*Lyon, Amber C.
TSgt	Cooper, Willie J.	AB	Barker, Jonathan D.	2SG	Ng, Kok Wee
Amn	Engle, Brian A.	A1C	Barnett, Jeremy J.	AB	Nichols, Kelly M.
SSgt	Fidler, John A., Jr.	SSgt	Bieber, Samuel L.	SSgt	Rollins, Bryan G.
AB	Fly, Toni N.	TSgt	Dachman, Lee R.	AB	*Sickle, Ryan M.
AB	*Innis, Erica S.	AB	Hughes, Danielle M.	SSgt	Spencer, Michelle L.
SrA	Insley, Richard L.	SSgt	Lacy, Travis R.		
AB	Klosterman, John M.	AB	*McMillan, Richard A.	04-06	23 Feb 2004
AB	Leal, Aaron L.	AB	Osten, Amanda N.	SrA	*Baldwin, David A.
SSgt	Lewis, Matthew S.	AB	*Parr, Kurt R.	A1C	Bates, Joshua D.
AB	Moore, Jeffrey P.	AB	*Reitenbach, Timothy A.	SrA	Butler, Robert L., III
SSgt	*Schaub, Jason E.	AB	*Rewerts, Alisha C.	A1C	Butterfield, Nathan B.
AB	Stanley, Thomas R.	SSgt	Rodriguez, Joe M.	SrA	Crocker, Tina M.
SSgt	Stroup, Shawn P.	SSgt	Smith, Richard M.	SrA	Feigenbutz, James R.
AB	Wicks, Thomas R.	AB	Taylor, Stephanie L.	AB	*Hays, Cathleen D.
A1C	Willis, Robert B., Jr.	AB	Welch, Jeremy S.	AB	Holaday, Brandon R.
		AB	Woody, Mikel N.	AB	Johnson, Chelsey M.
		AB	Yates, Andrew E.	TSgt	Kronfli, Karim A.
				A1C	*Lenz, Timothy N.
				AB	Marshall, Augustine P.
				A1C	Mayfield, Marcus W.
				SSgt	Musick, Bradley R.
				AB	Picardo, Brian J.
				SSgt	*Samuel, Vincent L.
				SSgt	Sirois, Steven J.
04-07	19 Mar 2004	04-10	8 Jun 2004	04-12	2 Aug 2004
SSgt	Adkins, Lee J.	A1C	*Bob, Michael F.	SrA	Bachleda, Bartek

A1C	Barnes, Marcus G.	SrA	Bouchard, Kevin H.	Ab	Danielson, Jered C.
AB	Brum, Joshua C.	SrA	Bowers, Chris E.	SSgt	Gandarillas, Andrew J.
SrA	Castillo-Liceaga, Jaime	A1C	*Collins, Stephen N.	SSgt	Gentry, Stewart D.
A1C	Fagan, Michael M.	SSgt	Dotson, Clay E.	Amn	*Hutsell, Theresa A.
AB	Hageman, Daniel H.	AB	Fagerburg, Joshua D.	SSgt	Kalakias, George A.
SrA	*JamesGarcia, Gerald B.	MSgt	Gilliard, Frank III	SSgt	Karshner, Adam G.
SSgt	Kuper, Alvin M.	A1C	Hill, Shea E.	MSgt	Macias, Erika C.
AB	Rabb, James T.	A1C	Holland, Tommy L.	SrA	Mailander, Lucas M.
AB	Ramey, Christopher M.	AB	Joyce, Christopher R.	Amn	*Philippin, Adriana M.
TSgt	Rice, Marshall N.	SrA	Martin, Michael M.	SSgt	Pick, Andy F.
AB	Smith, Kamisha L.	SrA	Olson, Brian K.	A1C	*Seeman, David C.
		AB	Parker, William J.	A1C	Solum, Alvin O.
		AB	Poe, Robert K.	AB	*Strader, Benjamin D.
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Amn	*Kroger, Lori E.				
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