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Fellow Boom Operators,

Well first, let me say it's a great honor to represent all you outstanding professionals making the mission happen day in and day out, from Headquarters Air Mobility Command, United States Transportation Command, 18th Air Force, Tanker Airlift Control Center, 126th ARW and the 906 ARS. As you well know, our career field has been very busy doing our nation's work at every corner of the globe and your air refueling operations expertise will continue to be in high demand.

Secondly, we've had a very exciting year with boom operators being selected to be enlisted remotely piloted aircraft pilots, the shutdown of the 384th ARS at McConnell and its reactivation at Fairchild, the activation of the 50th ARS at MacDill, along with a list of KC-46 firsts as it get closer to delivery in the summer (cross your fingers) and of course the announcement of McGuire and Travis AFB's to receive the KC-46!

Last but not least, as we roll into 2018 we will be focusing on improving our NCO numbers through development and retraining, the possibility of smooth flowing students through the Altus pipeline, altering the KC-135 instructor upgrade program, utilization of the KC-10 CLT at Travis and the delivery of the most capable tanker the USAF has ever seen, the KC-46!

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The Boom Signal Editor

ALTUS AFB, OK

54th ARS



“Jesters”

54th ARS Boom Leadership

(S)MSgt Jacob Dieter (Superintendent): Never seen anyone so excited to step down as Superintendent. Must have been something we’ve done. No, really, (C)MSgt Matt Calisi is moving in and Jake will be the #2 guy. Great job, Jake, you have done well!

MSgt Justin Dixon (Operations Superintendent): Our teddy bear finally got retirement orders. As all apex predators do, Dixon decided to go full beast mode on his way out. Sorry students.

TSgt Derik Melson (First Sergeant): If there is an award to win, Melson will be there. He’s a pretty solid shirt, just don’t pump gas next to him.

STM

MSgt Shonna Calisi: You can look for her to lead STM, but good luck finding her. #leadingfromtheshadows

(T)Sgt Michael Weidman: USAF poster boy! Recently won AETC’s most flying hours. Making us all look bad, again.

TSgt Ezekiel Brito: How can you be a Boom and get airsick on not one, not two, but THREE flights?! Pretty good at pulling the Boom card during patterns.

SSgt Anthonie Owens: Mr. Salty

SSgt Katherine Owens: Mrs. Salty

SSgt Fernando Brome: Ever see a guy react to the movie Spiderman is if it’s a horror movie? You can always depend on Brome, unless there is a spider in his house. He stays home to “Protect the family”.

SSgt Michael Dmytriw: Comrade Dmytriw is best Dmytriw. He is our local Picasso on anyone who “Falls Asleep” first. Did the typical first term airman thing a bought a brand new truck. Don’t worry, he’ll trade it in for a brand new Charger.

SSgt Liahna Childs: Apparently, really bad at Foosball. I mean, really bad. I mean, really, really bad. Plenty of time to practice though.

SSgt Daniel Childress: Having a third kid pretty soon. Make sure to know when to call it quits man. Don't be an Echols.

SSgt Stephen Doswell: Got duped out of orders to March to come to Altus. What did you do?! Enjoys spending time in the back of alert vans for hours on end contemplating the true meaning of the Air Force life.

SSgt David Askins: Famous last words before driving the loop, "Of course I know which way to go!"

SSgt Donald Dedon: 15 year staff....No one Staffs like Dedon Staffs. Just remember Dedon...you're not supposed to highlight all the words in the PDG when you study.

FTM

TSgt Marino Miklja: We asked him "What has 2 thumbs and likes to change tires?" He got so excited, he poked his own eye out with his thumb.

(T)Sgt Fred Beacham: Shy introvert. So quiet one would think he teaches in sign language.

SSgt Gregory Albers: Keeps the local auto industry going by purchasing a new truck every couple of years. Loves going to Scooters looking for future Mrs. Albers.

DOV

TSgt Serjev Ficeli: Recently purchased a periscope to put on the roof of his sweet Camaro so he could actually see over that sweet engine scoop.

SSgt Brandon Roberts: Somehow managed to get lost for two hours outside his own house after the Boom symposium after party at Scooters.

(M)Sgt Sam Converse: Great head on her shoulders. Head wig splitter in Stan/Eval. Leads head first no matter the obstacle. #10staples #waitIfoundonemore

Scheduling

(T)Sgt Paul McIntyre: Surprised any work gets done with all the counseling sessions he has with his co-workers. It's the good kind of counseling though. Well...it's just foosball. O yeah...his wife had the milkman's baby!

SSgt Alex Orr: Buchanan... I mean Orr.... I mean Buchanan... Whatever your name is. All business, all the time.

SSgt Corey Targos: Plays ukulele for house Hufflepuff. Avoids CFIC due to TSgt Wrights presence (aka Voldemort).

SSgt Travis Burnett: SQ recruiter for the Flat Earth society. In the same day, had a bunny fall out of his engine and walk out to a swarm of bees on his truck.

Tactics

TSgt Derek Lyles: Hey Lyles, are you gonna ship your car to Guam when you pcs? Oh wait...

Safety

TSgt Kris Echols: Performs on the local radio station as Harry Carry, and gets stuck talking about the time he had his uvula shortened.

SSgt Christian McPeak: SUPER nerd. Won the Levitow award at ALS. Good job kiddo!

Readiness

TSgt Logan Barry: Runner. He likes to run, and he will continue to tell you about it while challenging you to a foot race.

SSgt Michael Buchanan: Orr...I mean Buchannan....I mean Orr.... Whatever your name is. His wife just had a baby boy. He is still trying to convince her he can securely attach a car seat to the motorcycle.

CFIC

TSgt Jesse Wright: Lord Voldemort gets really mad when you mess with his horcrux I mean QT cup. Perfected holding his wand, I mean pen to point at peoples uniform infractions as the FIRST SERGEANT.

SSgt Bryan Lee: Field tested using his t-shirt to plug a leak in the APU exhaust door. Technique only...

OSS

TSgt Jason Hammond: Loooves Altus and everything about it. Can't stop talking about how happy he is being stationed here. *may contain sarcasm

TSgt Jose Prado: Come on shy Prado. Use your outside voice. Please use your words. So quiet we forget he's still stationed here.

TSgt Tyler Yow: Belongs in the Mario games with all the 1-ups he's handing out.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

56th ARS

“Mad Hatters”



56th ARS Boom Leadership

CMSgt Jason “Schmokey” Hall: Chief Hall has been extremely busy telling us that we’re getting an airplane soon. The guilt of that statement has been weighing on him so much that his back finally gave out. After walking around like Quasimodo for a few months, he finally got the surgery he’s always needed. Still waiting on the back surgery though. If you don’t know how to clean a room come see Chief, he’ll make a checklist for you.

MSgt Jonny “BUSH” Adams: Jonny is finally getting drug out of Altus after spending half of his career here. After a short touch-and-go here with the 56th, he’s off to Mildenhall. He’s still trying to figure out how to get his camper there. Jonny’s been playing Mr. Mom for the past year, as Mrs. Adams has been on a 365 remote. Sometimes he forgets a braided mustache and lipstick are out of regs. We’ll miss you Jonny!

MSgt(S) – Jonathan “Alexa” Lauterbach: Jon somehow made Master this year after a long 4 1/2 years in the AF! He just took the 1st Sgt job and has been so busy with our massive squadron and all our Airmen. Jon is the Bob Vila of the boom world (though he’s probably too young to know who that is). This guy can build anything and is always working on a project. Even built his new wife a bed, though he’s been too busy with other projects to use it.

Training Flight

MSgt Chris “BAM BAM” Joyce: Chris and the Altus Security Forces just don’t get along. Continuing his reputation from his previous assignment here, Chris has had multiple encounters due to sleeping through the class on how to access the vault properly. Wouldn’t you know it? Chris wrote himself a 1206 on it, he’s now the SNCO arrestee OTQ. He will be moving into the Ops Superintendent position with the “absence” of Jonny.

TSgt Jonathan “Cougar” Mellon: Jon has been our computer guy despite not knowing anything about computers. He recently put on TSgt and has already been counseled about the type of mustache that rank demands. We’re hoping with the newly acquired cash, he can finally upgrade from his ’92 Lumina. That thing runs hotter than Chief Hall when he’s fighting with AFPC.

Stan/Eval:

MSgt Brad “NAM” Gavin: Brad is our lone former KC-10 Boom Operator, or as he refers to himself, “ARO”. Being around Brad has taught us many things about KC-10 booms. 1. They’re cheap. 2. They’ll sleep alone in the squadron drinking all the wine in the bar. Brad is enjoying his time at Altus because he spends a majority of it at Travis or Seattle staying current, waiting for the KC-46 to arrive.

TSgt Mike “Dlow” Danilowski: Mike is the best KC-46 evaluator in the world. Oh wait, we don’t have planes yet and he has zero flight hours. Sorry Mike! He’s doing great getting DOV up and running though. Recently attended Type 1 training twice. Mike’s too nice to write anything else about.

Tactics:

MSgt(S) Eric “Ned” Flanders: Ned is our local guru of all things -46 tactics. At least that’s what he tells us, the truth is we’re not actually sure. He spends all his time hiding from Chief Hall in the vault or dragging our Airmen to the gym to take sweet lifting pics. If Ned loses his line number for this year’s signal he’s going to end up living in his camper that he keeps in his driveway. If only we all had considerate neighbors like Ned. “Good ding-dong-diddily morning neighbor!”

Scheduling:

TSgt Nate Gibbs: Nate is a newly acquired member of the squadron. Back for his second tour of Altus, he did a quick stint down in the 54th ARS before making the transition to project “Pegasus”. Did you guys know that he is also a CrossFit® demigod?! If you have a few hours, he’ll tell you all about CrossFit®. That is if you can find him. We’re not really sure what Nate does around here other than CrossFit®. CrossFit® is life. Life is CrossFit®.

SSgt Richard “Jimbo” Jimenez: Our local sneakerhead, “Jimmy” has more shoes than all the squadron spouses combined. He also has 2 full time jobs here in Altus. One is intermural sports, and the other is flying for the 54th. He’s spending all of his time reliving his glory days on the field, hitting pop fly’s to the infield and cutting his FTU teeth downstairs while we do all the “real” work upstairs. One day we’ll have a plane Jimmy, one day.

97th TRS

TSgt Dustan Foret: Dustan has also made the journey back to the FTU at Altus. He loves it so much here, he plans to ride the next 7 years out to retirement. Unfortunately, Dustan has had another setback with his fourth shoulder surgery and hopes that he will never have to fly on the KC-135R again. If Dustan isn’t at home on his couch recovering, working on a household project, or talking about the Birmingham Guard life he misses so much, you can find him doing KC-46 QA.

ALTUS AFB, OK
97 OG
“CAN DO – WILL DO!”



Greetings from Altus, America, where life begins for all KC-135 and KC-46 boom operators! 2017 was a great year for the Schoolhouse. We saw another successful Boom Symposium, this past May, with a huge turnout. The 54th ARS continues to turn out quality boom operators while the 56th ARS patiently awaits their first KC-46 in 2018. Make no mistake...that squadron is very busy creating syllabi for the first class that will create KC-46 booms! The TRS magically provides care and feeding for 2,000 students a year with just a hand-full of staff and none of it is possible without the OSS operating the airfield and giving us behind-the-scenes support for our crew force. Altus is always hiring...if you are looking for a slower pace away from the high-tempo deployment lifestyle, where you can focus on family, or maybe that degree, the 97th Operations Group may be the place for you. See you at the next symposium!

-CMSgt Brad Wolfe, 97th Operations Group Superintendent

CMSgt Brad Wolfe: is the OG Superintendent, responsible for over 500 members assigned to five squadrons and group staff. He *may* or may not be *the* great mathematician we heard he was. Even though he has come a long way in the AF since Terminator 2 was released, which was the same year he joined. He is a quiet ever present *force* that is always doing things for Airmen here at Altus. *Be* it morning or night, his door is always open *with* a wise word or guidance if *you* ever need it! *Read the italics.*

(S)MSgt Joseph Blakley: He came to Altus and filled the role as the sole Pegasus Boom for OGV. He will soon be leaving the Boom field with over 3,500 flight hours to head for new adventures. So let's tip our hats as he departs the fix for a new adventure as the Wing IG Superintendent. Even though we know he dreams of riding with icicles hanging off him through Alaska, Altus will have to fill the bill until a later time.

MSgt Kurtis Hinson: Is the new Superintendent of the OG Stan Evil shop. Even though the smoke pit behind the 54th is gone, he still chose to return.

ALTUS AFB, OK

97 TRS

“Eagles”



CMSgt Alvin Kuper: Works as the Guard and Reserve liaison. Granted he is a member of the 730th, but he is the lynch pin of student admin. His knowledge of all things student admin is unsurpassed in the 97th. The student admin shop runs like a crazy machine thanks to Alvin and his Chipmunks.

(C)MSgt Matt Calisi: Currently holds the position of Sq Superintendent. With his selection for CMSgt he will have a follow on to the 54th as their Superintendent. We wish him and his family all the best in the future. You will be missed Freddie Mercury!

SMSgt Kevin Wilson: He will be taking over the role of TRS Superintendent upon SMSgt Calisi's departure. He has some big shoes to fill; we welcome him and his family to our family! "WILSON! I'm sorry! I'm sorry, Wilson..."

MSgt Earl Mayhew: Taking the helm as Superintendent of Student Training, a.k.a Felonius Gru with all his boom minions. He handles issues for new booms and officers alike from small to large, good and bad!

(M)Sgt Calvin Arnold: Has taken over the massively daunting task of Superintendent of Wing Training for the FTU. He is the new CCAF/STARS-FD guru. Thanks to his expertise of excel and his professionalism the position will continue in an upward vector!

TSgt Dustan Foret: Is the new KC46 Courseware SME upstairs. Most recently he completed Type 1 training. He is prepping the CBTs & training that will be accomplished for the new aircraft. Currently he is awaiting the elusive beast called the Pegasus.

TSgt Thomas Vesser: And SSgt Nenneman are the KC-135 QA team! He's the reason the contracts and SIMs continue to provide amazing training. And now that MSgt Rob Miller is gone he has the biggest black Ford on base!

TSgt Andrew Abney: He works in the Pubs office, handling everything from changes to checklists to all the EFBs on base! Massive undertaking for sure, for without the Key Masters expertise our Pubs would be forever lost to Gozer.

SSgt Jacob Nenneman: And TSgt Vesser are the KC-135 QA team! Between him and TSgt Vesser your SIMs are always on point. They keep the contractors in line, and on time! And yes he is often referred to as Nemo and not the one on the Nautilus.

ALTUS AFB, OK HQ AMCAOS DET 2



Greetings to all from HQ AMC Air Operations Squadron Detachment 2, home of the KC-135 / KC-46 SIMCERT program. Det 2's primary mission is to certify all KC-135 Boom Operator Weapons System Trainers (BOWSTs) and Cargo Load Trainer (CLT) at Altus, and to certify all KC-46 Boom Operator Trainers (BOTs), Boom Operator Part Task Trainers (BOPTTs) and cargo Fuselage Trainers (FuTs).

TSgt Russell, Michael: Jalepeño is still our resident Red Dirt DJ driving around in his pretentious white Hondas. We think he is the only person that has been at Altus longer than Charlie herself. We keep him around the office for small jobs like fixing the ceiling tiles and redoing the drywall. He enjoys long walks on the flight line and flying with CFIC candidates. This next year he will be swapping his AMC patch for an AFRC one. Adios hermano!

TSgt Powell, Lauren: After experiencing a stroke inflight, the Air Force decided Lauren needed a safer place to reside during the day so off to the Det she went. The doctors said to take it easy so she decided she would become the President of the Altus Boom Operator Association and plan the entire symposium in her free time. When she isn't ordering new kitchen tables after an evening at Scooters, she is TDY to Grissom in January for "experience" according to Mike. She is back to flying with students and swears that Altus isn't that bad.

Retired CMSgt Buss, Brian: Brian is slowly but surely expanding his personal Oklahoma Zoo. He spends the majority of his time trying to recruit his friends to join us in the magical land known as Det 2.

Retired MSgt Chatham, Jayson: Retired in September and returned to the land that could understand his accent...Georgia. Still checking the mail everyday hoping to find our invitation to the wedding. We heard he recently converted to being a Bama fan. Roll Tide, Jayson!

Retired MSgt Pickering, Dean: Dean is still alive and well up in the Det even though we don't see him much.

Retired MSgt Stoermer, Jeffrey: Stoermer decided to run off and get engaged and changed his facebook status to "instant grandpa". When he isn't Chiefing booms on their leather nametags he can be seen taking pictures of airplanes out of his Free Candy van.

Beale AFB, California

314 ARS



Greetings from NorCal!! Hot, Smokey, Wet and Snowy... not due to new bills passed for 2018, just the weather in Northern California. Two years, nearly full, and well on our way with most of our jets. Still recruiting and still training, hopefully we see you on the road and we can finally pitch in.

CMSgt Sean Cain: (Chief Boom)- Our fearless leader. He may or may not sign his next sanctuary waiver; this all depends on who/what he has to deal with that day. He says he eats food other than eggs and chicken breasts, but this has yet to be seen. In all seriousness, he is probably the best supervisor and or chief boom that any of have ever had.

SMSgt James "Jim" Martin: (OGV)- Our newest evaluator. We are still waiting for him to say more than a few words. When he does speak, he usually wants to know where your iPad is so he can update it.

SMSgt Larry Naso: (TR)- We aren't exactly sure what he does when he isn't at the squadron. All we do know is that he's a cop and "kind of a big deal" He is the easiest boom to schedule, if the flight's not on Friday he ain't doing it.

MSgt Lindy Campbell; (Current Ops/Scheduling)- Needs constant reminding that she is an adult "lady," just ask her. She is in a constant state of war with the new booms and TR pilots that sit at her desk, just ask her. She is on her way to become the next IB...one day

MSgt Aaron "OMR" Armstrong: (TR)- He put on a new strip this year and takes on all the new responsibilities that he can. When he's not barking orders at the new booms to move walls, clean rooms, and what not; you can usually find him out at fam camp. He most recent endeavor is trying to convince us that we need to acquire a cargo floor from the boneyard to make a cargo trainer. We are pretty sure this is some sort of aerial port penguin that has frozen to his iceberg.

TSgt Ryan "K9" Korhuniak: (Boom Scheduling, CSS, Security Manager...)- He is our jack of all trade but master of none. Despite holding the squadron vehicle keys at his desk, he down right refuses to take on the task of VCO. He spends most of his days cutting orders and fighting the good fight against FM. He recently learned the karma is a bitch. He has spent the last year "G" coding Kevin in GTIMS in hopes that it made it on the flight orders, only to replace Amy on a flight and found himself "G" coded.

TSgt Josh "Eeyore" Kruenegel: (Current Ops)- Since last year we have managed to some TDYs and a pretty regular flying schedule. He has done such a good job that he was kicked out of his office and has become a cubicle dweller like the rest of us. Weather update, there is still a raincloud in the office. When he's not working on the schedule he can usually be found nerding out on some sci fi stuff with Kevin.

TSgt Rich "Snuffy" Costafelis: (TR)- Does this guy even work here anymore.

TSgt Kevin Matthews: (DOT)- Finally kicked off the orders gravy train, he is our newest ART, he'll get it figured out one day. Work is hell now that all of your time is kept track of. He has the tallest stack of hurt feelings reports any one has ever seen, mostly concerning Amy and Lindy. Now "ladies" be nice to Kevin, he's sensitive.

SSgt Khae Saelee: (TR)- He has a new found desire to eat donuts and drink copious amounts of coffee. Congrats little piggy! Now get down here and get your beans done so Chief will relax.

SSgt Amy Zemaitis: (TR)- She is still a boom with us. One day she might cross over to the dark side. While she is still here we have her helping out in the Stan Eval shop, a constant stream of grumbles and cuss comes from her desk as she tried to find a way to get signatures from people long gone from the Air Force. She recently had to part ways with her beloved Ellie, it's time for a new car anyway. Maybe wait for the LT money to kick in...

SSgt Shawn Mcconaghy: (TR)- He will swipe right on just about anything. WE have all learned that there are more dating apps than we ever thought possible. He has aspirations of becoming our next ART in the squadron. He is going to need to consider a down grade from the BMW once his orders cash cow dries up.

SrA Kix Payne: (TR)- Our newest hire, he came to us from active duty at McConnell. He has risen quickly through the ranks of the Amn mafia to become their leader. We aren't sure if we hired him as a boom or a handy man.

SrA Jake McCullom: (TR)- One day he will become a boom. He is currently our other handyman. Jake comes to us from across the base from some intel nerd land. Hopefully he will be off to boom school soon.

A1C Christopher Depalma: (TR)- He somehow made it back to us after going from basic to boom with the epidemic of the California laze faire attitude. With all the extra beating he just might become a pretty good boom. Also he is our newest IFB, he will tell you how to refuel the F35.

Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) Boeing-Seattle, WA

KC-46 Acceptance & Delivery Team



Welcome to sunny Seattle, WA where beer supplements water as the primary means of hydration and our BAH is more than your base pay. This is the first of many to come Boom Signals for the DCMA unit at Boeing Field. As developmental testing wraps up (LOL...just kidding) and aircraft start lining up off the factory floor, DCMA Acceptance Test Boom Operators are the first to touch these shiny, new tankers and give them a test drive before officially being sold to Mother Air Force. For those of you high-timers looking to get away from the bureaucratic chaos of the real AF, operational flying, and be re-acquainted with normal living for a while, this is the place to come.

MSgt Rich “Bassmaster” Craft: Rich was getting so disgruntled with the state of KC-46 testing that he about threw in the towel and went back to the KC-10 world before this assignment snuck up and slapped some sense into him. While the PCA move was only from one end of the flightline to the other, Rich has made in-processing the most difficult task known to man. Rich fits in well with the NW vibe, creating a makeshift brewery in his garage and competing in bass fishing tournaments every other weekend. Since it is so fucking rainy here, we opt to play 1 vs 1 golf matches on Golf Clash instead of hitting the real links. Rich’s “Rain Man” knowledge of the KC-46 makes him a perfect addition to this test team.

(M)Sgt Mike “Bizkit ” Miranda: Mike’s attempt to do an entire Boom Operator career without stepping foot in AMC is still on track. He recently PCS’d one mile to be the first Boom Operator assigned to DCMA-Boeing Seattle for the highly anticipated KC-46 delivery. Mike’s “more abrasive than sandpaper” approach to conflict resolution is still being utilized at the KC-46 Detachment until further notice (too bad the manning shortage wasn’t projected). When he isn’t wrecking sh!t in the office, Mike spends his time discovering new towns/areas with his family in the Pacific NW and works on his Master’s Degree in Security Administration.

BOEING FIELD SEATTLE, WA
FLIGHT TEST BOOM OPERATORS

“FLY BOEING TANKERS”



Greetings from the Boeing Boom Operators!

Sean “Pit Bull” Martin – The Pit Bull has quite a bite and he doesn’t release! With Sean, it’s not the size of the dog in the fight, it’s the size of the fight in the dog. Seriously he is one of the busiest people in the building. Sean wears two hats here at Boeing and keeps getting pulled in both directions which makes him a prized commodity. He spends the majority of his time either keeping his band of misfit Boom Operators from breaking the airplane or dealing with Major No. Joking aside, he is doing great things for the KC-46 and the Boeing Co. and continues to infuse his vast program knowledge on all of us.

Rickey “failed retirement” Kahler - Just when we thought we finally put him out to pasture he returns to the KC-46 team with a vengeance. I guess his wife couldn’t handle having him around for four months straight. Even though he stinks at retirement he is still the man in flight test. Rickey brought back his multiple decades of test excellence to the program just in time for the home stretch of work prior to delivery. Rickey’s laughter and sage advice had been missed and we’re glad to be working with him again until his next failed attempt at retirement.

Ernest “Burnsie” Burns - Waltzed over to the Boeing side like he was “The Don,” and was quickly cut down to just the “FNG.” He may have retired from the AF, but he has not escaped CBTs, unnecessary training, or red tape. That and the weirdo won’t wear a flight suit to fly until he’s issued a brown bag by Boeing; his beloved greenies must be under glass in a safe room somewhere, with who knows what other memorabilia from his by-gone days. Welcome to the “real world” Ernest – everyone used to be someone. Welcome to being a nobody.

Jason “(High Speed Boom)” Schaub - Boeings IFE boom. Jason has the honor of being the first to drag a hose in and first to hard break the boom! He is doing everything he should as a tester! He and the family are loving Bonney Lake and the traffic more and more every day.

Kate “I gotta go get home to my kid” Lowry - Kate took some time off this year to have a beautiful baby boy, it’s been a whirlwind of family, work balance ever since. She is so devoted to the KC-46 she even named her son after an AR boom engineer. If she isn’t showing us pictures of her little future boom operator she’s talking to him on the phone about binkies and blankets. Kate’s connection to the operational Air Force through her service in the National Guard has been invaluable to the test team as we begin to transition to fielding the KC-46 within the next year. We just wish she could stop staring at pictures of her son long enough to get some work done.

BOEING FIELD SEATTLE, WA

BOEING KC-46

BOOM OPERATOR TRAINING AND TECH PUBS TEAM

“FUELING THE FIGHT, ANYWHERE, ANYTIME”



Hello from the Emerald City, Rain City, Coffee Capital of the World, or just Seattle. It has been a busy year for Training and Tech Pubs. We have completed all of the IOT&E academic classes this year and scheduled to finish up the cargo and flying phase in 2018. We have added a few academic classes which will complete all of our academic classes in 2018. Tech Pubs, have been busy finalizing the last revisions of the FCOM and QRH in preparation for the IOT&E flights in 2018.

- Todd McPeak, KC-46 Boom Operator Training. For the first part of the year, Todd was the sole KC-46 Boom Operator instructor. When he wasn't in class, he was in the AROS SIL for continuation training. If we did see him in the office he was usually complaining about Seattle traffic. He is very grateful for the addition of Mark
- Stacey “Them Problem” Tansits, KC-46 Boom Operator Publications Author. Stacey has done a great job of creating and updating the KC-46 Boom Operator procedures. This year she heard the calling of the East Coast and returned to the Garden State. Yes, she is still working for Boeing and authoring the pubs from JBMDL—nice to have Boeing offices on McGuire.
- Mark Barnette, KC-46 Boom Operator Instructor Contractor. Mark retired from the Air Force last year and decided to move back to Georgia. He was missing going to TDY, so he accepted a job as a contractor to teach boom operator academic classes to allow Todd to go do whatever Todd does when he is not in class—get sick, take vacation. Mark didn't have to live through any snow storms, but got reintroduced to what a hurricane was and why you should have a generator. When he is not in Seattle, you can find him working around the house doing all the honey do things he missed while in the Air Force

Departed 2016

- Al “Yo Boom” Miller, KC-46 Aircrew Training Subject Matter Expert. In 2016, Al decided he liked Michigan and his family more than he liked Washington and his camper. He left Boeing and went to work for Flight Safety to impart his knowledge of everything KC-46. We still get to see AL, whenever Flight Safety allows him out of his cubical to attend continuation training sessions.

- Don “Bubba” or “Crash” Cox, KC-46 Aircrew Training Subject Matter Expert. Due to another car accident in 2016 and the possibility of being paralyzed. Bubba has retired from Boeing. He has returned back to Florida to enjoy his family and to drink tea on his front porch.

Fly safe!

NKAWTG.....Nobody!

EDWARDS AFB, CA

370 FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



Greetings from Graceland. It's been another big year of transition here at the 370th. We were stripped of our squadron status and reduced to a flight, just to turn around and increase manning by 30% and be reinstated as a squadron again. And it all happened in six to nine months. Rumor has it you might even see some pointy nose guys walking around the squadron again. Ol' Kev may have been able to stay a Load Master after all. The AR test support mission continues to keep us well employed with a long line of customers waiting for the next offload, and we've increased our test footprint once again with newly trained test booms working with our sister squadron on the multiple AR test efforts going on throughout the community. Come by and see us on a BE. First beer is on us.

SMSgt Scott “Scotty” Scurlock: Literally took our advice and got married to fund the purchase of his RV. Jen wanted her cut of the BAH, but Scotty only gave her TRICARE. Apparently the RV purchase opened up the purchasing floodgates because now he's over committed to a RZR build, and living off Ramen noodles. He's now searching for a sister wife but doesn't believe us when we tell him BAH doesn't increase with multiple spouses.

SMSgt Johnny “Don't Pull Out” Pullen: Someone forgot to tell him not to knock up your mail order bride. Yes the old man's going to be a daddy. We learned you could get pregnant from talcum powder...pffffff. Will go on for hours giving you investment advice, telling you all about the future of Bitcoin. More people in the Squadron have seen Johnny naked than they've seen Stanko.

MSgt Dave “Mr. Barnard” Stanko: Checked the O-6 box but had to move to Tucson to keep checking it. He must be doing something right because he still has her roped in to mothering his sister's child. Has managed to keep his day job flying Judge Judy around the country in an overpriced Cessna.

MSgt Kevin “Ol' Kev” Slagle: If found, please return to the 370th. Last seen at the local community college wearing JNCO's and Doc Martins, carrying a guitar, talking to teenage girls. We heard he voted for Bernie.

MSgt Ben “Running Boom” Tressler: Recently discovered that his 9/10,000s of 500 acres is now worth \$1.18 so he's looking to purchase a home in California to settle his tribe which has doubled in size. Left scheduling and moved to Safety after a rash of hatchet incidents.

MSgt Don “Crockett” Johnson: Claims to be a Mexican from Texas, however he doesn't eat meat and can't fix a sprinkler. Fully vegan and constantly sick, but hasn't put the two together yet. If you smell popcorn in the squadron don't get excited, it's Vegan corn.

MSgt Colin “Mr. President” Wernecke: Bought his retired Chief RV as a 10 year Master because the last one couldn't pull all his toys. When not scissoring on the softball field trying to get to third base he moonlights twisting nuts on Scotty's equipment. Managing to hold down multiple shop duties and reminding the OICs they can put down the ACSC to attend a scheduling meeting every once in a while.

TSgt Levi “Leroy” Knepper: Recent hire that nobody here knows anything about except that he’s got seven kids (almost 6) from his recent excursion to Home Depot. He’s already getting one of the resident booms upset from trading a blanket for 20 acres. He came from TACC so we’re hoping we can rid him of all his bad habits.

Departed: **SMSgt Aaron “A-Ray” Ray:** The newest Senior PCS’d to Georgia to get his lips covered with cake and hang out with Chiefs. In all seriousness, A-Ray is missed but we still can’t believe this nonner sold out for a Group job. His HAM radio skills must still suck because we rarely hear from him. Probably just in a meeting.

Edwards AFB, CA

418th Flight Test Squadron



Edwards has been a different kind of animal this year due to the KC-46. We've got almost everyone spun up with KC-46 qualifications and support the Detachment's testing efforts through TDYs. KC-46 is regularly making contacts and accomplishing some real AR so we are excited to see the program through to delivery of an aircraft sometime.....in 2018? Other projects we have supported this year include: Japanese F-2 AR cert, Israeli B-707 evaluation, Block 45 "Round 17 and half of testing", P-8 Special Mission Configuration (SMC) AR cert, Navy E-2D AR cert, Receiver Simulation Tool cert, C-17 AR Handling Qualities Control Law testing, and continued support of the KC-30A Coalition Tanker program. If you happen to come out on a Business Effort and want to know more or are interested in making this your next assignment, stop by for a beer and let's talk!

412 OG

CMSgt Paul Jacobs: Chief earned his Test Boom cert this year and we haven't seen him since. We think it was it was the 7 ft, 9 degree left, 26 degree elevation contact/disconnect on a F-16D model that did him in. He's often heard murmuring "You guys are crazy" anytime he hangs around the Test Boom group. We are pretty sure he is the only reason Club Muroc is still open for business.

MSgt Jamie "Drizzle" Morton: Jamie still resides up at OGV to escape the daily grind of the Squadron. One of the few guys that aren't KC-46 dual-qualified yet and we think it's because he won't be able to take pictures through a Remote Vision System. We are probably going to make him "volunteer" to get the qual anyways in the next year because he's a KC-10 guy and they apparently load cargo on their airplane. The KC-135 guys are still trying to figure out why you would do that.....

418 FLTS

(M)Sgt Justin "JT" Thompson: Sacko in the Fantasy Football league this year and he was actually trying to win. Tries to claim the first Brute Force Disconnect on the 46, data is pending. Was told he was moving into the Superintendent position, so he volunteered for every TDY possible and takes leave between TDYs to avoid the new job. He's currently starching his ABUs and carrying around the "little brown book" in preparation for putting the roof on the house.

TSgt Adam “Blue Falcon” Joachim: Adam has calmed down the Blue Falcon bit a little.....a very little.... He was recently seen quoting an AFI about headphone wear while working at your computer so it took his Blue Falcon stock up to record highs. The market is still recovering. His Facebook tells us that he recently completed his KC-46 qual; now we just need to get him away from teaching Officer Professional Development courses to put the qual to work.

TSgt Othello “The” Harris: The Harris is broke and riding this assignment out to retirement now. Wicked waves in the Pacific caused him to forget how to tell time and messed up his neck worse than years of refueling in the KC-135. Spends most days riding around the parking lot for an hour just waiting for a front spot because he refuses to walk. When he finally gets into the office, he is usually watching ESPN and plotting Fantasy Football moves.

(T)Sgt Jacob “Four Eyes” Burton: Jake moved out of Training flight to become the lead on the 46 program. He spends his lunch money on his minivan payment, or at least that’s our suspicion because he never goes to lunch with the group. Took his nerdiness to a whole new level by requesting glasses even though he didn’t need them yet. The optometrist obliged. He put the new glasses to work by becoming the Sq’s Flightline Drivers trainer and complaining about everyone’s struggle to follow simple F’n directions.

SSgt Jake “Jerry” Sarno: Jake spent a couple of weeks in Japan...you can assume how that went. Keywords in the stories being told are: flip flops while climbing mountains, Saki brewery, flying the rising sun, stealing smokers from the Airmen Dorms, missing curfew but still ending up on base somehow (read into that how you want to). He’s the only guy who packs a full suit for TDYs and still goes home lonely.

SSgt Rob “Supra” Fuller: Where to begin...Supra accompanied Sarno on the Japan trip so a lot of the same stories apply. He’s expecting kid number three, or at least his wife is. Continues to campaign for “Algebra is not real math” because they don’t mix letters and numbers in NorCal. Owns a Corvette; never drives it, but it looks pretty sweet in his driveway. He blames the Booms for everything to get out of trouble so his wife refuses to think he does anything at work but give into peer pressure.

SSgt Christopher “Brian” Register: One of these days Chris, err we mean Brian, err we mean Reggie will pick a first name. The lone KC-10 guy left in the squadron, he just disappears for days on end claiming to fly the mysterious airplane. We are told he’s a Vegan who only partially eats meat and has given up gluten beer so he is fitting in with the SoCal crowd perfectly.

SSgt Danielle “FOD” Repp: What a girl won’t do for some chips and dip after a night of drinking. She is still trying to adjust to the sunshine here at Edwards and is continuously pissed that we don’t fly 14 lines a day with our 3 tankers. Pretty sure she has a weird fetish with her “lunch tree” and claims it has her romantic partner. Wouldn’t stop complaining that we didn’t have the right flights to finish her Test Boom upgrade and then went DNIF the moment we did.

418 FLTS, Detachment

SMSgt Ryan “It’s Good to be King” Perry: RMFP has taken over as Superintendent of Detachment 1, at Boeing Field, WA. His classic quotes often find themselves in official reports to the KC-46 Program Office, like “Their eyes are human just like ours!”, and “#GIMMEAWINDOW.” When he’s not running the Det, he can still be found at the local gym, picking up heavy things, and putting them down. He is still in search of a shirt sleeve capable of containing his guns.

MSgt Lindsay “I’m Not a Girl” Moon: After a mass exodus of Boom Operator’s from the Detachment, Lindsay became the default Ops Super. It turns out you don’t have to be good at your job, you just have to outlast everyone

else. He is often found on leave, but routinely returns when rumors of TDY possibilities start to form (just ask him about his Key West hardship). If not on leave or TDY, he can be found hogging the KC-46 flight schedule in Seattle.

Outbounds:

SMSgt “Mr” Burns – See Boeing Company, Seattle WA

MSgt Richard Craft – See DCMA, Seattle WA

(M)Sgt Mike Miranda – See DCMA, Seattle WA

Still Hiding at Edwards:

MSgt (ret) Richard Sarno: Recently moved over from the JSF side of the house to work in another program that has everyone’s attention for staying on cost and timeline...KC-46. Building his own house on the side because who doesn’t dream of a retirement house in California City.

SrA (ret) Cierra Thompson: Finished her teaching degree just in time to stay at home with the 4 kids. Basically living the single parent life while Justin volunteers for every TDY possible.

Inbounds:

TSgt Matt Giles - McGuire AFB, NJ

TSgt Steve Cantu – CoE at Lackland AFB, TX

**Eielson AFB, AK
168 ARS**



Greetings from the Frozen North. Land of the midnight sun and mosquitoes the size of birds. It's always busy up here. You would have thought with the sequester that things would have slowed down; that would have been too easy. With 24 hour Alpha alert, Our New LTMPA Line, the 'Deid', Guam, local training flights, and everything else that happens, we can't stop to catch our breath. We have had many new booms join us this year and last year, along with many promotions. Our part timers really have stepped up to fill in the holes to get the mission done. A special thanks to our maintenance and ground folks; we couldn't do it without you.

CMSgt John "Doc" Duhaime (AGR) – John is the Chief Boom around here, he put on chief and definitely earned it with his persistence to never fail. He is doing a great job as an evaluator, and making changes to continue a tradition of excellence in the squadron.

SMSgt Rich "Smitty" Smith (AGR) – Smitty is kickin' it in the Stan Eval office as the only full time boom in the office he has become the guy that pretty much does everything that needs to be done. An evaluator and great mentor starting our BMP "boom mentorship program", Smitty has made a lot of great changes in improving moral while always having a smile on his face.

MSgt Christian "Willey Cat" Willey (AGR) – The Willy Cat continues to impress and is now the solo boom in tactics. He has also started his evaluator program this year, we wish him the best in his upgrade as we know you will succeed. Good Luck.

MSgt Tanna "Queen B" Carter (TRAD) – Tanna has finally returned, after some medical issues that kept her out for quite some time. We are happy everything worked out all right! It's great to have you back!

MSgt Keith "K-ROW" Rowan (AGR) – K-ROW was promoted and is filling the role nicely. He is now the full time training shop boom. When he isn't around the office, he is busy working at the gym as a teacher for crossfit classes. With all of his extra workouts he is definitely fit to teach and carry the load of the new booms on his back, best of luck to you!

MSgt Tracy "Lil Devil" Purdy (AGR) – Continuing to impress, she is an AGR in current OPS. It looks like she will be sticking around for a while and we couldn't be happier to have her spirit in the building.

MSgt James "Seamus" Hudnall (TRAD) – James is still that guy that is always in the Deid. He is doing a fantastic job; we couldn't be happier with him. Meanwhile, he is keeping our part timers in line by making sure their awards and decorations are up to date, as well as working non-stop with alert and LTMPA. Keep up the great work Wes!

MSgt Nick Blace (TRAD) – Nick is new to the boom world this year, and is working on finishing up his MCT program. He is great brain to have around the unit and a great face as well, as he brings joy everywhere and

understand how to keep a mission going. We are thrilled to have Nick join us on the Alert/LTMPA and local lines once he has completed MCT. Welcome aboard!

TSgt Pete “Shingles” Gardella (AGR) – Pete has been working nonstop recently with all the new booms he moved from training, over to scheduling and has found that he ends up flying with the students now more than ever. Thank you for all the hard work.

TSgt Jonathan Legan (AGR) – Jon finished up CFIC and got himself promoted to Technical Sergeant. Making many changes, he found himself as a full timer in scheduling as a technician. Shortly after he was able to land himself an AGR position and move over into current ops. Always staying busy, he is well known face in ops who always seems to have an answer and eagerly lunges for the chance to learn. It’s always good to have him around.

TSgt Kyle “Groot” Armour (Technician) – Kyle was promoted to TSgt, and he has completed CFIC and is the newest instructor in the building. Kyle’s family continues to grow as he has two kids now! Congrats dude! When he isn’t at home with his and kids he is here working in the scheduling shop. He also spends countless hours at the local high school as a co-head coach of the High School wrestling team! Don’t mess with this guy he is a beast.

TSgt Alex “Narv” Narveson (TRAD) - Alex joined the unit in 2015, as a prior active duty crew chief for the F-15s and F-16s. Alex has dived into the Alaskan life style by doing everything we have to offer. His favorite activities include hunting, fishing, hiking, and riding around in the mud on the back roads of Alaska in any of his various off-roading vehicles. Alex has been on numerous trips with our LTMPA line and likes to sit alert from time to time. More importantly he is a new father, he and his wife are overjoyed with their little girl.

SSgt Christopher “Stunt” Frazier (TRAD) - Chris is a new boom in the unit, he made the change over in 2014 from being an AGR in the Crew Comm office to pulling Alert, LTMPA, Deid trips, and local flights. Chris, got married shortly after joining us and now has a little “wrestler” of his own. Frazier stays busy as the Co-Head coach of the local High School and Jr High School wrestling team. He is performing well, with hopes of headed out to CFIC sometime in the near future.

SSgt Mike Medary (TRAD) - Joined the unit in 2005 as a crew chief, and made the change over to boom last year. Mike recently got engaged, and has a daughter. When he isn’t pulling alert, LTMPA, or local flights Mike likes to enjoy the typical Alaska life style. His favorite hobbies are kayaking, and swimming. We are thrilled to have Mike on our team.

SSgt Corina Thrasher (TRAD) - Corina was a prior metals tech in our sheet metal shop. She was picked up as a boom just a short 7 years later and loves the change. She is going to school full time in anchorage, and comes up to help us out on the local schedule when she can. Corina’s favorite hobby is to do metal art as she is very good at it! She is a very talented welder and a jack of all trades that requires hard work, one of her favorite art pieces was a vase of metal flowers that she presented to Col. Scarborough as a retirement gift. We are thrilled to have Corina on the team.

SSgt Dan Kaufmann (TRAD) – Dan joined us as a former maintenance guy for the active duty to the guard, then switched over to be a boom. He recently finished up his MCT program and is going to school full time. Dan is performing well with hopes to stay as a boom for a long time. In his spare time he is in a biker gang, so he fits in with all the rest of us! We are lucky to have Dan on board.

SSgt Jon Sartin (TRAD) - John is our newest boom, he was a prior crew chief and loves being a boom. John is back home from training and glad to be home, as he made it just in time for his little one to arrive. John is working on his MCT program, and doing very well! Thank you for joining us, we know it was a long wait.

SrA Brandy Weiner (TRAD) - Brandy has probably the brightest brain of the bunch, she joined into Intel in ’13 and made the switch over to boom when she saw the opportunity to travel. Brandy is finishing up her MCT program this year and will be working pulling Alert/LTMPA starting in January. In her spare time she stays very active in the gym, and her favorite sport is basketball. Over joyed to have her join the team!

A1C Jared “R2, Skinny Jeans, Hipster, Junior” Stephens (TRAD) - Or as we like to call him, the real Jared

Stephens, is another new boom for us. He is another boom who has the drive to learn and excel in everything he does. Very smart for his years, he is impressing a lot of people. Jared stays busy with alert, deid rotations, and LTMPA. His favorite hobby is to travel, and he made is apparent when he went on just about every trip we had available this past year.

A1C Jason “Crutch” Armstrong (TRAD) - Jason is a new boom with a large family he just recently had his 4th little baby, and he loving it. Jason gets on as many Alert/LTMPA lines as he can get on to stay busy. He is good guy who we love having around, it took him a little longer to finish boom school however since he broke his leg doing combatives. We are thrilled to have Jason on board, don’t get hurt again...

168 Retired Booms

Ron Merbach*
Billy Malico*
Cheryl Helgerman*
Bob Edgett
Keith Bromley
Mark McGrath
Bridget Tamburino
Dick Hardy
Todd Cook
Bob Hauer
Lyle Kirgan
Samtha Dahl*
Mario McGee
Butch Stein
Dale Forrey*
Pat Kerber
Curt Gipson
Paul Nunemann
Steven Fogue
Keith Henrys

*Booms that have passed on.

FAIRCHILD AFB,

WA

92 ARS

“BLACKHAWKS”



Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Michael “Roddy” Rodriguez – Well, bad news....the Hitler Stache has returned in all its glory to strike fear in the hearts of young Airmen from all walks on base. Lucky for them, as the only EB and one of the few IB's in the squadron, he's been pretty busy flying locals, deploying and going TDY.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Robert Miller – Just arrived back to Fairchild via Altus and still currently living in a van down by the river, begging anyone he can find to take a deployment. Roberto is getting the lay of the land and finding his niche as the new Ops Sup.

Stan/Eval:

SrA Mercedes Johnson (SELO) – TERMA-DNIF boom of the millennium. Has gone through MCT about 7 times and when she's not DNIF she's usually on leave. #selolife #someonegetmesomestarbucks, but seriously a go to boom who gets the job done.

A1C Joseph Fromm (SELO) – Poor guy took over Stan-Evil with some pretty big shoes to fill. So we locked him in the office until he was able to figure it out. He finally got it figured and they found some new shoes for him to fill...can you say CCX.

Safety:

SrA Edward Acosta – Tucked away in his safety office dreaming how to get back to Yonkas'. Well, his dream is only a few months away, as he will be separating in February and joining the New Jersey Guard. Thanks for you hard work and service. Good Luck!

A-Flight:

TSgt Evan Vandermay – Former pointy head turned boom operator. Sometimes life does get better...

Training:

SSgt Seth “Buddy Elf” Corliss – The kid gives new meaning to X-mas spirit, as you will rarely ever pass his desk without some X-mas music playing. Our newest IB to the squadron and since his wife is still living in McConnell, he’s taking applications for anyone that wants to pay half his rent and live in the hole in his basement.

SSgt Stephon “Crusher” Sharief – Has successfully managed to not crush any ice-shields, lately. When not deployed or TDY, he can be found in training crushing some folder reviews.

SSgt Quan Vu – Prior Load cross trainee on his first deployment, more next issue...

SrA Garrett Peirce – “Baby Pierce” is setting investment records for his stock in pomade and trying to play a pretty epic game of hide and seek with any leadership looking to Chief him on his hair. Set to be going through instructor upgrade as soon as we can keep him at home-station long enough...

A1C Edwin Mensah - Baby Boom fresh out of Altus. More to follow.

B-Flight:

SSgt Jimmy Ray Bailey Jr. – UH Hullooh?? Currently on his 600th trip to Al Udeid, but found the time to finish ALS and earn Distinguished Grad! He is currently counting down the days to start his terminal leave and begging any guard unit he can find to take him in.

C-Flight:

MSgt Dillon Poole – Cross flow from the AWACS (scope-d) who took over scheduling, while still finding the time to deploy, but trying to keep his sanity and what little hair he has left. So, in an effort to keep that hair intact, we gave him a little break, it’s called pre-CFIC.

Scheduling:

SSgt Nick Eykamp – With one divorce in the books, and his man card back in his wallet, combine it with the daring escape from the scheduling job of terror, for the day care center, known as OST, he hopes his luck has changed and with it it, the fast track to TSgt.

SSgt Daniel Hernandez – Prior Load cross trainee on his first boom deployment, more next issue...

(S)Sgt Robert McKnight – The one man scheduling shop with 6 different personalities.

(S)Sgt Casey McConnell – If you want to find Casey, just follow the trail of vape smoke and look for a 12 year old with a mustache.

SrA Jesse Cutright – The Air force’s newest Chief senior Airman of the Air Force. Does a pretty good job flying when he’s not trying to sell women’s health products on the side.

A1C Justin Schaeffer – The only boom we know that somehow got full per diem for an entire deployment

then spent it all in three days.

A1C Nicholas Selly – Baby boom on his first deployment. More to follow.

A1C Jeremiah Guinto –Baby Boom fresh out of Altus. More to follow.

On Loan:

SSgt Ryan Kemp (CCX)– We still can't get him to stop talking, but he will soon be crossing the pond to join the Bloody Hundredth. Good luck and time to upgrade!

(S)Sgt Davis Gese (OST) – Can't stop talking about loving life in ALS and we fully expect him to come out on the other side with a pitcher of blue Kool-Aid. In fact, with his newfound love for the Air Force, he decided to volunteer for a 6 monther out to that sunny place we all know and love. Also working on getting his 17th car before he gets back.

Departed:

(M)Sgt Evangeline Marie R. Evanzia Palmer – PCS'd to Kadena

SSgt Ladarious Malone – PCS'd to March

SSgt Hector Acevedo – PCS'd to Pease

SSgt Shawna Sims – PCS'd to MacDill

SSgt David Askins – PCS'd to Altus then hired by the reserve unit

SSgt Stephen Doswell – PCS'd to Altus

SSgt Rich Johnson – Separated and building an empire one shed at a time

SSgt Daniel Childress – PCS'd to Altus

SSgt Amy Zemaitis – Separated and hired by Beale then picked up for a pilot's slot, congrat's!

SrA Shane Halford – Medically separated

SrA Eric Medina – Separated and hired by the Phoenix Guard

A1C Greyson Sandoval – Separated from the Air Force. Good luck Sandy!

SSgt Ryan Soule – Was separated...

PCA'd to help stand up the 384th

TSgt Spencer Balcom

SSgt Greg Webb

SSgt Wes Tinch

SrA Jacob Magda

SrA James Kennedy

A1C Daniel Daley

A1C Matthew Ronnfeldt

Inbounds:

TSgt Justin Yow - Altus

TSgt Bobby Cash - Mildenhall

SSgt Killian Stone - McConnell

SSgt James Walker - McConnell

SrA Thriston Noel - Mildenhall

SrA Nicholas Sowder - Mildenhall

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

92d Operations Group



Greetings from Fairchild AFB, WA and the soon to be largest KC-135 Wing! It has been another busy year for us and our boom force is amazing at continuing to make the mission happen every day. This year we added our fourth Air Refueling Squadron, the 384 ARS “Squarepatchers”, to our team and are expected to gain our fifth squadron in the next few years. Team Fairchild is continuing to lead the way in the KC-135 community and recently paired with the 509th Weapons School to begin MITO training and certification in the aircraft...expect training requirement changes in a Vol 1 near you in Spring ‘18. We are excited to have an amazing team here and would love for others to be a part of our team in the Pacific Northwest.

GROUP SUPERINTENDENT

CMSgt Tom Ireland thomas.ireland@us.af.mil

CMSgt Ireland made the transition to Group Superintendent a year ago and has been a wealth of knowledge and continuity in an ever changing environment. He never misses an opportunity to share some wisdom, but truly misses being able to do so on the airplane. Apparently mentioning headaches to the flight doc is a bad thing, especially when Vitamin Motrin just won't do. He keeps people grounded with his stoic persona and philosophical mentoring discussions. He claims his feelings died a long time ago, but we all know that's not true...just mention the NE Patriots losing or an opportunity to go to HI.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

CMSgt Andrea Inmon andrea.inmon@us.af.mil

CMSgt Inmon joined us from Pease in the summer of 2017. She is happily getting back into the swing of things after having been the Maintenance Superintendent for much longer than anticipated. You may have noticed her (corrected) article as the first Female Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force...I mean first Active Duty Female Chief Boom Operator. Seriously though, she is here kicking ass and taking names....who's next?

OGV

SUPERINTENDENT

SMSgt Jeremiah “Doc” Docken jeremiah.docken@us.af.mil

SMSgt Docken has logged more hours of convalescent leave than flying hours the past year. However, he is happy to still be at Fairchild so he can continue to work on his real estate empire and many other hobbies in between working. We're thankful to have him because he brings a ton of much needed experience to the team, especially during inspections. He's hoping to hold on to a few more years at Fairchild before retirement so we'll see what the next year brings.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

93 ARS

“MASTERS OF THE ART”



OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Brendan Balko: Brendan arrived from 4 years at Altus and immediately took over the Ops Superintendent position. What could go wrong? He spent the summer trying to find out what the Vol 1 was and wondering why there were so many damn requirements! Brendan can be found sitting in his office and talking on the phone to someone, namedropping other people while staring at his marker board. When he's not in his office he is usually wandering around telling stories about "how Altus did it." It never gets old.

A-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Sharon Miller: Sharon is one of our numerous Baby Boom cross-trainees. She's married to the 92 ARS's Ops Sup, which means she's already done 4 years in Altus. She arrived wondering what it is someone does with all that time during an "aircrew lunch". She made the mistake of announcing that she was prior finance and was immediately deemed the unofficial "DTS Guru".

RAINING NCOIC

SSgt Andrew Cohea: Andrew just came to us from McConnell this year. I've never met anyone else this excited to head to Altus for IB upgrade ever! Probably because it just continues his streak of not being in the office, ever. He loves being a PAX on his own MWS and heading to Hawaii every chance he can, ALOHA!

TRAINING BOOMS

SSgt Travis Peirce: Travis has been with us awhile now, and he's finally quitting! Well, quitting AMC. Travis is going to the locally based 509 WPS early in 2018. I guess he really wanted to PCS without having to actually move. Unfortunately for him, he'll have to change his vacation spot from Guam to Las Vegas. If you have a good nickname with a backstory, I'm sure the 509th would love to hear it for their naming night.

SrA Victoria Turan: Victoria is the current Training continuity. She is super quiet, but don't let that fool you. She does pretty much all the work and then some, again, quietly. She won a Wg Amn OTQ award for all of said

work and even quietly accepted that! However, in the jet she is a rockstar and we are super happy to have her with us.

B-FLIGHT

B-FLIGHT BOOMS

A1C Douglas Barnett: Douglas is a baby boom pipeliner who recently came in from Altus. He took leave as soon as he got here and then went to FTAC. We're pretty sure he's in MCT right now, OST hasn't called asking where he is.

A1C Jonathan Meshaw: John is another new pipeliner. Thankfully he did not participate in the MCT Longevity Games like some of his peers. He's embraced the pushed-up sleeve look and promptly headed to the desert as soon as MCT was over.

A1C Connor O'Connell Keleghan: Connor has the most Irish name ever! He's another new baby pipeliner from Altus that we received this year. He's currently in the running to break A1C Harris' record for number of days in MCT. He can be seen sitting in the front of training flight doing their bidding while listening to... something.

C-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Orlando Infante: Lando is one of our newest Load-to-Boom crossovers. After doing one deployment with us, he says he's finally found his "forever AFSC", seeming as this is his 3rd one. And that doesn't include the special duty he did as well! When he's not building hours for CFIC (which is all the time), he's at the office successfully filling the flight schedule with people, somehow.

SCHEDULING BOOMS

SSgt Logan Lord: Logan came home from the longest flying deployment ever and then over time almost became a living "non-current scheduler" CFIC scenario while he was the only person in the shop. He for some reason clicked the button for Altus and will be leaving us early next year. Good luck down there!

SrA Dillon Harris: Dillon FINALLY saw what it's like to be a real boom! However, he took the nickname "Baby Chief" too seriously and continues to fly his desk in scheduling. He joined a local full-contact flag football league in Spokane and quickly realized it wasn't for him. Hey buddy, how many fingers am I holding up?

SrA Megan Hatch: Megan is another Squadron workhorse. She participates in almost every tasking that wafts across the squadron. Sometimes we have to remind her that it's OK to take leave and not come to work.

SSgt(S) Stetson Vigil: It's debatable if Stetson still works in the scheduling shop. He is constantly dodging work with "deployments" and "upgrade training". With all the flying he does, it's a wonder how he keeps his headset from messing up his perfectly sculpted hair.

A1C Brandon Hopkins: Brandon is another contender for "longest MCT of 2017 award". He did get through and found himself in the desert as soon as he was completed. I'm sure he somehow found a way to install Destiny 2 on the nav MFD of the jet.

STAN/EVAL

FLIGHT CHIEF

(M)Sgt Christopher Staton: Chris is another newcomer to Fairchild who unfortunately got a less than warm welcome to the inland northwest in the form of an auto claim. However, he shrugged it off like it was no big deal and is running the Boom side of Stan/Eval like it's something he was born to do, all while going through MCT.

STAN/EVAL NCOIC

SSgt Christopher Ramey: SSgt Ramey is a 5000 hour EB that still finds ways to fill MB deployments. Even though it took him 5 months to complete MCT, we are looking forward to his experience as he heads up the Stan/Eval shop.

STAN/EVAL BOOMS

SSgt Nicholas Barker: SSgt Barker has had an exciting six year enlistment. He was able to travel the world, support worldwide rapid mobility, make staff sergeant his first try, and selected to upgrade to Evaluator Boom status. The most impressive part of his Air Force journey was, not only his ability to maintain the work ethic of a dyslexic three-toed sloth, but also his innate ability to unapologetically increase SSgt Bloom-Kelly's daily workload while simultaneously projecting the illusion of an overworked NCO. We can only pray he keeps up the great work as a civilian while he pursues a career in commercial aviation.

SSgt James Bloom-Kelly: Spent the last year in a bitter fog of jealousy toward SSgt Barker. The competitive scales of upgrades, awards, promotions, and TDYs have tipped back and forth over the past 5 years. However, this year BK learned the hard way that being the Sq "Golden Boy" only gains you more work. While BK was lucky enough to fill yet another MB tasking to Al Udeid followed by weeks of office work like a good NCOIC, the rest of CCV was drinking beer in Guam and winning Aircrew of the Qtr... I guess he gets the last laugh though since he's living the good life in the Hawaii ANG now.

SrA Scotti Smith: SrA Smith is great boom who can "*kind of*" do Stan/Eval stuff when he's actually in the office. His real passions include lifting weights, meal prepping, man-scaping and riding the "gain train". Unfortunately, he must be doing it wrong because the dude looks pretty weak.

SAFETY

NCOIC

SSgt Craig Vandenburg: Craig is another one of our newer Load-to-Boom crossovers. He's still missing the C-17 and is always talking about being a loadmaster. If you happen to hear that just tell him to "suck it up, you're in the best job now!" He's mostly seen in safety office revamping the excel trackers from too long ago, listening to music, and doing "NCOIC things."

SAFETY BOOMS

SrA Kyle Cleis: Kyle liked to hide from safety by simply being anywhere else, typically on a -135. He is departing the AF for greener pastures and we are wishing him the best during the next stage in his life.

Amn Patrick Choy: They call him Patrick, a dashing young man in his prime. Many make fun of his age only because they are jealous of his youth. He's the gullible airman you see walking around looking a little lost at times. If you see this point him in the right direction. He's also looking to get hitched and nobody knows why.

READINESS

SSgt Tazmin “Taz” Urata: He’s still here! Well, he’s “here.” Like everyone else, he’s killing it out in the system. Wherever he goes, he’s somehow able to push the mission while still maintaining his status as a semi-professional Super Smash Bros. competitor.

A1C Daniel Haglund: Dan was another deployment and TDY work horse. He is separating from the AF this year and we do hope he does well on the other side.

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OG

Inspections

MSgt Warren “Dotcom” Weldon: It is true; Dotcom has finally returned to the Northwest! He has found a job with the OG figuring out weird terms like MICT and Self-Assessment Programs. He answers the questions, provides the guidance, and hounds the squadrons for updated information for the Power Point slides. Occasionally, he actually gets to fly. Be careful though asking any questions about alert. If you do, you’ll find yourself at the vault with multiple books open and he’ll talk to you like he’s defending his Master’s dissertation on the nuclear enterprise. However, He likes the people and the area and cannot complain.

Readiness

SrA John Blackburn: Still toiling away in Ops Group Readiness, however he is back up on flight status and gets the occasional reprieve of a local sortie. He always has some unique phrase when telling a story about the latest aircrew member who wasn’t ready for deployment or odd event that occurred downtown. John is focusing on his plan on what he is going to when he leaves the Air Force. So far, he plans on turning right out the main gate and onto Highway 2. We are working on adding to that plan...

OSS

Aircrew Training

TSgt Mark Waski: Mark is another former Altus instructor. So we put him in the only roll he knows; OST. Mark’s favorite work pass-times include doing endless folder reviews, and calling the Squadrons to ask why they blocked out a student for a week-long event that can clearly be done after they’re done with MCT. He hasn’t flown without a student in months and I think he may have forgotten how to run his checklist at this point.

Tactics

SSgt Nathan Barnes: Nate is sitting in the vault suffering from a lack of sunshine while working over in the Tactics shop. No one is sure what he really does there, but he must be good at it since he’s tactically never around whenever someone calls looking for him. He must be flying another local with a student for Waski or teaching a ground class for people just looking for a 1522 signature so they can move on with their day.

Wing Scheduling

SrA Joshua Lawson: Josh got in his requisite deployments and spent half of his year at our favorite sandy location. He got himself DNIF and made him do real work in the squadron training office. Josh is raring to get back into the jet and go to IB school, but his bureaucratic talent has landed him a job in Wing Scheduling and he dishes his frustrations out to the three squadrons; “Yes sir, I think the 93rd can fill a 3 hour pattern only on Friday night.”

PACAF

MSgt Christopher Pedersen: Chris was our Ops Sup, but this summer decided that he had enough of that job and took a lucrative position doing who knows what over in Korea. Whatever it is, it probably involves knife handling Airmen in chem gear. Since he left, the amount of hair in the Squadron has significantly increased while the average vocal decibel level has significantly decreased. That being said, we hope he comes back here when he's done over there.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

384 ARS

“SQUAREPATCHERS”



Greeting and salutations from Fairchild's newest squadron! The 384th made its debut in Spokane on 23 March, 2017. 23 March is a significant date since the squadron had flown its first combat mission on this date 70 years earlier by bombing an enemy airfield in France. Needless to say, it's been a crazy year for the Squares with getting the squadron on its feet, managing the manning struggle of a new unit, and getting all the shops up and running smoothly. We are excited and honored to continue the Squarepatcher tradition at Fairchild!

SUPERINTENDENT

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

OC helped make the smooth transition of the 384th from McConnell to Fairchild on 22 March, 2017, or at least takes credit for it on his EPR. He has spent the last 6 years at Fairchild always looking for a reason to stay longer and avoid an assignment back to the Midwest. We think his goal is to fill every Superintendent role on base before he retires.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Matt Hunsinger matthew.hunsinger@us.af.mil

Matt finally made it back to the homeland this past April. He hit the ground running as the ops sup which is a brisk walk for most people. He also showed up with a sweet new Range Rover that any Kardashian would be proud to own. He quickly got buyer's remorse and is in the process of trying to get them to buy it back. You guessed it, Matt bought a lemon. Matt is currently the acting Superintendent while OC is deployed. His only request was to not burn the squadron down while he's gone. So far so good...

A-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Joshua McClanathan joshua.mcclanathan@us.af.mil

Joshua just arrived in October and is another welcome cross-trainee from the Comm career field. No Comm, no Bomb! He's no stranger to the Pacific Northwest as he was previously stationed at McChord. Maybe he can work some magic and get this whole Windows 10 fiasco worked out in the squadron. Since TSgt booms are a hot commodity his immediate role is one of our newest Flight Chiefs.

A-FLIGHT BOOMS

A1C Morgan Hendley morgan.hendley@us.af.mil

Morgan is always finding new and improved ways to use the word “broke”, whether its finance pulling all of her BAS back in a lump sum, or being DNIF due to series of unfortunate events, tracing back to the Altus water. After OST pitches in to supply Morgan with her personal “Bubble Boy” outfit, she may get her wish to finally finish MCT and finally get on the road.

A1C Sean Ellis sean.ellis.6@us.af.mil

Sean is our newest baby boom to join us at the 384th. Another case of joining the military to explore the world, only to get stationed back in his home state. We can't wait to get him MCT complete so he can get some of those world traveling opportunities.

TRAINING NCOIC

SSgt Jonathan Nigl jonathan.nigl@us.af.mil

Jon showed up in August from McConnell. We heard he had a little instructor experience so we threw him to the wolves in training flight as our NCOIC. He has some big shoes to fill with SSgt Webb leaving for Mildenhall, good luck!

TRAINING BOOMS

SSgt Jonathan Hawkins jonathan.hawkins@us.af.mil

Jon didn't have to travel far as a cross-trainee with his PCA coming all the way over from the med group. In addition to finishing up MCT and being thrown in the deployment meat grinder, the 384th is looking forward having Jon as their go-to pharmacist connection. “600mg Ibuprofen for all my friends.”

SrA Kendall Bryant kendall.bryant@us.af.mil

Kendall arrived to Fairchild last February from Mildenhall to the 92d and was part of the big PCA move in March to level out the squadrons once the 384th was activated. He is the most laid back booms in the history of booms and is already on his second deployment as a squarepatcher.

B-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

Vacant as of now but we are looking to move SSgt Spencer (Readiness) into this position soon.

B-FLIGHT BOOM

SrA Alexander Yount alexander.yount.1@us.af.mil

A PCA from the 93 ARS. Alexander is another high hour mission boom who is our next instructor boom candidate. Once finished with CFIC, he will move to the Scheduling shop which is always looking to hire booms.

READINESS NCOIC

SSgt Jacob Spencer jacob.spencer.4@us.af.mil

Jacob is another cross-trainee from CATM and is by far the crustiest SSgt we have by far. Great, now we get to hear about how we don't arm and carry our weapons properly! He is doing a bang up job as our newest NCOIC of Readiness and will soon be the NCOIC of B-Flight.

READINESS BOOMS

TSgt Brian Huls brian.huls@us.af.mil

Brian just pinned on TSgt in August and recently upgraded to instructor. He was a previous Readiness NCOIC but quickly had to replace him since...you guessed it, orders to Altus. He will be following Balcom down to the schoolhouse sometime in March.

SrA Jacob Magda jacob.magda@us.af.mil

Jacob is one of our newest Instructor Booms. He and his wife also became proud parents this past summer, Congrats! Due to his time at Altus, his new role as dad, and deploying again, we're sure he's moved up to consuming an extra pack of smokes a day.

A1C Kurt Herbert kurt.herbert@us.af.mil

The first baby boom to be a squarepatcher at Fairchild! Kurt is one of the cockiest A1Cs in the squadron but we love his enthusiasm. He has been a workhorse for us since becoming mission qualified. Now we just need him to pass a dorm room inspection.

C-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Spencer Balcom spencer.balcom@us.af.mil

Sweet, we got another TSgt in the squadron, quick let's upgrade him to instructor! Spencer was another PCA from the 92 ARS. We only got this guy back a whole week from CFIC before he was hit with orders to Altus. He will be moving on to browner pastures come February.

SCHEDULING NCOIC

SSgt Mark Harnish mark.harnish@us.af.mil

Mark arrived in September from McConnell. Found out he was the NCOIC of Scheduling at the 349 ARS so we thought why change his duty title. We are glad to have him in scheduling since it's been a tough job to keep filled. Looking for great things from this guy!

SCHEDULING BOOMS

SrA Dalton Bray dalton.bray@us.af.mil

Dalton has been a rockstar for us in the scheduling shop and our continuity throughout the summer. Another guy we look to upgrade early next year.

SrA Daniel Daley daniel.daley.10@us.af.mil

Dan the man is another one of our workhorses. Previous Blackhawk who PCA'd to us. We've been keep this guy busy with deployments, exercises, alerts, etc.

SrA James Kennedy james.kennedy.49@us.af.mil

Another Blackhawk we gladly received in April. Been working hard in scheduling and on the road a bunch as well.

STAN/EVAL

(M)Sgt Zach Donarski zachary.donarski@us.af.mil

This was a big year for Zach as he will be sitting on the beach in Hawaii when this gets published. Altus can have their chance at him in another 4 years. To his surprise, he made MSgt this past cycle which in turn got him a great assignment to the AOC at Hickam. Zach did an awesome job getting the STAN/EVAL shop on its feet and will be surly missed.

STAN/EVAL BOOM

A1C Matthew Ronnfeldt matthew.ronnfeldt@us.af.mil

No he's not the first A1C EB in the Air Force, but hey Zach needed some help while he out-processed for the tropics. Matt is another one of our high hour booms who we're are looking to upgrade soon.

SAFETY

SSgt Nicholas Hauck nicholas.hauck@us.af.mil

Everyone pronounces this guy's name differently. We hope to one day find out the proper pronunciation, but he has yet to tell us. Nic is our NCOIC of Safety and recently was cross-trained from the Load Master career field. When

he first arrived, Nic mentioned how much harder the Boom career field is than being a Load...duh! He recently returned from his first deployment as a boom and we look to move him to Readiness soon.

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GROUP OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

CMSgt Andrea Inmon andrea.inmon@us.af.mil

Chief Inmon arrived in June from Pease and pinned on her last stripe 1 September. Chief Ireland welcomed her with open arms now that he can focus on the OG as whole and let her concentrate on the boom force. She has done some great things for us in her short time here at the group and we look forward to her future leadership.

GROUP BOOMS

SSgt Wesley Tinch wesley.tinch@us.af.mil

Wes has been a huge asset in CCX. He also helped the 384th establish its Readiness shop during the stand-up in March/April. Wes will be separating from the Air Force in December and will be greatly missed.

SSgt Ryan Dillingham ryan.dillingham.1@us.af.mil

We just moved Ryan over to fill one of the critical roles in OST. He has been a “road warrior” for the squadron and will now get to focus on training up all our new folks and instructor candidates.

DEPARTED

(T)Sgt Paul “Mac” McIntyre (54 ARS, Altus)

Mac was part of the initial cadre to help stand up the 384th. He did a great job getting us on the right path but quickly succumbed to the clutches of Altus and left us in March before the assumption of command.

SSgt Hector “Ace” Acevedo (64 ARS, Pease)

Hector was another initial cadre boom who was the “jack of all trades” when it came to setting up the squadron. He came over from the 92 ARS and got our scheduling shop on its feet and operating in no time along with accomplishing many other unit necessities. Ace PCS'd in May to Pease and is doing great things there.

SSgt Kevin Haggith (912 ARS, March)

Kevin was another previous Blackhawk who joined us in April and quickly received PCS orders while attending ALS. He departed Fairchild for the sunny beaches of southern California in September.

SSgt Alexander Vaughn (912 ARS, March)

I'm sure Alex's short lived time in the 384th will be very memorable. He picked up a sweet Guam deployment, got stuck in Hawaii for weeks, found out he made Staff, and got orders back to his home state. He's loving life in California where he can ride his Harley year round.

SSgt Jesse Lee (909 ARS, Kadena)

We were scheduled to upgrade Jesse to instructor before he was hit with his assignment to Japan. We then decided to keep him around scheduling for continuity and ended up having to use him on a deployment. He took it all in stride and is now living the dream in the Pacific.

SSgt Greg Webb (351 ARS, Mildenhall)

Greg is the quiet professional who keep our training shop running like a well-oiled machine. Well an old machine that required a lot of maintenance and repairs. He is another one of our experienced guys that got hit the last assignment cycle. Mildenhall is getting a great instructor boom and a hard worker to match. He did a great job in the short time at the 384th and is missed greatly.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

509 WPS



Superintendent

MSgt Joe “NoMad” Koch

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Even though we wouldn't normally trust anyone who doesn't eat animal products and lets random strangers sleep on their couch when they're aren't home, NoMad has somehow worked his way into our hearts. He expertly uses his dry sarcastic wit to cut deeply into our hearts when he makes us fill out 1206s, and he's also quick to forgive. His house was broken into, and he put a framed picture of the guy who stole all his stuff on the mantle. If you ever need help airing up a tire, ask him for help. If you need a place to stay, find him on www.couchsurfing.com.

Mission Support Flight NCOIC

TSgt Ben “Cougar” Davis

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Cougar was recently dubbed “Mission Support Flight NCOIC”, and even got a new office! You have to climb over an award wall to see him though. His new duties include rating on a brand new airman and doing all the other squadron Booms' jobs for them. Hell, he's even trying to create some class where he imports Booms from other units to do our jobs for us. His K5 Blazer restoration is flying along; in just one year he's managed to paint the engine and re-arrange all the pieces multiple times. He's made about the same amount of progress with the Boom course.

Stan/Eval NCOIC

TSgt Cleigh “Rubbin” Robbins

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Rubbin is having a baby boy! It only took four kids to finally start balancing the testosterone levels in his household. He just did his annual vehicle trade-in and walked away with a slightly used Ford FX4 that he can use to tow his Bronco to McConnell. At least this way he may actually make it. If you can't find him at work, he's probably on the mountain trying to pack in all of the snowboarding he can before he leaves the slopes behind for the great plains of

Kansas. We are sorry to see him go though, since we have no one else to do all of the party planning, and our morale is definitely going to take a nose dive. Safe travels Rubbin! The 509th won't be the same without you!

Scheduling NCOIC

TSgt Adam “KGB” Mosier

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This anti-social Krusty Gross Boom has b-e-a-utiful eyelashes and smells heavily of cigarettes. Luckily for us, he doesn't show up to work until we're all leaving for lunch so we're able to maintain our appetites. He's supposedly the NCOIC of scheduling, but never knows what's going on. For some reason, this poster boy also got a new Airman to rate on. (A1C) Shirley you've got to be kidding me! Ask him about wearing women's underwear in the quad, or his crippling gambling addiction.

Previous Superintendent

Michael “OC” O'Connor

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OC is now in charge of the Booms in the 384th ARS and hasn't even bothered to come to visit. The few times that we happened to bump into him, he kept going on and on about the real Air Force, being operational, and his undying love for AMC. He wouldn't stop bragging about how quickly he accomplished of his mobility requirements. Hell, the only bean he didn't accomplish was his tactics sortie... For all of his hard work, he was rewarded with a sweet Turkey deployment! Come home safe OC!

Recently-Retired Course Manager

Jim “Z” Zarkos (SMSgt Retired)

Now that Z has retired and left the building, the 509th is currently burning to its foundation. We'd abandon ship, but we can't figure out how to work the life boats without his humble tutelage. He was totally right, the squadron can't function without him. Once he went on terminal leave we quickly found out just how valuable he had been to the squadron, and the crazy amount of work that he was actually doing the whole time. GRIMM, our fearless leader, clearly saw his unmatched dedication, and honored him as the first Boom Operator to become a Weapons Officer! He now wears patch number 188. Z we miss you, come back!

Previous Stan/Eval NCOIC

MSgt Greg “Crease” Sanders

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We mistakenly thought that Crease didn't have a work ethic. Now that he was replaced by KGB, and we actually got to see what no work ethic at all looks like, we actually miss him. If you could also drop Rubbin an email with some clues about how to do Stan/Eval work that would help us out greatly. We hope you and your MSgt gift Camaro are doing well at Scott!

Forbes Field, KS

117 ARS

“Coyotes”



Greetings from the KANSAS COYOTES! Well it's been 4 years since we've participated in the annual Boom Signal, not sure if it's deployments, turn over or lack of someone grabbing the Bull By the Horns. We've added several new faces and seen some depart the fix or retire. Between our Pacific home and Middle East home we are constantly on the road. Gone are the days of Business Efforts, MRA and AE missions.

Chief Boom

CMSgt James “Chewy” Spurlock –Air Medal in Desert Storm.....Enough Said!

Full Timers

SMSgt Brian “Donkey” Dillon- “Break the Glass in case of war” is the motto for Donkey. He is constantly telling the young booms how he designed the 135 and swears he was the first to refuel inflight. Between deploying and trips you can find him carving out a canoe out of a Sycamore tree.

SMSgt David “Jed” Clampitt- Jed is currently the STANEVAL chief boom and just recently purchased 80 acres that he calls his farm. He purchased a bow five years ago and it still has the plastic on it, kind of like him buying a new car every year.

MSgt Jonathan “Jon Knee” Swinney- Jon Knee can be found right behind the Generals and Colonels on the golf course carrying their bags. When he isn't busy with General Officers Jon Knee can be found as the Squadron Boom.

MSgt Macario “Mac” Torrez- Mac still practices yoga and karate daily and is striving to be the next Ghandi. “Wax On, Wax Off”. Mac is still cruzin' his '66 Chevelle. Mac is still the go to guy for 105's and building manager duties.

MSgt Nathan “Nasty” Neidhardt-Col's boy wants to nickname himself DOGG. Nate's signature block looks like a North Korean Generals. Runs Walnut Ridge Big Bucks on gov't time. Officiates high school football, called more penalties than a recent Chiefs/Raider game. Spent some time in Stan/Evil now rules Training with an iron fist...not to mention monthly 'look at how smart I am' tests for all the booms.

MSgt Jamesson “Jackamo” Dunbar- Jackamo tried his hand at MMA fighting or Oil Wrestling with other middle aged guys but ended up about slicing his thumb off while using a knife as a screwdriver. Jamy is coaching high school wrestling, so he can keep the boys away from his daughter. Currently Jackamo can be found in STANEVAL as the TODO and EFB king.

MSgt Mike Money – Mike who? Mike for last 9 years has been pulling multiple staff tours in DC. Doubt he knows what a KC135 looks like.

TSgt Adam “Biggie” Boeckman- Biggie is a big teddy bear with a sensitive heart. He will tell you how great he was in sports in high school and how his team would have won state if the coach would have put him in the game. Currently Biggie is in off station telling High School stories with his letterman jacket on.

TSgt Collin “Not Tice” Vaughn- Not Tice is a very lonely individual now that his brother “Vaughn” departed the fix, he is a lost soul. However, he chose correctly and married up, an Officer and now has a sugar mama. He currently got back from IB school and is the expert in Local Scheduling.

TSgt Gabriel “Wind Shear” Ramirez- Wind Shear is detailed down in Wing Plans because everyone is tired of hearing him say “I Know”. As a recent graduate of CFIC he will be the first to tell you he knows everything with his 1500 hours.

TSgt Mathew “POW” Crawford- POW or Puked on Woogie is currently in Training as a non-instructor so he is a glorified secretary ensuring everything is properly formatted. POW likes to purchase little Suzuki Samurais and make them into rock climbing machines.

Traditionals

MSgt Benjamin “Horny” Fulton- “Hey good buddy” can be heard down the halls of Ops, in the Deid dining facility or wherever Horny is at. Listen closely and you may hear his chant. A recent graduate of IB school.

TSgt Jason “Butters” Sebring- Butters has a fulltime job at Garmin building watches or something like that. We still can’t convince him the duty van isn’t a Formula 1 race car.

TSgt Megan “Dora” Meek- Dora, is some medical guru specializing in speech therapy. She still explores with her machete and 12 inch bowie knife, eating snakes and frogs.

TSgt Samuel Wirstrom- Somehow we let a Sooner fan into the squadron..... this needs to be on boom applications. Sam has several nicknames in the works after recent TDY’s. Sam moonlights as one of Santa’s elves in his woodshop building retirement gifts. On the civilian side he works in Tinker pumping fuel as a civilian.

TSgt Jennifer Velazquez- Jenny just completed MCT training and to congratulate her we sent her to the Deid. Her full time job is handing out fresh warm towels, soda and snacks on some airline.....She will make a good boom.

SSgt Kenneth “Skinny Kenny” Vadakin- Skinny Kenny decided military wasn’t for him..... Three months later he was begging at the Chief’s desk to let him come back in. He is going to the “Welding School” in Salina to learn how to fly drones so he can fly over neighbor’s pools during the summer.

SSgt Travis Bryan- Travis recently got selected as a pilot for the squadron..... He already bought a BMW, joined a country club and tries to order booms around. He and Ben Heiliger can be found with matching outfits flying their little airplanes around Kansas.

SSgt Chynna “Lizzie” Carey- Lizzie recently snagged onto a Pilot select..... To be continued

SSgt Brandon “Boo Boo” Gray – Boo Boo decided to leave us a year ago to try his luck as a millennial lumber jack. He came back recently and had to shave that hipster beard off.

SSgt Benjamin Heiliger- Baby face Ben is still trying to get a slot as a squadron pilot, problem is the board doesn't know if he is an actual boom or a “Make a Wish Kid”

In Training

TSgt Michael Tremblay- Saw the light traded in his Snap On tools for a flight suit

SSgt Jonathon Piland- In Training at Altus

SSgt Jenna Bausch- In Training at Altus

SSgt Chad Broom- About to head to BBOC

Departed the Fix

MSgt Wayne Walls- Took his drag car and moved to Altus Oklahoma.....WTF

MSgt David Stanko – Married a Colonel..... has all the toys now

TSgt Ben “Running Boom” Tressler- Left to be test boom at Edwards

TSgt James “Whiz” Whisenhunt – Traded his boom wings and soul for pilot wings

SSgt Joey “LBJ” Sterbenz – Traded his boom wings, bachelor card and hairline for pilot wings and a wife!

SSgt Austin “Yogi” Reed – Hunting Whitetail and trapping animals with his millennial hipster lumberjack beard

SSgt Patrick “Muff” Murray- Going to school in Conn to become a drug dealer. On the weekends, can be found on the family yacht with a cardigan tied around his waist.

SSgt Matt “Vaughn” Tice – Joined 931st for a pilot slot. The only clothes he owns are his favorite color, Camo.....STILL!

Retirees

CMSgt Timothy “Mopar” Treinen-

CMSgt Ron May

CMSgt Steve Stucky

CMSgt Mike Pierson

CMSgt Gus Parcel

Harvey DeWesse, Keith Fulton, Lee Perry, Ken Griffin Lowell Seymore, Mark Sweeney, Dave Bowen Tom Cox, Chuck Hanna, Parker Groves, Mark Mertel, Bryan Thomas, Larry Kauffman, Matt Miltz, James Norris

Boom Stowed Latched

CMSgt Joe Breedlove

MSgt John "JR" Roth

MSgt Ben Hollinsworth

**Grissom ARB, IND 74th
ARS**



“Fighting Red Tags”

Greetings from Grissom.

CMSgt Jeff “Heffe” Maier (*ART/Evaluator*)- Chief went operational on both a Guam and a Turkey deployment this year.

SMSgt Jim “Booger” Maxwell (*TR*)- Jim took a new job as a pilot for ATI and is flying 757s and 767s

SMSgt Drennen Gaffney (*TR/Instructor/Senior Flight Chief*)- Drennen was hired into the 72nd ARS as their Chief boom as an ART with a start date yet to be determined. Congrats Drennen.

MSgt Tim Stibbe (*ART/Senior Evaluator*)- Stib continues to function at a slightly less than FMC rate but has some good stories whenever he is in the shop.

MSgt Doug Preece (*ART*)- Doug has been teaching college classes this year and was moved to the vault.

MSgt Debbie Wood (*ART/Instructor/Flight Chief*)- Debbie broke a foot this year and has been on the injured reserve for a couple months.

MSgt Chris Nack (*ART/Instructor*)- Chris is still scheduling bodies for the boom shop and seems happy that he is no longer the UDM.

MSgt Josh Welch (*ART/Instructor/Flight Chief*)-Josh did a tour in Turkey this summer and continues to make us all laugh with his humor.

MSgt Nick Obusek (*TR/Instructor/Flight Chief*)-Nick is still living the trougher life

TSgt Vicki Maxwell (*TR*)- Per Vicki, nothing has changed in the last year.

TSgt Rob “POSH” Haswell (*TR*)- Rob continues to go TDY whenever and wherever he can. Rob got a “good deal” on a boat this year and now spends all his down time looking for boat parts on Craigslist.

TSgt Josh Sanford (*TR*)- Sanford took a job in Michigan and no longer drives 5 hours a day to work in Finance at Grissom

TSgt Scott Floyd (*TR*)- Scott continues to diversify, stay busy with 16 jobs, and entrepreneur by starting Floyd Excavation & Demolition, LLC this year.

TSgt Cory Beck (*TR*)- Big year for Beck. Cory put on TSgt, got married, and became an ART this year.

TSgt Jason Vinson (*TR*)- Jason continues to show up for night flights and did a tour in Turkey this year.

SSgt Zach Holmes (*TR*)- Zach went on his first boom deployment this summer and continues his civilian employment at the base gym.

New Booms:

SSgt Sam Roberts (*TR*)- Sam returned from Altus and said he never closed Scooters down. Really???

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

2 ARS



SQUADRON SUPERINTENDENT

SMSgt Jason Prosser – The ever bald a beautiful Jason came out of A3VK back to NJ only to secure his top three retirement. But he isn't pissed about it... that's just his face.

CHIEF BOOM

MSgt Brad Lego – Newest Chief Boom, we are still trying to figure out what exactly it is that he does in said position. He still has more toys than any child we know and will probably have new hobby by the time we post the latest boom signal. If you see him smiling, you either are about to do honor guard for two months or hear a pretty good joke.

STAN / EVAL

MSgt Josh Mullen – Josh bounced around a lot seeking other opportunities, but recently found himself back in the Duce after many years. He's our granola loving yogi and we are glad to have him back.

TSgt Michael Chenosky – Cheno is still laid back, but spent the last 6 months bitching about deploying for the first time since 2008.

SSgt Tim Lowman – Forced to move to New Jersey from Travis, we made him an evaluator where he enjoys giving no-notice to people who still don't know who he is.

(S)Sgt Adam Stickney – Still using his accent to confuse load teams and receiver pilots. Must be doing something right though, he was selected for SSgt!

AB Christopher Krbavec – Our resident expert SELE. When he isn't jamming to music at his desk, he's waiting for the weekend!

TRAINING FLIGHT

TSgt Lawrence Scott – Stays stuffed away in his office racking up the desk time. Not too sure how he find time to stay current between managing his flight, MCT, and somehow the booster club too!

TSgt Michael Marquez – Mike is one of our newly minted and much needed TSgt's. Now that he has Tech on he is finally starting to bridge the gap between the amount and quality of work that he does and how much he gets paid. We will fix that though. Mike finally decided to put down roots in NJ and bought a house as well. I'm sure he is expecting orders now.

TSgt Patrick Reynolds – Pat continues to be our stealthy boom operator. We say stealthy because you never hear a word from him and when you do, it's usually something profound. Pat recently got orders to the Center Of Excellence where he will continue to mold the future enlisted aircrew. He is well aware that we will call him directly if we get a student that requires some "additional training".

SSgt Patrick Murray – Another new addition to training flight. At this rate I'm sure it will only be a matter of months before he gets orders somewhere as well. In the meantime he is working hard mentoring the young booms coming through and getting ready for that next stripe.

SSgt Ian Sweaney – A new Addition and loss to training flight. He was only in the flight a few months before he got orders to man the KC-46. I hope he enjoys his fly break he will be getting once he leaves. In all seriousness please do your best to make the 46 as good if not better than the 10 was and is.

SSgt Kurt Martonik – Yet another new IB moved to training flight the god dropped orders to go be an MTL. After long thought and conferring with his financial spreadsheets, he decided to not get the retainability. Looks like we get to hold on to him a little longer while he plans to get married.

TRAINING FLIGHT STUDENTS

A1C Michaela Hazlett – This Ohio girl spends her time daydreaming about riding horses and cleaning her boots. Yeeehawww. If only she could clean up her kitchen so her peers wouldn't have to.

A1C Tarek Herschleb – New boom working on becoming qualified, has a monogamous relationship with his car so no time for women in his life.

A1C Jared Jensen – New boom who thinks he will become a better boom operator by going to the gym everyday followed up by a shirtless selfie posted on Snapchat.

A1C Brandon Kim – Fresh out of FTU, when this boom manages to show up to work on time he is dedicated and hardworking.

A1C Mark Moore – Almost fully qualified and he might get there one day if he can manage to hit his pubs as hard as he checks up on his Bitcoin account.

A1C Chien Than – He may look 18 but this actually 27 years old! He is a couple rides away from becoming mission qualified. Very quiet, but when you manage to hear him he is quite humorous.

A1C Austin Wilson – This boom has great taste in career decisions, but bad tastes in tattoos. He loses equipment as often as he loses teeth.

OPERATIONS FLIGHT

SSgt Aaron Scott – When A-A-ron isn't smoking stogies he's boosting morale by making you laugh all the time. He has recently taken the reins as NCOIC of Scheduling.

SSgt Evan Austin – Austin is new to the KC-10 since he has dropped his C-17 habit. You never see him but he's magically there when you need him, with energy drink in hand.

(S)Sgt Brandon Minto – One of our newest SSgt selects, he quickly volunteered for a tour at Honor Guard. He is "dying" to get back and start flying again.

SrA Turner Foote – Footé has become our resident scheduling master and is starting to rack more hours behind the desk than in the jet.

SrA Danny Jakab – "Big Swole" the friendly giant has been spending a lot of time in the gym and the desert. He is soon going to test his dedication and hard work as he crushes students goes through Instructor Upgrade.

A1C Dorian Cozart – When he isn't getting caught doing 150 MPH on his crotch rocket and trying to learn Spanish to impress his overseas girl, he is putting a lot of hard work around the squadron trying to take all the awards.

READINESS FLIGHT

MSgt Kevin Stockwell – On his third airframe in 15 years and he just now realized being a boom is where it's at even though he has been married to one forever. He's making things happen in mobility, but there's just something about his face...

SSgt Josh Nears – Cali kid through and through. Never seen anyone dislike (hate) the east coast as much as him. But I will say, he gets stuff done and it's always with a laid back carefree attitude.

SSgt Brian Mould – Beardie McBearderson always looks like he just came out of the woods because of his "shaving waiver". He is currently going through upgrade and knocking it out of the park.

SSgt Marco Ayala – Señor Marci Mustache has been busy. Completed upgrade, moved to mobility, got married, had a baby, and of course got chiefed for his whiskers.

SSgt Tyler Ploof – He's such a Cowboys football fan that he is pursuing a degree in criminal justice! He's just trying to do his part. He has also been selected to work at the Center of Excellence in Texas, putting him closer to his clients.

SrA Will Gribauskas – He's been so high speed that he has opted to punch out of Active Duty and transition to the outside this coming spring.

SrA Frank "The Tank" Lamarca – Future Officer Frank is also looking to depart this spring looking to venture into law enforcement. If all works out, he will lock 'em up and Ploof will let 'em out.

SrA Giovanni Castillo – Also beat Lamarca in the longest running MCT time thanks to his four AMC extensions to get his night fighters. We are all relieved that he finally killed his comb over... RIP

A1C August Bueltmann – He's freshly qualified and not corrupt yet. Nothing more to report at this time.

COMMANDER'S SUPPORT FLIGHT

TSgt Fritz Thompson – Fritz has been running support flight for a little while now is the biggest teddy bear in the squadron. He is always upbeat and has an infectious personality. Just can't figure out where his eyes go when he laughs.

SSgt Kit Pearson – A recent ALS grad and newer NCO, Kit can usually be found in the squadron strong-arming people into getting the Windows 10 upgrade. Being the local computer expert, he's been prepping himself to one day become a nonner.

(S)Sgt Ryan Spero – Another recent ALS grad and a future addition to the NCO force, Ryan helps out with the awards and decs shop. When he's not sitting through CBTs to look busy, he's probably volunteering to sit alert somewhere.

SAFETY SECTION

A1C Wyatt Harwood – When he isn't in the desert, he's more than likely on alert. He's been assigned to safety, but no one is really sure what he does there.

ATTACHED

MSgt Alf Duenez – Alf stepped out of the squadron this year to go work at XP. We don't see too much of him... unless a good trip comes up.

MSgt Charles Taylor – Chuck T is shooting for 20 years at McGuire, he managed to extend another year at the Test and Evan squadron to really dig in those roots.

SSgt Deshaun Brown – Brown came over from Travis and is assigned to the Expeditionary Center, but somehow got it converted into a flying billet. Since he doesn't actually do any work over there, he tries to fly as much as he can.

INBOUNDS

(T)Sgt Justin Schultzhart – Prior KC-135 boom that finished up a tour with the CRW and looking to sample the finer things in life by coming to the KC-10. He is somehow related to Chuck Taylor, so we know they like to keep it in the family.

SrA Matthew Millard – He got tired of the ground life at McGuire and got the opportunity to become a boom. He doesn't get to PCS, but at least he gets to start flying.

AB Brady Zwick – AB boom? Clearly the freshest boom out of basic. Not even close to being qualified, but his time will come.

FAREWELLS

MSgt R Tyler Stone – Rrrrrrrrrr! has made his way down to FL to soak up the sun and relax on the beach... I mean, work at the AOC.

TSgt Lucas Mailander – Unfortunately Luke was medically disqualified from flying this past year, but he's working at the group doing big things while he awaits retraining.

SSgt Jeremy Robinson – J-Rob recently left us to grow his career at Scott AFB. The flight CC and Chief office will feel much more empty without you here. Don't forget about us in the Duce.

SSgt Joe "Blackout" Edmonson – Joe left us early 2017 to broaden his horizons in the civilian world. Try not to get knocked out anymore and keep in touch brother.

SSgt Brian Doane – Brian was selected for the KC-10 Formal Training Unit early 2017. His dedication to squaring away training flight processes will be greatly missed.

SSgt Curtis Clawson – Recently became a brand new dad and his lack of sleep forced him to move to the CRW where he can spend the next 3 years sleeping in a cubicle.

SSgt Juan Upegui – Disgruntled Juan has finally left KWRI. Of course he had to cross flow to the KC-135 to do it, but he landed an assignment in England where he can smooth talk the ladies with his Colombian influence.

SSgt Kyle Bean – Another boom that popped out a baby this year. He was also so strong out of upgrade that he has already been moved to teach at FTU.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

141 ARS

100 YEARS of “TIGERS”



Things here are just like everywhere else, I'm sure – busy. Seems like 'Groundhog DAY' has become 'Groundhog YEAR', doesn't it? We just celebrated the 100th Anniversary of the 141st Air Refueling Squadron in October. What a party! We got kicked out of 4 different places in the same night! That's not a record, but it IS a good indication that we had a LOT of fun. If you ever have the good fortune to visit NJ, stop by and toss one back with the Tigers!

Chief Boom Brian “Killer” Kilpatrick – Well, the Chief is FINALLY heading out! AND, giving us all proof that good guys don't have to finish last. He put up with all the ^\$%& for a whole bunch of years, and has been rewarded: Killer got hired by the airlines! NOT as a stewardess, as we all assumed, but as an actual PILOT! Couldn't have happened to a better guy. Thanks for everything, Killer – you will be missed. So long, Asshole!

Ray ‘Otto’ Petersen – Otto is still our resident Master Hog Roaster, but not for long! He'll be heading out the door not long after Killer. This place will never be the same. If you're up for the party of the EON, come out to Jersey in May – you will NOT be disappointed. Gonna miss you, Man. And 'So long, Asshole!' to you, too!

Mike “Sly” Sylvester – Still flies for us – *occasionally* - when he can pry himself away from his Group Superintendent duties..... whatever *those* are.....**OH WAIT**, Mike was just named the new **Chief Boom** and will take over for Killer in the near future; he'll figure out his new duties very quickly. So much for flying more. I'm sure Mike will do a great job as our new Chief. Best of Luck Mike!!!

Dave “Good Deal” Falkowski – Still the Chief of Stan/Eval, annnnnnd.... LOVING it!

Tom “Tron” Miller – He's *still* 'THE' Tom Miller that you've all heard so much about. And *still* available, if you need him; YOUR days and dollars, of course! Call his agent at 1-800-NORI-GOD. Spends his days cultivating his Pied Piper persona, when he's not pulling his hair out over all that Training shop paperwork. Pha-Phlamm!

Jennifer “Mama Boom” Bowen – Still working in the Training shop, with Tron, chasing us all down to tell us to 'gitchershitdone'. She enjoys herding kittens so much that she volunteered to be an Additional Duty First Shirt. Some people just don't know when to say 'Uncle'!

Marshall “the Land Baron” Rice – Our local Medical Marvel hangs out in Scheduling, and still has doctors scratching their heads, so..... Marshall's still DNIF. Looks like he might get out of here before Otto AND Killer. But don't just run out the door, Marshall – that's the parking lot where all your fun started, remember?!

Carl ‘I’m Baaaaack’ Heinert – Still heading up the Scheduling section, and honing his 'cut-n-paste' skills. Keep at it, Carl – you'll get there, Buddy! Carl's DNIF at the moment. He broke his foot..... Running..... At – get this – DISNEY WORLD!! He SAYS it happened while he went for a run. You know – doing the 'healthy' thing. Most of us believe he tripped while trying to get ahead of all the toddlers to have breakfast with Mickey at the Crystal Palace.... Tough guy....

Patrick “O Canada” Ogle - Still living in Canada. Still deploying all the time. Still single-handedly draining the travel budget for the entire Wing. I'll tell you, though – I wish we ALL had his energy!

Thomas Moss – Working in Scheduling with Carl. Just got back from his turn at ‘the Beach’. He’s thinking of becoming a Pilot. Good on ya, Tom! But, it ain’t like driving a K-Loader..... just sayin’..... Can’t blame the guy, though – he looks around and sees that he can get MORE money and do LESS work?!?! Hell, yeah....!

Bob ‘Sponge-Bob’ Slocum – Bob is finishing up his Mission Ready training, so he’ll be ‘hitting the beach’ in the not too distant future. Works as a troll under one of the local bridges around here. Sounds like a good gig – gets to wear a badge AND carry a gun while he watches all the working people go by.

Vince “Captain America” Stokes – Recently promoted to SSgt – congrats! Working on getting a ‘Government Job’ – the kind where you get to wear a suit and carry a gun. Personally, I think he just likes the mirrored sunglasses and earbud look, myself. Says he has to take a polygraph test soon. Hope he’s been studying....

Brian ‘Bri-Bri Baggins’ Kelley – Our newest Instructor is now working in Current Ops. Pretty sure he absolutely LOVES being in there; just about takes an act of Congress to get him out of his chair in that office!

Kim Moncayo - Still one half of The Flying Moncayos, and still doing the school thing. Which means she’s doing the ‘deployed’ thing during the summer. Ahhh.... The Deid in the summer.... Well, Situation Normal, right....?

Brandon Moncayo - Still Kim’s younger brother, and still the other half of The Flying Moncayos! As with his sister, Brandon is on the ‘school/deploy/rinse/repeat’ treadmill. He’s half way to graduated. Talk about Groundhog Day..... Fun!

C.J. “Dexter” Smith - CJ finished his own ‘school/deploy/rinse/repeat’ exercise, and promptly found a cool contractor job where gets to go out to the desert (OURS, not *theirs*), and blow stuff up. Well..... he writes the software that tells the hardware how to blow stuff up. But still – pretty cool!

Chuck Howard – recent Altus Grad, Chuck is busily chipping away at all his MCT items. He LOVES to fly – always smiling. Ugh – we just can’t stand it. So we’re flying the hell out of him to fix that. I hear he’s doing well – flew with two VERY experienced Booms last week, and HE’s the one that got all the ‘Nice contact, Boom’ remarks from the receiver pilots!

INBOUND

Brian Kilpatrick JUNIOR! – Yes, the little hatchling IS related to our soon-to-be-retired Chief. Currently awaiting his Altus vacation. PSSST!!! We didn’t tell the Killers, but we slowed down Junior’s training schedule.... Just a tad.... Trying to enforce our secret ‘One Kilpatrick Limit’ around here.....

OUTBOUND

Don “I can’t find my glasses” Smith - Our resident crime fighter is so busy with his civilian employment, that we just couldn’t get him here enough. So Don found a different job in the Wing to finish out his military career. Good luck, Don.

Brad “Seriously?” Caruso – NOW we know why Brad was always following Don around! Brad managed to get on with a local police department, and they’ve been keeping Officer Brad busy from day one. Brad’s enlistment was up at the end of the year, so he did not re-up. Careful out there, Officer Brad – watch out for the hockey sticks!

Robles – Robles..... Roooobles..... Oh, yeah, I remember that guy! His one year enlistment is up, and he’s gone! ALMOST got him requalified..... Uh.... No we didn’t.....

LeighAnn (Schuster) Bauer – LeighAnn finished her degree, and when her enlistment was up, she rode off into the DCMA sunset with her husband. Good for her! It was nice to have you here, LeighAnn; good luck in your future endeavors!

JB-MDL, New Jersey

321 CRS



MSgt Joseph Royer – 621 CRG Current Ops Chief. Joe had a good year, taking a team to Syria to do Airfield Opening stuff and another to Homestead Air Reserve Station, FL following Hurricane Irma, to open the port for rescue missions to operate. He's looking forward an assignment in September, but will miss the adventures the CRW offers.

TSgt Jeremiah "Blue" Ibarra - Blue just got here from Sunny Southern California and is looking forward to having a white Christmas. Give him a few more weeks, and he'll be miserable like the rest of us. Rumor is that he only volunteered to come down here to get closer to his true love. A Fantasy Football trophy he refers to as "Hope Solo" held by Shawn Lightner a KC-10 boom who is stationed at McGuire.

(T)Sgt Travis McGarrell – Just made the journey to the East coast from Travis, soon to be Tech and just newly qualified RAMPCO extraordinaire. Looking forward to driving a follow-me truck, marshalling airplanes, and doing weekly equipment inventories for the next 2 years, 3 months, and 9 days. Little does he know that as soon as he sews on Tech, he's likely to be made the RA or some other job that he's sure to love.

(T)Sgt Justin Schultzhart – After 2 and a half years away from the 135, Justin has found his way back to flying. He's currently training up for a new adventure in the 2d ARS here at McGuire. During his time in the CRW, Justin worked as the Ops Flight equipment custodian, exec and SELO. Since he's staying, he bought a house here and is ready to settle into that sweet New Jersey life!

JB-MDL, New Jersey

621 CRS



(C)Msgt Christopher Ottenwess – 621 CRS Superintendent. “Otto” says he’s loving his time in the CRW. He’s been raising a family, riding his bike, playing hockey and staying involved around base. If he heads to a flying unit as a new Chief, they’ll be lucky to have him.

(M)Sgt Jeremy Hall – 621 CRS Tactics Flight Chief. Jeremy has been using his position in tactics to try and turn the CRW into a flying unit. His squadron lacks a bar which makes him extra sad. He is happy to be stateside after being locked down on Kadena for three years and is hoping to get stationed at Fairchild someday soon.

TSgt Nick Gidaly: Running the SELO shop for the 321 CRS, Nick is very happy to be back in the Northeast. He hopes to put down permanent roots at McGuire, crossing his fingers for a KC-10 gig next. Nick misses flying, and flying squadrons, and flight suits, and flying.

TSgt Kenny Arcibal - Kenny and the family are happy with their new assignment, closer to family, and since “Blue” got here just a few days after him, he still has a hood-rat friend to do hood-rat shit with. However, as soon as it got cold he jumped on the first TDY back to California.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

305 OSS/FTU



“SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL REACH”

Here at the FTU, we pride ourselves on teaching the best and brightest how to be Booms, and we all have the grey hair to prove it! Come on down if you're in town and stop by our in-house bar, stocked full of delicious beer, (expired) soda, and student tears!

MSgt Justin Pascoe – Justin is the head honcho here at FTU and came to us from the 32nd Stan/Eval shop. He's a master at disappearing; SNCOA, Instructor Methodology, you name it, he hasn't done it yet! Justin recently retired his M3 and upgraded to an almost-new WRX STI, complete with a child seat in the rear. On any given day, you can hear him complaining about the incompetence of the OSS CSS (seriously, 2096's submitted last year still aren't updating records for most of us) and lamenting the fact that a third of his Instructor staff wants to leave.

TSgt Matthew “El Chapo” Giles – Matt likes to spend his time grilling his students, grilling the IB upgrades, skipping out on work for “appointments” (but strangely he always misses the MBOA meetings), and making better beer every day. Wanna get hammered? Find Matt, he'll hook you up. Fun fact, he got his EB cert back, so now he can terrorize the students before they even get here. Ask to see his van. Latest news from Matt is that he's been picked up for Edwards Test/Eval, which means that he and Reggie can party it up while the rest of us keep the students in line.

TSgt Jeffrey “Bennings” Benson – Benson hails from the Mighty Duce. Don't worry, if you didn't know that, he will say “Second to None” every other word. Benson's favorite past time is screaming “MOTHWEDUXKWERA” at the students. Don't ask what that stands for; we don't think he really knows either. When he is not making students cry and pee their pants, he stands out on the street corner, waiting to wave at every WRX that drives by. He has been known to run them down for not waving at him. Benson's favorite past time is hunting down old computers and writing MFRs for when they are missing. Have a missing computer, come see him. He loves the company.

SSgt Bryce Smith – Bryce came to us kicking and screaming from the slightly more organized (but still overworked) 32 ARS Training shop. Between finding Doane's “Red Dot” and complaining about how hard it is to maintain the snack bar (and complaining about Woody stocking expired pop), we never really hear the end of Bryce. Like the Energizer Bunny, he just keeps going, and going, and going...

SSgt Brian “The other Brian” Doane – Brian is a recent addition to FTU, and comes to us from the prestigious (and typically overworked) 2 ARS Training shop. Since Woody (finally) retired, Brian is the new building custodian; he's already hard at work ordering new furniture, fixing doors, changing lights, and finding other projects to occupy his time. We'll let you know when he starts teaching the students.

SSgt Alex Pugh – Alex is another new addition from the 32nd, and he teaches all the Phase 1B students how to load cargo. Since Alex wasn't cool enough for his own desk, he stole Reggie's and passive-aggressively complains to the rest of us when Doane uses it. Recently elected President of the McGuire MBOA, Alex recently learned his new supervisor is one of his old students. Either he's old, or his student is a fast-burner.

SSgt Kyle Bean – In between canceled, rescheduled, and more canceled AIC courses, Kyle is finally here at the FTU! He's probably the first-ever CCT-qualified FTU Instructor. We use him to PT the students to death whenever they answer a question

wrong, and he enjoys trolling the students when they come due for urinalysis (“You got your sheets back, right? No? Oh... that’s not good...”).

DEPARTURES:

MSgt Rick Dorsey – Rick has finally left the building! After finishing his second tour here at the FTU, Rick went on up to bigger and better things at OGV. Between listening to office talk and giving checkrides, Rick spends the remainder of his time doing “investigations” and contemplating his bad luck; he’s gone from a “freezing-hot-freezing” office to a “just plain hot” office. Bye Rick! We’ll miss you (kinda), but not your micromanagement (definitely)!

(S)MSgt Jake Dieter – Jake missed the -135 so much that he went back to Altus to do some KC-46 stuff. A family man, partier, and semi-public drunkard, Jake’s been known to leave his watch behind in the hotel room (and sending Airmen to go get it), gamble large sums of money, and get dressed in the crew van. He’s the biggest crew dog of them all, and we’ll miss him!

SSgt Curtis Clawson – Curtis finally made it up to Stan/Eval, where he’s been striking fear into the hearts of all initial qual graduates ever since, and now we hear he’s volunteered for the CRW! We miss Curt, but we bet he misses us more. The FTU is always open Curt! Come snag some expired pop from Woody’s snack bar.

TSgt “Woody” Cox – As Benson likes to put it, “Woody gets the gray color for the outlook calendar because he’s old.” Woody has been at FTU longer than Rick’s two tours combined; he loves being down here so much, he retired from FTU. The retirement ceremony was great fun; never before has a Boom been so drunk in front of so many Commanders! It’s a good thing they don’t give out ADAPT referrals after you retire.

SSgt Christopher “Reggie” Register – Brian changes cars more than he changes flight suits. Reggie’s latest escapade was buying, then trying to sell, then deciding to keep, and then actually selling his Mustang. Our resident house mouse, he loves to clean and rearrange the office furniture on a whim, claiming it “looks the same as it did since I came through years ago”. Clearly he doesn’t remember when we didn’t have windows. Reggie is leaving us for Test/Eval at Edwards, and we’ll miss him arguing “intent” and restraint criteria with every evaluator that strolls through the building.

KADENA AB, OKINAWA, JAPAN

909 ARS

YOUNG TIGERS



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

Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Douglas "Gucci" Palmisano (IB): Doug made it through CFIC recently, but still complains about his arm getting tired since the KC-135 doesn't have ALAS, or other electrical nannies that his beloved "Extender" had. Guess you have to be in shape to be a boom on America's Tanker. Gucci spends lots of time being swamped with admin work at his desk. Every now and then, he manages to break free to help mentor the NCOs, and professionally develop the Airmen so they don't become one-trick ponies. "Sir, the Whole Airman Concept sounds great, but have you heard of the Line Boom Concept?"

Ops Supt/Chief Boom

MSgt William "A-A-Ron" Widener (EB): "Back when I was flying the line, we spit on our boots and made them shine." Double-Dubya has nearly as many hours in the tanker as he does gray hairs on his head. He grew up as a Baby Boom in the 909th and says the ops tempo hasn't changed much since his first assignment here. He does an excellent job of making sure the booms are taken care of, and that they don't set the scheduling office on fire.

OGV

MSgt Gabe "Oki For Life" Ourso (EB): When he's not advertising for Maruki's Pizza or making DTRA deals, Gabe stays holed up at the Group doing whatever it is that he does. On TDYs, crew integrity isn't really his thing, as he tends to follow his nose and go where the chu-hi's take him. Because of that, he knows nearly every hole in the wall in the Pacific that's worth getting a drink and a bite to eat at. Throw a leash on him, and he'll lead you on an adventure that you're 50% likely to forget. He and Widener just worked a drug deal to swap desks and patches!

Wing IG

MSgt Casey "Big Swole" Southern (EB): Crikey! Lookey there! It's the gym rat in his natural habitat. See how he snarls and grunts as he lifts the giant metal weights. The smaller mice scatter when he enters the room. "Cardio? Never heard of it." In all seriousness, Master Sergeant Swole, lookin like Ving Rhames in a flight suit, seems to have found even more time to pick things up and put them down since he took a job outside of the squadron.

Wing XP

MSgt Joseph "Just plane old Joe" Cofield (IB): Joe seems to have settled in nicely to his new assignment on the island. You can always find him wandering through the squadron and asking how he can help. It just blows our mind that he has been flying on the KC-135 since some of us were in elementary school. Naturally, due to his age, Joe tends to get lost more often than he used to. Luckily for him, he's married to a navigator, and she helps steer him back on course.

"A" Flight Chief

MSgt Chad "Brewmaster" Holloway (EB): Chad keeps a koozy in his flight suit and in every pair of shorts he owns. The squadron's record holder for most F-35 probes ripped off likes to keep his beverages cold.

Can't speak to his work ethic, since he's TDY more than he's in the office. But he must be doing something right, because he's a SNCO now. Off duty, you can find him at the golf course, the beach, or playing an awful hand of cards somewhere: skills that will fade as he heads back to SpokeVegas in January.

Stan/Eval

TSgt Joshua "Seemore" Butts (EB): Josh was petting his mustache one day, and thought "I don't have nearly enough Butts in my life." So he and Mrs. Butts made another Butts, thus turning Butts Jr. into Big

Brother Butts. Fatherhood comes with many skills, such as scolding children when they're wrong. Josh did such a good job of telling booms when they had done messed up, that he got to move to Stan/Eval and keep A10 company with the highest-pitched laugh a man has ever had.

(T)Sgt Jacob "A10" Aufderheide (EB): With a smile a mile wide, and a gig in his step, A10 fills our halls with harrowing tales of trapping the dreaded huntsman spider. Jake did a lot "back in the day", and he

will gladly invite you to have a seat on his knee as he tells one of his classic stories. You can't help but join in with his infectious laughter. He seems to be one of the few things that a down trodden pacific boom operator can count on to lift their spirits. If you ever want to turn your "downgrade" into a "commendable", just talk about anime with him.

Scheduling

SSgt Jason "I'd rather be golfing" Markham (IB): Markham cracked his AFSO-21 whip all over the scheduling shop and has streamlined every single process he could find. In the jet, his style of instructing is just simply asking question after question, and answering his students' questions with more questions. We also hear his ball-driving game is on point. It had better be, with all the days he spends on the base golf course. If he keeps it up, he may be mistaken for a course employee.

SSgt Frank "Italian Stallion" Pappalardo (IB): Frank loves it when you call him "Big Pappa", so put your hands in the air, if you're a video game player. Always on the search for the next flight, Frankie can't seem to get out of scheduling fast enough. A Line Boom at heart, you can always count on Pap to volunteer as tribute when the schedule calls for a sacrifice. If it were up to him, his feet would never touch the ground.

SrA Will "Marlboro" Scott (IB): Get hype, cuz this boy is on fire. You already know. After dropping his album "Cowboy Killer", the Chu-Hi chiller/Spinrilla thriller can only seem to think about his next big breakout in the music scene. Spitting bars during pre-briefs with his students, and roasting them after sorties, is now standard procedure. Will The Boom is more talented than you, cuz his flow is smooth; contacts are too. So check the rhyme, cuz it's preflight time.

"B" Flight Chief

(M)Sgt Evangeline Evezia (IB): Fresh to the island from Spokane. (no funny anecdotes yet)

Readiness

(T)Sgt Bruce "Batman" Freed (IB): IB at last, IB at last. Freed is an IB at last. Must have been the magic powers from the Bronies or the Batman cape he keeps on his desk. Freed seems to be coming out of his shell and a beautiful Tech Sergeant is bound to appear any day now, just in time for Comic Con and to take over as a Flight Chief! We believe the extra stripe will somehow be made from his bushy mustache. It's definitely got hair to spare.

SSgt Jesse Lee (MB): Another recent Fairchild transplant. He should have no problems getting his beans done since his better half works in our SARM shop.

SSgt Joshua "Mr. Clean" Silva (MB): Silva has fully embraced the Japanese culture. If asked, he will tell you anything you want to know, even the size of his Sumo thong. He is actively learning the language and we would not be surprised if, in a few years, he has decided to relocate permanently to the land of the rising sun. When he isn't diligently studying Hiragana, Katakana, and Kanji, Mr. Clean is preparing his little girl/child prodigy for college-level courses.

SrA Dvante "Waldo" Wells (MB): Unless you fly with him, you have a better chance of seeing him during an exercise, when he'll be manning the UCC. If you happen to spot the elusive SrA Wells in the squadron, consider yourself a lucky one. He is the unicorn of boom operators, rare and majestic. Unofficially, he is the designated alert-sitter. OT, AE, you name it. We know he works here, but we are not sure what he looks like, exactly.

Mobility

SSgt Rose "Red" Mora (MB): Mora's brilliant personality, colorful decorations, and fragrant fresheners used to be the only positive thing about Scheduling. Now her rose petals wilt since she's been stashed out of sight in the mobility cave. "If it didn't hurt coming out, then you didn't taste it going in!" and Red will happily share food recipes that will do exactly that. You can often find her cheerily talking about her kids and Mr. Mora, but beware: She can go from "bless your heart" to breathing fire in "bout two seconds!"

A1C Luke "Skywalker" Story (MB):— Now this is a Story all about how Luke's life got flipped, turned upside down. And I'd like to take a minute, just sit right there, I'll tell you how he became the unit's boom with the best hair. Shame that Skywalker is too young to remember that show, or where "Skywalker" comes from. When he's not making plans with his counterpart, SrA Olson, Luke spends his free time hitting those dank waves off the seawall. We hope he and Olson had fun on their adrenaline-charged, bro-mantic honeymoon through Europe.

"C" Flight Chief

MSgt Joseph "1-Alpha-Whatever" Vondohlen (MB): Load-Gunner-Boom Trifecta! This guy can't decide where he wants to settle down. We are pretty sure he is already planning his next airframe move. It is like a well-timed game of musical chairs where the last guy standing wins the AFSC of his choice. VD hit the ground running flying the line as a new boom, and taking the reins of C-Flight. So far, he seems pretty high-speed. Being bald helps. No wind resistance, etc. When VD isn't debunking suspicions that he has VD, he can be found doing laps at the track while wearing a rucksack. But instead of running, he just does burpees all the way around.

Training

(T)Sgt Chance "Mambo" Italiano (IB): Are we really surprised this guy made Tech the first time? He'll need the extra cash to feed both his baby motorcycle and his new baby boy. It's hard to tell if Chance is still a boom operator, or if he has been permanently reassigned as the base translator. After a month long, all-expense paid vacation to Tokyo (he says it was for language immersion), Italiano may find it hard to "hack the mish" without someone to translate for.

SSgt Cameron "Bayou Billy" Bilyeu (IB): Mobility, huh? He sure has us fooled. Bilyeu spends most of his office time hanging out in the training shop, and the scheduling shop, and in the Tiger's Den playing ping pong. You get the idea. Billy can be a bit of a social butterfly. If he isn't in the squadron, then he is probably on the road again, much to his wife's frustration. "I know honey, but that per diem isn't gonna earn itself!"

SSgt Jake "Ricky Bobby" Dunsmore (IB): Our local racing legend, "Tiny Rick"!! He bought a dual-sport motorcycle as soon as he got to the island, hoping to hit the road hard. With dreams of dirt tracks and wheelies, Jake began practicing only to find out that he had purchased a nightmare which couldn't pass inspection. Now he sulks around in misery as he drives his banana-yellow Jeep instead. If you ain't first, you're last, Jake. Maybe next time it will get fixed for good.

SrA Cory "Krispy Kreme" Drummond (MB): Our in-house "walked uphill both ways in the snow" guy. If you get a chance to talk to Drummond, he will likely tell you about how Camden, New Jersey is the best city in the U.S. Never mind the crime; it builds character. When he's not getting put on last-minute alert lines and launches, Emcee "Stay Woke" is producing music, enlightening the masses on Facebook, and taking care of his family. If you don't get the pleasure of chatting with him around the water cooler, it's probably because he has an official appointment for studio time or tattoos.

SrA Payten "Olson-san" Olson (MB): You can't nail this boy down, but you can tackle him down. Just ask SecFo! Olson-san is the poster child for not being "That Guy" when it comes to texting while walking on the flightline and crossing red. Pretty sure he still holds the record as the only boom at Kadena to be arrested for getting too close to an AWACS. You will most likely find him running off on another adventure with his favorite bro-mance, Luke Story, don't ask about their "boys only" EuroTrip! When he's not surfing sweet, salty waves or frequenting karaoke bars, Olson-san is practicing his moves as a pickup artist. Ladies? Gentlemen?

Tactics

SSgt Matt "Matty Ice" Sadler (IB): We think Sadler still works here. If you've got an empty water bottle sitting around, it'll probably disappear and be filled with dip spit later. Every time we see him, he looks like a walking billboard for Salt Life apparel. "Salty" doesn't even begin to describe his outlook on things. Must be all that time he spends back in the vault. Fortunately, it's not that difficult to cheer Matty up. Just hand him a beer, or twelve, and let him loose on a golf course.

"D" Flight Chief

TSgt "Bobby Ray" Jones (IB): After he made rank, B-Ray was plucked from Stan/Eval, downgraded from EB, and given a flight to look after. Now instead of making booms sweat on checkrides, and crafting tricky tests, he writes lots of bullets. Bobby has had quite the year, with a new wife, new baby and an assignment to McConnell. The only downside... Our spouses noticed all the super sappy, overly sweet, love posts he makes for his wife on Facebook, and now they want sappy posts too! Jobby Bones, cut us a break. We can't keep up, dude.

Crew Comm

(T)Sgt Ky "Mad Max" Larkins: Ky-Guy has been managing Crew Comm as NCOIC for quite some time, due to being in career limbo. When he's not updating SKLs, he's pumping iron in the squadron gym. He recently got approved for a well-deserved reclassification into a different AFSC. We figured it would have something to do with weightlifting, but apparently it's a much sweeter deal. We wish him the best of luck with his new career, and in all his endeavors as a new Tech Sergeant.

Safety

(T)Sgt Michael "Voorcheesy" Voorhees (IB): Voorhees seems to have found his place in Safety. His "safe space", if you will, from the PACAF Pandemonium. After a narrow escape from Mobility, he has found new freedom in having his own office away from all the craziness in the squadron. We wouldn't be surprised to see a new cat tree move in there soon for his beloved feline friends. Still one of our smartest booms, Mike seems to have lightened up during his time at Kadena, but is quick to speak up when something doesn't smell right.

Support Flight Chief

TSgt Jason "Viper Vapor" Grant (MB): If answers to your questions about vaping is what you wish, then Jason would be happy to "grant" it. He is the squadron's unofficial Subject Matter Expert on the activity. When Grant isn't spending more time in his ABUs than he spends in his flight suit, he goes around tackling little projects to improve the squadron and our lives. Don't let that youthful-looking, cocoa-buttered face fool you: middle age is just being kind to him.

UTM/UFPM

SSgt Charlton "Guamton" Hampton (IB): Sorry ladies. The King of Guam has officially been tamed. Your Chamorro charms no longer affect him. With a new wife and a baby, this new instructor won't be running the small pacific island as much as he used to. And we think it's about time. Dude is old enough already. With orders to McConnell, Champton is headed to a prime location to raise a family. Let's just hope they don't deploy him too much.

SrA Charisse "Hashtag" Laughery (MB): We can't tell you much about Seasoned Salt, seeing as though she doesn't hang with us sweaties very much. With a college degree and a well-followed Instagram account, she likes to keep her options open. When Hashtag isn't flying the line or tweaking her resume, you can find her zipping around the island in her little blue Subaru, looking for the best locations to snap those perfect photos. She'll get that modeling contract one way or another.

Line Boom(s)

A1C Christopher "Thunder Lungs" Young (MB): Young is still hanging out in D-Flight when he can. It's been quite the year for our newest boom. He got to Kadena and was immediately thrown on the schedule, but he has seen more of the Pacific than other,

more senior, booms. He ran off, married his tech school sweetheart, and is trying to get her stationed here after she graduates. When he's not volunteering for wildlife conservation groups during his scuba dives, he likes to boot up his gaming laptop and nerd out.

Wing Scheduling

SSgt Dave "Coco" Ballmer (IB): It's all "da-jay-boo" when Dapper Dave is around. He puts the "fun" in his Toyota Fun Cargo. Dave wears his hair short, because party animals should be well-groomed. Mustaches are the exception. You can always tell when he approves of something because he'll shout "Awoo!!" When he's not asserting his dominance over ice-cold 30-racks, D-Ball has an audience around his desk as he reminisces about the Full Moon parties in Thailand, and other savory exploits.

Tanker SchedulingSSgt Neil "Doogie Howser" Patras (IB): Our not-so-old, old guy. We just call him that because his normal facial expression is a cross between "the sun is so bright" and "I'm ready for a nap." Neil Patras Harris can usually be found debating the merits of basically anything or trying to explain to some of our less-cultured booms the difference between Star Wars and Star Trek. He is wise beyond his years, and we are grateful for the valuable gee-whiz information that he randomly shares.

"Voted Off the Island"

TSgt Angus "Mr. Glass" Burns (MB), Retired: A seasoned motorcyclist and rescue diver, Burns can't wait to retire soon and focus on leisure activities. Since moving outside of the squadron, we haven't heard much from Gus unless there's a problem with G2, or there is a Korean sortie to be had. One whisper of a medal-gaining sortie and Angus comes to "beef" up his collection of ribbons. But only if he isn't DNIF or on leave again. And hey, everyone loves a man with a big rack.

SrA Jesse "Bieber" Barber (IB), PCS'd to MacDill: Well, the unthinkable was accomplished. Barber passed CFIC, and is a bona fide teacher of things. We are not sure when he had the time to study with all of his prescheduled eyebrow waxes and whirlwind romances. Bieber was pretty "stoked" when he got orders to MacDill, which is just a hop and a skip away from where he grew up. Maybe the surfing and mini-bike riding skills he picked up here will be useful there.

SSgt Jeremy "JTB" Culliton (IB), Jeremy the Boom separated this spring to fulfill his lifelong dreams of walking the earth with only a beard and a backpack. He still has thoughts of being a forest ranger or maybe it was a Sherpa. My best guess is that he will continue his journey until he runs out of money or can't find a wifi signal to update his snapchat or Instagram.

Coming Soon

MSgt Kevin Toney, from the CRG

SSgt Daniel Zopfi, from McConnell

SSgt Jimmy Bailey, from Fairchild

SSgt Darian Edwards, from MacDill

AB Aaron Frerichs, a baby Boom

AB Brooke Griffin, another baby Boom

MacDill AFB, FL
50 ARS
“Red Devils”



Greetings from the Air Force's newest ARS! Since activation in Florida in 1942, the 50th has flown C-47, CG- 4, C-82, CG-15, TC-122, C-119, C-130 and now the mighty KC-135. The “*Fightin’ 5-0*” has a long legacy to including operations during World War II, Korean War and Vietnam. We know we have big shoes to fill and look forward to continuing that legacy.

SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Justin Poteet- Comes to us from HQ AMC and enjoyed the dream job of being a chief boom for about a month before we deployed him. He is always out of the office flying with the MCT booms. He's hoping that one day soon he will be manned and have some other IB's.

STAN/EVAL

SSgt Michael Fagan- Just returned from deployment and has taken the lead on the creation of the STAN/EVAL shop.

SrA Jesse (Bruh) Barber- Came to us from Kadena, He will be a great addition to the team.

A-FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Dustin “Creecy-Bear” Creecy- 1 of the many cross-trainees that he have received during activation. He is already enjoying the new job even more after spending a week in Vegas for fighter certification.

TRAINING

SSgt Darian Edwards- PCS to 909 ARS, Has given up his prestigious longboarding career in the hopes he will arrive in one piece.

SrA Ryan Seiler- Our newest IB. He's finally living-up to his boom heritage. Just don't ask him for a system brief.

SCHEDULING

(S)Sgt Kasey Miller- Wanted to upgrade but made Staff instead. Now she'll be filling the flying schedule instead of deployments lines.

SrA Nick Hart- Still don't know what Hart does when not scheduling.

A1C Gregory Casey- New to the unit. Then again so is everyone.

B-FLIGHT CHIEF

MSgt Myron Somero- Comes to us from the RPA community already has 3,000 hours of flight time but now he will really see what it is like to be a real aviator.

TSgt Dustin Sheldon- Another cross-trainee that showed up ready to go so we jacked up his plans and sent him to NCOA in middle of MCT.

MOBILITY

SSgt Jamar Campbell- Prior Load Master that is still impressed that they let enlisted guys in the cockpit. As soon as he was qualified we sent him on the road, hopefully he isn't gear up-feet up.

SrA Michael McNicholas- Has stowed his boom and is going to get educated at the University of Tampa. Not sure he was even in the squadron long enough to earn a Sq. patch.

A1C Brendan Smith- Fresh off the Altus assembly line. He's BFFs with A1C Gourd and can be identified by his catch phrase "Go Bills".

A1C Collin (Baby Huey) Gourd- A1C Smith's BFF. All the IBs are so impressed with his vast Tanker knowledge.

Resource Advisor

SrA Jordan Webber- orders to the 351 ARS, Is looking to forward to learning a foreign language when he heads off to the United Kingdom.

Attached

SMSgt Jason Resler- IG Still terrorizing everyone with inspections but at least he does it with a smile.

TSgt Matthew Ohle- XP Has been hiding in a vault for the past year because it's his safe space. He doesn't know it yet, but the squadron has plans to make him earn that instructor pay.

FNG

MSgt J.J. Jefferson- Another inbound from HQ AMC, hopefully he remembers how to do the flying part. If not, he will make a great UDM.

TSgt Logan Berry- One of the few inbound instructor we have from Altus, in is nice to see a little return on all the booms being sent there.

A1C Christopher Young- RNLTD Oct 2018

A1C Brayon Ramirez- TBD

A1C Gregory Pruitt- Our resident senior citizen Amn.

A1C Shuntravia McCullough – Joins us from Miami and "loves to travel". She'll have an all-expenses paid vacation to the AOR soon enough.

A1C Layne Gullede- RNLTD Feb 2018

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MacDill AFB, FL

91 ARS

“Bolts”



Another fantastic year completed for the Bolts....Looking to defend our title as the current Spaatz Trophy Winner.

SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Robert Jenkins- Still trying to keep his head above water after taking over as Superintendent, MSgt Jenkins has slowly turned the ship...hopefully not into a lighthouse!

STAN/EVAL

MSgt Roger Braun- “Locker Room” Was gracious enough to delay his reporting to Scott to get the DOV through the UEI. We appreciate the hard work he has given to the Sq.

SSgt Shawna Sims- Will return soon from the Deid. Great addition from Fairchild.

SrA Jacob Reid- Currently putting in work at the Deid. Got picked up on the supplemental list for SSgt!

Commander Support Staff

MSgt Jack Hester- Fresh another deployment, Jack has been helping our CSS in the wake of the pilot shortage.

A -FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Desiree Kalkbrenner- Spends her days terrorizing every office in the Squadron making things happen. Our resident urban farmer.

TRAINING

SSgt Derrick Wagner- Recently returned from deployment. He is the reason that people with stock in Monster energy drinks are rich.

SrA Luke Pommier- When he is not in the hospital suffering from an allergic reaction to ant bites, you can find him keeping the training shop running smoothly.

SCHEDULING

Michael Jordan- Yeah no, not the real MJ, but we will accept him. Came to us from Fairchild and is deployed.

SrA Aerial Sacia- Keeping scheduling alive as she is about to transition into the real world.

SrA Raphael Duncan- When not asking for his BOG to be waived to fulfill more deployments, Doughnuts moonlights as a scheduler.

B-FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Tom January- Tom came to us from Altus, was here for a month and then took a six month OGV gig to the Deid. Welcome back to AMC Tom!

MOBILITY

SSgt Kimber Camper- New to the NCO tier, but not to the deployment. Time to hold down an office job now.

SrA Nathaniel Deleon- Between deployments & TDYs, Nate maybe has time to complete a mobility folder review.

SrA Jacqueline Durso- Constantly on the road hacking the mish and leading.

UDM

SrA Michael Picini- Due to medical reasons, Picini was disqualified from aviation service. He retrained to the UDM career field and has been relieving some of the mobility office duties. Roll Tide!

Resource Advisor

A1C Kainan Provost- Fresh off his second deployment, he's already asking about when he can go again.

Safety

SrA Gregory Adams- Holding down the Safety office and clogging our inboxes with "Hot off the press" AF 101 critical days of summer slides show..."but it's always summer in Tampa though".

Attached

(C)MSgt Liv Hoornstra – OGV People still scatter like roaches when she comes into the squadron, but it's less obvious. So...she hasn't changed.

(M)Sgt Theo Dinwiddie- OGT Still terrorizing students and he was tasked with building our OGT program. And with the influx of baby booms and our retrainees, Theo is....we'll just say a little busy.

SrA Jan Perez Fontanez- OGT Became an instructor, made Staff, loved flying with students so much Altus decided to recruit him. Currently deployed, but will be attending ALS upon return and then off to the FTU.

SrA Jonathan Garcia-OGT Became an instructor, made SSgt, and has been busy flying with our baby booms. Just call him "Mr. DG". Killed it at ALS. He done so well in ALS that Altus came calling!

SrA Bryan Flory-Wing Scheduling Came to us from Mildenhall and has been killing it at Wing Scheduling. Made SSgt and...let's just say call him "Mr. Commandant" as he was also an award winner in the last ALS class.

SrA Jarrod Lemons- Enjoy spontaneous 0200 Wal-Mart runs with his roommate, so they can bake cookies. True story!

SSgt Darren Clever- "Broke Back". Stepped in to Wing Weapons & Tactics and kicked butt when all WOs were deployed.

SrA Taylor Manz- XP Another one of our deployment warriors, who has now steeped up to assist our XP shop. Whatever you do, don't touch his pomade.

FNG

TSgt Ronald Hart- The guy repairing the walls that the Kool-Aide man knocked down. A recent CE retrainee.

SSgt Nelson Germer- A recent retrainee that is much welcome to the boom world.

SSgt Aaron Hall- Another recent Altus BIQ graduate that's eager to get through MCT.

SSgt Jeffrey Michal- New boom, still in MCT. He's excited about being a boom and flying some combat sorties.

A1C Jakob McGaughey- Eager to make it out of MCT, so he can focus on becoming CMSAF.

A1C DeJahnay Fort- Currently deployed and talks like the English language is dying.

Gone

TSgt Jacob Jewell- We are still patching the walls that the Kool-Aide man knocked down. Thanks for all the hard work Jake. Good luck at McConnell.

SSgt Darhon Hambrick- Will be greatly missed. Separated to attend Law School in Tennessee.

SSgt Joshua Eidson- XP Josh was instrumental in revamping our 801x program. He is currently separating and heading back to Tennessee to go to school.

SSgt Scott Willard- Separated, but at least took up a reserve position while going to school full time.

SrA Crystal Cash- Separated AD and got accepted to college right here in Tampa. To rub it in our face, she joined the 63d Reserve Squadron here at MacDill.

SrA Curtis Clishe- Curt was one of our SELOs and decided to separate and head off to college. We appreciate his work wish him and his new bride nothing but the best.

MARCH ARB, CA
912th/ARS
“HOLLYWOOD TANKERS”



Greetings from the 912th ARS! We have had another fun-filled year here in sun-soaked SoCal. It was a balmy 95 degrees on Thanksgiving. It's been great working with our 336th TFI compatriots. Its fun getting together and hearing all their civilian stories. If you're ever in town stop in and say hello. One of the booms will give some ideas for the many of breweries to visit while around.

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No one has literally seen him. He's been volunteering for deployments like it's no one's business. He just likes the gym time, free food, and wearing tank tops everywhere. The problem is he comes back from each deployment looking the same. Somethings gotta change. He will be going to CFIC soon.

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Our local rapper Naim is leaving us for Birmingham. TFI to TFI what a deal. He must know someone at functional. Thanks for all you did for the squadron Love. Enjoy Birmingham!

SSgt Maria Wilson

Maria is currently on terminal leave and doesn’t know what she wants to do with her life. She’s in Wichita now visiting her bestie Danielle Warren. Maria did a lot for this squadron and was a workhorse. She will do just fine in the civilian world in the medical field. Thanks Maria for your commitment to this squadron and the Air Force. You will be missed!

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Our local rapper/DJ Naim is leaving us for Birmingham. TFI to TFI, what a deal! He must know someone at the AFPC functional level. Thanks for all you did for the squadron, Love. Enjoy Birmingham!

SSgt Maria Wilson

Maria is currently on terminal leave and doesn't know what she wants to do with her life. She's in Wichita now visiting her bestie Danielle Warren. Maria did a lot for this squadron and was a workhorse, so we know she will do just fine in the civilian world in the medical field. Thanks Maria for your commitment to this squadron and the Air Force. You will be missed!

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22 ARW



Greetings from the “Keeper’s of the Plains” at the mighty 22nd Air Refueling Wing. This past year McConnell set the example for all tanker wings to emulate. The 350th ARS led by MSgt Dustin Clark set the bar as the #1 tasked AMC squadron and following closely behind and in at the #2 tasked AMC squadron is the 349th led by SMSgt Jerod Norden. This is no small feat as either of these squadrons were 300 taskings above the closest WING! Not to be outdone, our 344th ARS, led by MSgt Dave Lang have worked tirelessly in creating KC-46 training and operational requirements to ensure we are 100% ready for that ever elusive KC-46. We’re doing some cool things around here with structured boom development, cargo “fly aways”, quarterly “Rodeo” competitions that test AMC’s best Booms at A/R and Cargo and as soon as the weather warms up you can find us all out in the woods somewhere in eastern Kansas. If you are ever passing through Middle America stop on by, say hi and enjoy a cold one.
Fly Safe!

Group Superintendent

CMSgt Derrick Grant – Almost on the brink of Retirement, Chief Grant decided that he still had more left for the Boom Operator career field so he packed up and moved back to McConnell. Don’t let his kind demeanor fool you... he can quickly jack you up...physically and verbally!

Operations Superintendent

CMSgt Ben Cobb - Back in his old stomping grounds and hit the ground running. He has become quite the presence around the squadrons; he can often be found mentoring young aviators. Booms are still a little shell-shocked when they see a Chief in a squadron.

OGT

MSgt Aaron Tessman – arrived from Altus and is happy to be back where he grew up; currently the OGT Supt. Likes to spend his time waxing the terminator... whatever that means?

SSgt Jesse Adams – recently promoted to SSgt; currently holds the title of “crustiest SSgt on IAB”. The newest TACC select, he will be dealing with C-17’s as their planner come March

22 ARW Plans & Programs

MSgt Drew Sottovia – Came up from OGT to fill XPO Super with Joe Cofield’s departure to the Far East. Oldest boom on base and one of the four horsemen of the Apocalypse. Seen lurking in the vault listening to classic rock and pondering “One Second After”.

TSgt Dan McCrillis – new to XPO, Dan has already turned into a XP ghost. He only emerges long enough to receive counselling after the Patriots Super Bowl loss. Got a Q-3 for not properly securing a ping pong table to his truck. He recently realized that your separation date isn’t always the same as your ID card expiration date...is that the smell of bridges burning?

Mr. Steve Yavornitzki (IB Retired) – The “Yav” still has all the cool points, be it his vette, his truck or his immaculate hair.

22 ARW PIO

MSgt Bartek Bachleda – Only had one rule while attending Type 1 Training with Boeing: “do not request any changes”...he requested a change every single day. Recently returned from his first hardship deployment since 2008...to Spain. AMC’s “Spark Tank” finalist. Maybe we can finally get the new ergonomic boom pad that he has been pushing for the last 5 years.

OGV

MSgt Kenneth Harwood – He’s back in the KC-135 and started out his McConnell assignment as Superintendent of the 350th. Having defected from Hydra, the Red Skull now works in OGV, .he hasn’t changed that much over the years...he’ll still tell you his life story after a few drinks...whether you want to hear it or not

MSgt Ed Soto – He’s a vegan around his wife but at work he’s a full blown carnivore. He recently was assigned as the OGV/KC46 extraordinaire! He said we are all Q3 and work our way up from there...He spends his time between “middle America” and the “Left coast” maintaining currency in the KC-10. He is the first McConnell KC-46 OGV rep...hopefully that mythical creature arrives at some point.

SOAR

SSgt Tiffany Ellerbe – NCOIC of Special Operations Air Refueling Logistics section, where she coordinates with multiple agencies to ensure proper support during TDYs and potential real-world operations. Will be heading to Travis CRW here in June.

SrA Christian Bande - He’s moved out of the 350th and couldn’t be happier...as the Nav Schoolhouse scheduler. Currently pursuing his PPL with McCrillis as his instructor...we can already hear his ego getting bigger.

Mr. Ken Crowe (IB retired) - Special Operations Air Refueling

Mr. Mike Sage (IB retired) – Special Operations Air Refueling

Tactics

SSgt Lucas Treat – Holding down the fort at Wg Tactics...though we aren’t sure exactly what that job entails.

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344 ARS

“ANYTIME – ANYWHERE, RAVENS RULE THE AIR”



MSgt Dave Lang-Squadron Superintendent- Recently got married and introduced his new wife to SSgt Warren and pretty sure his wife hangs out with her more than him now. He recently completed KC-46 training and still conducts role calls daily – get your #\$\$%^ together – he still has not briefed his wife on the pay increase to SMSgt.

MSgt Devin Kay-Operations Superintendent- If there is a jeep to buy, Sgt. Kay will buy it. As long as it has no roof, no doors, and no seatbelts. He was recently given the task to revamp One Stop and it is already looking much better now that he has CE on speed dial- AKA KrayKay - AKA Kayman.

TSgt Jason Coffey- Flight Chief- “standard” Recently moved from Stan/Eval to iron out training flight - he is officially off the availability roster due to getting married this year - CONGRATS! He continues to hold the position as the McConnell oracle for his extended time on station.

SSgt Andy Keiser-Stan/Eval NCOIC- The other squadrons like to request him to load cargo....they still have not figured out that he is a KC-10 boom. He is currently holding down Stan/Eval - don't leave your office unlocked because he really likes to saran wrap EVERYTHING!!! Another great new addition to the 344ARS.

SSgt Cody Naylor-Scheduling NCOIC- If somebody in the squadron has something that needs to be signed by the Wing Commander, don't worry, Naylor will send it to him directly – He's currently the most proficient KC-10 qualified boom for KC-135 ops/flights, ground training scheduling – Always willing to lend a hand in our current survival status.

SSgt Danielle Warren- Command Chief Exec- Got tired of being the only female boom in the squadron so she pulled chocks and headed to the OZ palace at the Wing as the 22ARW/CCC exec - she agreed to wear her flight suit again but we have revoked her rights to choose where the lunch train goes.

SSgt Devaughn Granger- Training NCOIC - Our newest KC-46 boom! It's about time because he managed to stay in the squadron this long. AKA: The Airman of the year forever - The Levitow Award recipient, The OG/IB of the quarter – his personal slogan should be: “They hate us cause they ain't us”. We are extremely happy to have him part of the KC-46 team.

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ARS

“BANDITS”



Superintendents

SMSgt Jerod “NORDO” Norden- Nordo can talk himself out of any situation, well almost all situations except for CMSgt Grant’s upgrade training plan... Has re-ignited the “Bandit” way as on any given day there is typically something missing from the 344th or 350th.

MSgt Aaron Leal- Walks around the squadron with his binder to make it look like he knows what he’s doing as the Chief Boom.

A-Flight

TSgt Brian Shipley- The one boom that will get orders before he’s MCT complete.

SSgt Robert Medeiros- One of our newest EB’s, picked up for a boom slot at the 509th. He sure will miss his waitress crush at Pho MC.

SrA Carrie Williams- If she ever stops breaking she may fly something other than a desk...she has dreams of a KC-46...whatever that is???

SrA Owen Derksen- Totally under the radar at all times while collecting birth certificates.

SrA Brandon “Blessed Bubba” Divins- When he’s not showing girls at the bar videos of himself doing lat pulldowns, you can find him taking his shirt off at Rock Island attempting to give anyone in his sight a “lap dance”. Also, don’t buy “Blessed Bubba” a drink at the bar. It’s the equivalent to feeding stray cats, they always expect more.

SrA Madison “I’m Not A Girl” Dolata- He tends to catch the “G code” on the Flight Authorizations.

SrA Miles Humphries- Staring on the next episode on MTV cribs. Who knew A1C pay (at the time) could get you a new house and two new cars.

A1C Haley Webb- The princess boom of the squadron, always turns her nose up when offered a beer when she clearly likes wine.

A1C Jonathan Vermont- Named after the State, but rarely seen...always out hacking the Mission!

AIC Russel Molina- FNG, DG out of Altus. About to start MCT, pushing for CFIC in 4 months.

AIC Joshua Shopp- This 19 y/o had to get permission from mom to join the Air Force. Can't fly night missions that go passed his curfew, mom's orders.

AIC Josh Granados- Always getting on the squadron's great trips. What's the secret??

B-Flight

MSgt Vernon Foster- This cop/ loadmaster/aerial gunner/boom operator will school you on anything cargo related!

SSgt James Walker- Survivor of multiple motorcycle accidents, one being when he was NCOIC of Safety. James is recovering well and we hope to see him fly again with students!

SSgt Autumn Hedrick-Cox- Decided that being a boom is whatever and decided to cross-train to enlisted RPA pilot! We wish the best for you and your family!

SSgt Nicholas Snyder- Nick has the squadron's most southern drawl...

SrA Nick Brod- This sasquatch of a boom is currently in our Pre-CFIC program kicking butt, probably one of many to get non-vol'd to Altus this summer.

SrA Padraic Condon- B1 MX

SrA Garrett Tholken- The squadron's resident "puppy dog", always chipper and won't stop yapping.

AIC Nicholas Benson- Only the Second most Deployed Boom last year, maybe this year we can keep him home...for CFIC!

AIC Julian Awari- If you haven't seen Awari sing the National Anthem, you must live under a rock.

C-Flight

TSgt Christopher Yontz- This caveman has been living in his cave at the squadron, just finished building a new cave for the family in good ol' Kansas.

TSgt Dwight "Big Delicious" Miller- Holds the record for highest ranking mission boom with almost 500 combat sorties.

SSgt Giani Dossman- Leader of the Subie Bro's gang, rolls 5 deep when attending quarterly 801X.

SSgt Michael Pezoldt- What platform hasn't this guy been on? C-130, C-17 and KC-135. Do we see KC-46 in his future via non-vol to Altus?

SrA Daniel Gomez- Is ending his career on good terms to head back to New York to attend college. Danny wants to be pilot when he grows up... not for the Air Force.

SrA Collin "Chemtrails" Green- When he's going 0 to 30 as fast as he can on base, you'll see a large cloud of vape smoke trailing him.

SrA Cody Shumate- Arguably the nicest scheduler you'll ever meet. Cody has to deal with DOT's constant squawking and all the on loan/ attached folks giving him the hand on a daily basis. During the daily struggle trying to fill a schedule he STILL has a smile on his face. Thank you Cody!

SrA Tyler Carl- Our resident ginger, making his way out of the Air Force as well on good terms.

AIC Joseph "Joe-Joe" Galeaz- Turned 21 while on a Spain deployment, dependa is still looking for him.

AIC Hannah Clarke- This lady ginger has PPL and makes better landing than most pilots we know.

CCE

AIC Cody Griffiths- REALLY loves flying a desk.

Stan/ Eval

TSgt Jacob Jewell- The prodigal son has returned home, The Juggernaut has returned to the 349th and came in like a wrecking ball! Has completely revamped Stan Eval and continues to do great things.

SSgt Joseph Cadwallader- As the squadron's Steve Erwin, Joe likes to tend to his reptile zoo after coming home from a long day at Stan/ Eval. You'll also find Joe on the basketball court trying not to break his ankles...again.

SrA Luke Emery- This phantom pooper strikes almost every sortie and you'll never know.. until now. After he lands, MX has to OCF the honey bucket.

Safety

SrA Michael Orcutt- Is trying his hardest to be like 350th Big Mike but can't make the nickname stick, keep lifting hard little buddy!

TSgt Darrin LaFever- After ghosting up at XP he was finally pulled back to a real job and will be flying and jobbing in the squadron. Time to get dirty!

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“RED FALCONS”



MSgt Dustin “Dusty Ballz” Clark – Our local Ultimate Frisbee fanatic. Can be found strutting his stuff on runways for his pilots.

MSgt Justin Sheffield – Former MTI...nuff said.

TSgt Blake “Cajun Casper” Landry- Cece’s favorite loadmaster

TSgt Christopher Plunkett- Our Resident drug dealer. He just crossed trained from pharmacy tech.

TSgt Jeremy “McDonald’s” Pratt- Cross flow from B2 mx, KC-10 boom, now in instructor for KC-135. As he waits to be turned down at the next MSgt board, he carries around a current application to McDonald's...

TSgt Philip Stacey- He must not like his family much or he really likes Koreans... “BBQ” because he volunteered for a 6 month TDY to Korea

TSgt Chelsey Thornhill- Thought she was not a good enough boom, so decided to try her skills at IG.

SSgt Josh “Leather” Garrett- Sold his car and bought a motorcycle to join the squadron biker gang. We can’t deploy him because he constantly has PCS orders but keeps getting them turned off just to get new ones the next day.

SSgt Jeff Jaskela- “Ehhhhh Bud” “Monday we are going to talk work stuff.” Typically said from Jeff when he is wasted and talking to leadership.

SSgt Sam Mason- Former AF Honor guard, he has yet to learn that you cannot shine your sage green boots.

(T)SSgt Travis “Bearded Lady” Moore – Is it SSgt or TSgt or is it LT he doesn’t even know anymore. Maybe once he finishes commissioning he’ll be able to afford a better razor.

SSgt Lane “Light Weight” Nunier – Can be found passed out on his front lawn on Sunday mornings.

SSgt Ben “Woodmaster” Sedlacek – Handles all of the wood work in the squadron. Looks the oldest but is one of the youngest.

SSgt Justin “Angry Ginger” Walsh – First boom to get a Q1 for leaving secrets on the jet. Besides that, you can find him at the smoke pit complaining about something.

SSgt Daniel “Asian Sensation” Zopfi – Asian Sensation enough said. Watch out for this guy, green dot is not in his vocabulary.

SrA Lexie “Suh Dude” Boettner- Favorite dish is carne a “Suh” Dude

SrA Clarissa “Nails” Goodson- Broke a nail while TDY, then had her crew drive around until they found a nail salon where she then had them wait an hour while she got her nails “did.” She’ll also soon be Mrs. Taylor.

SrA Chuck “Ball is Life” Huggins- You’ll most likely find him in a gym somewhere “hooping.” #Ballislife

SrA Erica Jorden- Formally known as SrA Mann changed her name and her squadron now working in safety and wanting to deploy as much as possible.

SrA Mike “Big Mike” Lawson –Has several call signs including but not limited to “English Ahole”, “Rooster” and “Big Mike.” He can be heard saying “Yeah man” in any conversation...multiple times.

SrA Andrew Mays- Can be found putting more gel in his hair and perfecting the cool man wave look. If only he was that cool in real life.

SrA Samuel “Pappy” Mills-Boogity Boogity Boogity Lets Go Racing! This dude will tell you anything about NASCAR and his man crush for Dale Jr. He and his camo cooler backpack will be at the Kansas City Speedway getting tanked off some Bud Heavy! Yee Yee.

SrA Mathew “Can’t Get Right” Mossing- One word: Pubs.

SrA Jason “Mr. Clean” Ortiz- Will most likely blind you with the shininess of his bald potato head.

SrA Carter “CuddleBear” Russell- Can be found following SSgt/TSgt/Lt Moore around the local gym like a lost puppy. Also proclaimed his love to Travis and how much he enjoys being his cuddle bear.

SrA Max Smesny – He has a baby face but surprisingly is 24. Hopefully we will have more dirt on him next year.

SrA Ryan “Rainbow 6” Thayer- Can be found bragging to the local women about being a Spec Ops Boom Operator.

AIC Timothy “JTT” Beck- During the flight that would have finished his MCT, he pointed out a few amber lights were failing to illuminate upon test. This eventually drove that msn canx, and another boom had to deploy in his place. While bag dragging for that deploying jet, just the tip of one of his fingers was cut off by the GOV doors.

AIC Dustin Curran- He is just a boom from Iowa. Not much on this guy.

AIC Ryan “Squirrel!” Edsall- While in the middle of an in-depth conversation with one individual, he is likely to quickly get bored and start talking to someone else. All his politeness aside, Ryan probably got bored during his last haircut, stood up and walked away. The barber tried to emphasize the importance of a good fade...

AIC Jared Evans- The oldest airmen we have 27 years old.

AIC Anthony Hornbuckle- Congrats to the new dad!

AIC Josh “Radar” Leatherwood- This guy is so southern that he makes Forest Gump sound normal.

AIC Trevor Mataleska- Squadron’s Red-headed step-child. Literally.

AIC Jordan “Flat Top” McDonald- Flat top flat enough to land a plane on.

AIC Patrick “2903” Napolitano- Can be found with a toothpick in his mouth, mirror sunglasses on, every zipper unzipped and hair like Jean-Baptiste Emanuel Zorg

AIC Moises “Mo” Orozco- Usually talking trash to other “hoopers.”

AIC Kalif Richardson- Our squadron islander boy.

AIC Kael Smith- Might be riding his bicycle while listening to his headphone (probably listening to trumpet music) “Man, I’m glad I called that guy”

Departures

AIC Jake “Freaky” Frisch – This guy never shuts up!

SrA Shelby “Dory” Bowling – She is known to have short term memory loss and also makes sure she lets everyone know how she feels about EVERYTHING.

SSgt Tyler “Light Weight” Rutledge – During one of his drinking escapades, he decided to perform an exorcism on his stomach in the bathroom.

SSgt Killian “Waitforit” Stone – After 9+ years of being an elusive ninja, Killian's finally hitting the oooold dusty trail to Fairchild. Her greatest accomplishments have been 'earning' a 10-Tour mug at Old Chicago, and never once participating in a Comm Ex, Global Thunder or NORI. Bai felicias!

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18 ARS

“Friendly Reserve Guys!”



Greetings from the FRG of the 18th ARS! Exciting times are at hand and every day seems to bring a new challenge. Between covering the never ending deployments and getting ready for the KC-46 it is a great time to be a part of the McConnell Team.

If you are ever around McConnell stop by, in the mornings the coffee is always on. In the afternoon we have other alternatives.

CMSgt Kathy Lowman: Chief has still got the 18th in top form. As always she is taking care of her people ensuring that they are doing all they can to make themselves better. Never satisfied with “good enough” she still expects the best. When she is not reminding the noobs that “This is not Summer Camp” you can find Chief laying tile all over the building. There is always an open invite to come over to the boom shop for a beverage.

SSgt William Baker: Bill is still working as a civilian crew chief down at Altus. It’s all he talks about still. He earned a new callsign of “ATOM” while deployed. (Always Talks Of Maintenance) He is headed to CFIC soon.

MSgt “Bear” Bearup: Bear is still mean and hateful to the new guys. We tell the noobs that once you get to know him he is a really nice guy. (Clearly a lie) Glad to see he never changes. When he is not roaming the hallways verbally assaulting people he can be found running mission development.

SMSgt Brad Beyer: Brad is still working for the 22nd Long Range. He always finds MPA trips for us to help backfill. When he is not running the TDY’s he is always helping out the 18th. Not the road warrior he used to be but still plenty left in the tanks.

SSgt Dustin Confer: Confer is starting to show his face around the squadron more but he will probably have another three jobs soon. This guy changes job more often than a square dancer changes partners.

TSgt Sarajo Danis: Danis finally finished her degree after years of tricking homeless people into letting her clean their teeth. We would let our teeth fall out before we let the squadron’s angriest trougher near our mouths with sharp

objects. Danis has been living on the road since she graduated but since she is usually homeless herself or between apartments it's probably for the best.

MSgt Clay Dotson: Clay is now the official CSS of the 18th ARS. If you see him make sure you congratulate him on the promotion to desk monitor, oh and MSgt. In the past Clay has been voted most likely to climb a bell tower with a high powered rifle but since he started taking his blood pressure meds things have calmed down.

MSgt Bryan Fehrenbach: Bryan joined us a few years ago from the guard and hasn't looked back. Bryan loves to hunt and is usually dressed to do so even when wandering around the streets in Iceland. Bryan is currently working in the mobility shop with a bunch of activity duty guys...no thanks.

SMSgt Ray Lewis: Still the Chief of Stan Evil, still on every TDY to Hawaii or Alaska and still single. Sounds pretty good. Ray has been a staple in the OG and still goes out there and fly's twice a week. Ray surpassed 8,000 flying hours and shows no sign of slowing down.

MSgt John McIlvoy: If you thought the trailers in the Deid were moldy you should have seen John's old house. John battled the mold monsters in his basement and eventually lost his house was totaled. Breathing all that toxic air must have caused some damage because he moved his family to Derby.

TSgt Aaron McLaughlin: We aren't sure if he is still in the squadron. If you see him ask him about the time he did donuts in a parking lot with Meadows in the trunk.

MSgt Chris Norris: The newest member of the Stan Evil team, Norris has been working hard standing up the shop in the squadron. We hope his new found power won't go to his head and he will remain the humble man we know and love. Although working in that tiny office with Hein would corrupt even the purest individuals. And yes he still plays rugby.

MSgt Mike Stahl: Mike is an engineer for AGCO Combine division. He is the only guy we have that has more international travel for his civilian job than he does for us. He has operated combines (the big machines that cut wheat and pick corn for you city guys who don't know where your food comes from) from France, Australia Brazil to Austria. Seriously Mike, you guys hiring?

TSgt Matt "The World's Tallest Boy" Tener: Full time student, part time Boom Operator, future Pilot. Matt is finally becoming a man but he will always be the world's tallest boy to us. When Matt isn't flying RC airplanes for various agencies you can find him working hard in the squadron.

MSgt Dave "VOG" (Van Old Guy), "VOB" (Van Old Blues), "Ray's older brother" "Park's Dad" VanNostrand: Congratulations Dave on becoming the world's oldest MSgt. He is now the soul Boom working in scheduling after he took Waino's job (I'm not bitter).

MSgt Jim Yokom: Jim is the same as most of the other ART's around, still here, still plugging along and making life easier for the traditional members. Jim is the master of all thing training related and has put his skills to work lately as we are getting more students all the time. Jim is the nicest angry guy in the squadron until you don't get your training done.

TSgt Waino Yrjanainen: Waino is probably the best boom in the squadron when Norris is deployed and most handsome, definitely not him writing this. Waino sold his soul for the next six months and can be spotted marching his group of trainees around the base.

SSgt Aaron Cuadra: Aaron is one of our new guys and came from the island of unwanted toys. He is been doing exceptionally well and helps out in the squadron all time. He is definitely a work horse. **CMSgt Darren "Dammit" Demel:** Should he be included in this? No...okay... Chief has moved on in the world becoming the first official Command Chief of the 931st ARW. We would like to think he is still a boom at heart. He still stops by to yell at us from time to time. I think he thinks we miss his voice.

Boom Stowed

MSgt Mark “Husker” Heithoff: Mark has finally retired, you will no longer find him wondering around the halls of the 18th. The only way to see Mark now is by driving up to Nebraska or purchasing one of those fireman calendars sold at a mall kiosk.

SSgt Landon “hey man” Iverson: Currently on a walkabout in the Australian outback (not the steakhouse). Iverson was a big fish in a little pond we could only retain him for so long.

TSgt Matt Ziegelbein: Matt is retiring after years of dedicated service. Good luck flying for Koch making the big bucks!

SSgt now LT. Sierra Dopfel: Ehh... We loved Dopfel and she betrayed us. Dopfel is currently working her way through pilot training, good luck ya filthy animal! Couldn't be happier for her!

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924 ARS

“We don’t have a jet but we are a real squadron, kind of, maybe?!”

“The Castle AFB of McConnell AFB”



SMSgt John Wallman: On the 8th day god created Boom Operators and their reach was global. However on the 9th day he created John Wallman and said go forth and create more Booms which is the only reason we can explain why he keeps having children. It is weird seeing Wallman without an 18th patch on but on the plus side he looks good in red.

SMSgt Jay “Shiny Penny” Guldjord: Jay is a new father to a baby boy and a new squadron. Last time we saw Jay he was the only person at the 924th labeling a giant pile of computers. We can’t think of a better individual to help setup the new squadron as they sit around and wait for an airplane.

MSgt Travis “Master of Disguise” Swinson: Travis is the most stylish guy in the 924th as his wife is always practicing new hairdos on him. Travis will shapeshift from combed over businessman awaiting a senate confirmation to greaser by Friday depending on how his wife is feeling.

MSgt Aaron Meadows: It isn’t that Aaron is unhappy he just saves all of his emotions for “Franky” a dog that he loves more than his wife and children. If his wife asks we are “forcing” him to go another TDY because he definitely wouldn’t volunteer for all these great golfing trips.

MSgt Brian “hey big” Olson: Olson is the most reliable TR in the 18th. He comes every other week to check up on us and do his training. He will be tying the knot this month to his longtime girlfriend. We heard Waino is officiating the ceremony so it will definitely be “special”.

SSgt Patrick Bartosavage: New guy seems kind of grumpy maybe because they put him in a squadron that only has five people in it. Anyway, we are trying to explain the boom envelope to him because he won’t make a contact outside perfect center.

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134 ARW / 151 ARS
“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



Freddie “Bo” Sunderland: After serving as our chief for the last 5 years, he is finally departing the fix. Rumors are spreading that he will be working with “Blue” after he leaves which we all feel like is a job that is more suited for him.

Brian “Trigger” Thomas: To sit around here and listen to Trigger’s medical stories you would wonder how he isn’t in a wheelchair yet somehow he still looks like he could fight a bull and win. I guess after 10,000 plus hours of laying in a boom pod, a few medical issues are to be expected.

Ronnie “Crash” Dixon: Crash finally got promoted to SMSgt.....Seriously he may hold the record for his tenure as a MSgt. When he finally returns from his latest ski trip we will let him know. Or maybe he is in Alaska.....well it is one of those two.

Eric “EJ” Jones: Still running..... I honestly think he might have a problem. The guy has taken PT to an unhealthy level.

James “Lil Bo” Rogers: The latest rumors are he started a technician job here a while back. Nobody has seen him in months to confirm this but I guess congratulations are in order.

Tyler “Tater” Ott: Still our resident Stan Eval boom but has somehow figured out how to string more alerts together than Bo Rogers and most guard bums.

Shannon “Blue” Price: Blue has left us to pump s**t for a living. It is quite sad that doing that is more appealing than a technician job but don’t judge us until you have worked around here.

Joseph “JJ” Davenport: JJ is a breed of his own. He is back working on jet engines and flies once a week whether he needs it or not. Some of our guys could learn a thing or two from him.

Brent “Bub” Seymour: Seymour got himself a new knee this year. It has helped him to not complain as much but we still don’t get much out of him unless he is in his first shirt role which means he is walking around correcting people.

Tommy “TC” Cole: Someone told TC he had a chance to make senior or even chief one day and all of a sudden he is being productive. Honestly, I am just glad we are getting something out of a firefighter for a change.

Jody “Trivia Guy” McKee: As of last check, Jody’s plans to take over the world are coming along. He just recently returned from a deployment forced upon him from AMC and he seemed happy about it. Seriously, you should ask him about it next time you see him.

Josh “Clubber” Lane: Josh has finally been promoted at the fire department after trying for about six years and is now trying to retire out here but they just won’t let him go. Between his promotion and his brood of kids finally leaving the house I guess he doesn’t need the money anymore

John “Abe” Whaley: Tinder has been good to Abe for the last few years but that is all coming to an end soon. He found him a lunch ticket and is putting her under contract soon.

Melvin “Burg” Brandenburg: Burg is a kept man these days which means we don’t see him much anymore.

Michael “Ghost” Porter: Not really any change since the last update. Half the squadron has never met the guy and we are all still wondering if he works here.

Anthony “Squidward” Flores: Epic parties are what he is known for. Everything else is a mystery since we never see him. Thankfully Facebook keeps us up to date on the Flores sisters.

Brian “Brain” Trent: The brain has become a downtown firefighter and has managed to stay active in the squadron. After all these years he has proven that it is possible to be a fire fighter and an asset to the squadron.

Nicholas “Sedan” Pierce: Nick is our newest technician hire. He quit bumming, got married, and had a kid since our last Signal. It is nice to watch the kids grow up.

Christopher “Sponge-Boom” O’Donnell: The O’Donnell family just welcomed yet another child. I really don’t know how his wife keeps her sanity while listening to Sponge and her kids competing to talk all the time.

Amanda “Sunshine” Walls: Sunshine is trying to move on to greener pastures but is still with us for now. Maybe that is why she walks around with a scowl on her face all the time

Andrew “Lloyd” Weber: We have somehow managed to not include Weber in the signal for the last three years. Well,

Zach “Smokey” Dailey: He hasn’t gotten a full time job yet but somehow he manages to always be on some type of pay status. If you want to find out how he does it just look for him at the smoke pit.

John “Candy Crush” Pollard: John is out delivering the mail full time these days. The term going postal has taken on a whole new meaning to all of us since John joined us.

Kevin “Pooh Bear” Crigger: I hate to waste too much time on writing about him since he got hired as a pilot before he ever really did anything.

Logan “Classified” Cross: Logan is one of our newest booms and has spent a ton of time in the desert since his arrival which I am sure some of you have noticed. He is doing a good job so far, just don’t ask him to help you carry secrets.

Brianna “Baby Giraffe” Lindquist: Brianna just arrived in our squadron the day we typed this out so we have not managed to gather any intel yet. If her crew chief days are any indication then just wait for next years report because it will be entertaining.

Demoted to Pilot

Lt. Col. Jeremy Taylor: Jeremy was a crew chief from 1988 to 1995, went thru Altus as a Boom in 1995 and was commissioned in 1997. He came back to us from the tanker after flying Reapers in Nashville. He keeps telling us he is retiring and disappears for months at a time but always comes back

Lt Col. Hiram Williamson: Hiram was a crew chief from 1991 to 1995, went thru Altus in 1995 and was commissioned in 1999. Hiram is now the Chief of training. We all got just a little bit smarter when he joined us from the vault.

Maj. Jason Reed: Jason went thru Altus in 2000, and was commissioned in 2005. He is one of our full time pilots and is currently the Chief of Current Ops.

Maj. Erik Swanson: Erik is moving up in the world. He is one of our newer IP's. He also recently broke a squadron record for the shortest tenure in a technician job before resigning his position.

Maj. Chad Cheatwood: Chad went thru Altus in 1998 and was commissioned in 2002. He left us for Charleston for a few years but very quickly remembered where home was. He recently started working for Allegiant so we don't see him much these days.

1Lt. Andrew Burress: "Burress County" is our most recent pilot hire and is the new SELO in OGV. The local gun shops have reported a stark rise in sales now that he is back in town.

Moved On

TSgt Jared Morgan: "Beef" left us to become a sensor operator, then a command post controller, and now works in personnel. I am sure by the time this is published he will be in a new career field so standby for the next update.

Maj. Richard Alan Potts: R.A left us to put his Spwings on in the 119th but recently left here for a new job in Texas. Quite honestly I am not sure where he is these days.

Capt. Bryan Rollins: Peabody left us in 2010 and is now a true space weenie in the 119th.

Mark Allen: Still working at the Sim for FAAC. His Bluetooth earpiece is a little unsettling, but he always answers the phone whenever we are calling to see if we can bring a student down with no notice.

Terry "Rev" Mull: Terry has moved out to the Reserves at March AFB, CA. He'll be back. They always come back.

Retired in the Local Area

Wayne Atkins, Liz Ericksson, Randy Keener, Lennie Tipton, Jeff Dyer, Dennis Greenwood, James Quagliana, Nancy Martinek, Greg Waters, Todd Derrick, Joel Lewis, J.J. Mehall, Karen Jansen, Wes Beaver, Kelvin Kuwik, Robert Hampton, John Miller, Ronald McKinnon, Robert Brown, Marty Everett, Ben Long, John Sumpter, Bill Witt, Ed Hatton, Ralph Chambers, Chester Harper, Durell Howard, Lloyd Costner, Dean Gambill, Denny Buchanan, Steve Sampson.

Final Fly By

MSgt Sonny Murrin (1985), CMSgt Billy C. Lindsay (1995), SMSgt Jimmy "Flash" Harris (2007), MSgt D.W. Harris (2009), MSgt Harold Bishop (2010), SMSgt Mike "Buck" Buckner (2011), and TSgt Ted Wright (2012), Clinton Haley (2014), Jerry Roberts (2016),

PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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“SEMPER GK”

Greetings from New Hampshire - the future home of the KC-46A. This year the unit made great strides toward receiving the Pegasus as we more than doubled our boom force and made numerous changes across the base in preparing for delivery of our first aircraft. 2017 saw the organization dedicate the “Loy” Auditorium to SSgt Desiree Loy for her selfless service to the organization. She was lost during an aircraft mishap at Beale AFB in 1985. It was an honor to recognize a fellow Boom Operator, and it was an indication of the crew force family and dynamic here at Pease. We are still in the process of hiring boom operators and pilots, so tell your friends. If you’re interested please send your inquiries to CMSgt Michael “Mick” George at Michael.P.George3.mil@mail.mil or call (603) 430-2452.

TSgt Sean Avery- Be careful with getting Sean started, he doesn't come with brakes. He works 3 jobs, is very loud and is very sarcastic. Loves “working” in the squadron Bar, and wears the crown for the New Guy Mafia.

SSgt Jason Barron- New to the group, but far from a new member (he’s old). Jason joined us this year from maintenance and also started a new career in police dispatching in Maine. Jason is an outdoorsman that loves saluting his wife.

MSgt Al Beaulieu- Wife retired. Rocking the UDM role and is the proud owner of “A” Flight. Al is reliving the 80’s - he’s got a hotrod and has decided to attend college 35 years late. In his free time he is on his boat at the yacht club.

A1C Alex Bettcher- “Blue Eyes”. The squadron’s resident baby boom and cougar magnet. Alex joined us this year from High School and aspires to be a future KC-46 Pilot. Outside of work Alex is an instructor pilot at Hampton Airfield. He hasn’t logged enough flight time to screw anything up yet.

TSgt Mark Brophy- Finally made the transition from training and back to the world of scheduling. The biggest change for Mark this year was the adjustment of not scheduling with cave art, and smoke signals. Mark is still living the high life, enjoying his family, his hobbies and his passion for the nautical life.

SSgt Diana Carr- Always prepared for a good nerf war, but watch out because she’s light on her feet and might just stumble into you. Diana’s New Year resolution is to create envy with all the pilots by accruing the most flying hours. Although she may be quiet at first impression, she will be one of the first to make you laugh and will have your back at the end of the night.

SSgt Brandon Derry- “Ace” He is best known for Glen’s heroic contact. He is an inter-office multi-tasker and “volunteer” when he is not home with his family. Yes - his hair is within regulations... by a nanometer.

TSgt Eric Diaz- Eric lives the European lifestyle across New England, with his tight pants and high socks. Eric is an enthusiastic aviator with a passion for boating and fuzzy sweaters.

SMSgt Jim Doyle- This year Jim lived up to his “flaps 50” safety checks, and his testing of young pilots on their oxygen emergency procedures. Outside of running his own business, Jim has also volunteered a lot of his time this year upgrading the squadron bar and testing their products.

CMSgt Mike George- Strangely resembles Walter from one of Jeff Dunham’s skits. Chief looks like he’s always prepared for battle as he patrols the hallways. With a coffee mug in one hand and two fingers pointed in the other, he’s quick to “turn-2” and make sure all of his booms are actively involved and working around the squadron. We hear he’s still scouting the parking lot for the perfect parking spot. “If you could go ahead and take that trash out that would be great!”

SMSgt Mike “Hey Hey” Girouard- King of the squadron’s money and counting down the days until he can find a way to get fired from this job without going to prison. Mike is a devoted family man, and hockey coach, but still finds time for the occasional joke and prank on his unsuspecting victims.

SSgt Kendrick Guerrier- The squadron “nice guy” enjoying the Green-to-Blue lifestyle upgrade. Will quickly learn what it’s like to be a Marriott Rewards Platinum member.

SSgt Daren Hayes- Daren joined us from the Marines and can fly a boom, but is not tall enough to ride the Go-Karts. He brings to the squadron traditional values, a whole lot of sarcasm. When Daren is not volunteering his time “working” at the squadron bar, you may find him at maintenance debrief writing up the “auto-throttles”.

MSgt Gary Howard- Gary came off the bench this year and retired after 20+ years of military flying service. Gary found a way to embrace the changes in technology while having it onboard at all times.

TSgt Jay Inglis- Another maintenance transfer with a deep passion for hiking and Bear Grylls. When Jay is not at work you will likely find him practicing his newly acquired SERE tactical skills in the White or Green mountains with his dog and Jason Barron.

TSgt Kevin Johnson- The king of craft. crafting beer, bread, telecommuting and MRA conferences. This year KJ helped to train the rising influx of new boom operators while still running his business.

TSgt John Lennon- John’s big goal this year was to earn a years’ worth of tax free from AOR deployments and free ski passes for his family. When John isn’t taking selfies in the boom pod with his flip phone or working two jobs, he can be found finishing his long awaited addition on his house.

MSgt Dan Luter- The brain and senior mentor for the new booms this year. When Dan isn’t coordinating the building of multi-million dollar structures, he’s offering new booms a perspective that is beyond their wildest expectations.

SrA Ravi Madahar- The office Millennial. On any given day you can find Ravi sporting his leather jacket with an Aroma-Joes coffee mug in one hand, a donut in the other, while streaming fantasy sports and working diligently in the UDM office.

MSgt Jamie Marier- Loving life this year in his new role as the Chief Boom of training. Between mentoring every new boom coming through the squadron and teaching them about the tanker electrical marriage, Jamie patrols the locker room in a way (technique only) that certainly gets everyone’s attention.

TSgt Daryl McPhee- His son joined the wing this year as a motor-pool mechanic. You will likely find Daryl cleaning overspray off his new motorcycle or helping Wayno with his gas powered canoe.

TSgt Brett Peterson- Always smiling, and always involved (we thank Cold-Brewed coffee). Brett “enjoyed” the upgrade this year to instructor and actively helped train numerous new booms this year. Outside the office, Brett enjoys family time and ripping it up in his newly built dirt bike track.

SSgt Matt Pongrace- Got promoted out of the rank of Chief Senior Airman of the ANG. Matt deploys often and is one of most active LIMA warriors. He coaches LAX and rumor is wedding bells are in the near future; sorry ladies.

SSgt Keith Prochaska- The squadron’s most senior ranking Boom Beach and fantasy football hustler. In case you didn’t know, Keith joined us from our active duty counterparts, and is a huge Green Bay, Wisconsin Sports fanatic. He’s currently wandering around lost without Kyle.

SSgt Wayne Reid- You can usually spot Wayno doing one of three things: working on engines, buying engines, or talking about engines. He is our resident blue collar consultant and averages a new office job every two months. Recently married, next job...daddy!

SrA Dan Senechal- The squadron’s newest legacy Boom, and peppermill. When Dan isn’t reminiscing about his dad’s glory years, he’s probably sleeping on his dad’s couch or serving warm cookies for United Airlines.

SSgt Devon Skerry- When Devon isn’t burning down your neighbor’s house, he’s sporting “Flat-tops for Freedom”.

SMSgt Glen Starkweather- Had the "Hero Contact" this year as he helped to save an F-22 pilot from ejecting over Egyptian airspace. Other than that, he's been tucked away in TTF, mentoring young booms and dreaming of his new saw-mill in retirement.

SSgt Chris Storm- Most commonly spotted at your nearest Dunkin Donuts. Chris was promoted to Sergeant with the NH State Police Dept. this year and is the OG for their aviation division.

TSgt Nate Tarleton- Nate would agree with you, but he's afraid you would both be wrong. He recently sold his house and is quickly moving into the real estate industry (Look out President Trump). Nate made a switch into scheduling this year from Long Range.

TSgt Christie Tetley- Christie is happy to have her little brother in the squadron. She got the “Jet-Blue Fever” and will be attending flights out of Boston.

TSgt Sam Yeanish- Our KC-46 Simulator GURU. She is still contemplating her future in the medical field, but “enjoys” being the walking WebMD satellite consultant.

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“THAT’S ONE UGLY BABY”

The luckiest Active Duty Booms around to be at a great location and great people.

MSgt Terrell Frideger- Enjoys taking bad selfies, Cold Brew, Mtn. Dew, and living the bachelor life. Recently took an extended vacation to Moron, Spain. Also 157 OG SNOCA OTY? #what

TSgt Mike Culver- Mr. Ominous and mysterious. We think he might actually be a spy. Recently hired by the Pease Guard. Also selected by the almighty Air Force for one last vacation to wonderful South Korea... Air Force: 1 Mike: 0.

TSgt Jon Britton- Upset this year because the flight doc informed him that his Blood-monster content levels well exceeded the recommended levels. Jon balances this bad news with increased smoking, sarcasm, and more monster.

TSgt Charlie Adams- Nocturnal NETTF Boom, settled into a house with a pool. Not sure if he regrets this decision yet. If you would like to know what he does on a daily/hourly basis just add him on SnapChat.

TSgt Nate Bahr- Our very own Altus transplant, driving a dirty riding V6 Mustang driver. The love of his life is safely nestled away in Kyle’s old garage. Completed local MCT, and took a quick trip back to the AOR. Reunited and it feels... so good?

TSgt Matt Machala- Another new addition to the Pease Force joining us from Fairchild but be careful because he has a lot to share with you (he talks a lot). He also got selected to take a Fairchild deployment to the Deid. Looks like Fairchild wasn’t finished with him... GOT HIM! Fairchild: 1 Matt: 0.

MSgt Somkit “Kit” Chittakhone- This year Kit learned the life of being a real boom operator. He brings experience from the CRW, 10 years of MX life, and being a lowly KC-10. BOOM.

SSgt Hector Acevedo- The squadron Avocado. Still trying to work his way into the Guard, but he has yet to learn how to shop in the men’s section for pants. He’s currently updating checklists and iPads in TODO... we think. Good luck in the desert!

SSgt Shane McDonald- Came to us from MacDill and quickly got hitched. Got hosed into scheduling, needed a break, so he took a trip to Turkey.

SrA Ashton Rood- Came from Japan, and found comfort logging more game time than flight time. Assigned to the training office, and working hard to be an active member of the squadron.

SSgt Kyle Vanderwagen- What a better place to be single and ready to mingle than Altus, OK on his lifted golf cart, and brand new trailer home. The highlight of Kyles’s year was just prior to his departure, his coal rolling

Wayno modded truck broke down in the SF CC's parking spot. Lucky they got it rolling coal prior to it getting towed away by the CC. Better pay attention where you park next time Kyle. Despite this lapse in judgment he departed Pease in high regard. His OCD-ness will be missed.

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SMSgt “Buddy” Lee Adkins, Sq Supt – Still tiny, still buying a new car every 6 months to keep pace with SignalCoil, still has a broken neck. Nuff said.

MSgt Ryan “Santa” Clauss, Chief Boom – Put yet another baby in his wife because he doesn’t have enough grey hair yet. He’s currently spending his time getting rid of the stains that Larry left on the Chief Booms carpet. Bro, what's up with that mustache?!?!

SSgt Samantha “Gillette” Shelton, Executive Assistant – This former C17 load still can’t drink like a Boom. She also had the best excuse ever for missing OG PT, she forgot to shave her legs, Bravo!

DOT

MSgt Heath “It’s not a” Tuma – Always rolling around the squadron looking like someone just crapped on his chest, grumpiest guy we’ve ever met. Happily married again.

TSgt Bobby “Ampersand” Cash – All his gainz are in his hairy, plump tummy. He is a filthmonster of the highest degree who somehow has managed to make two babies despite his wife always having a “headache.”

SSgt Joe “Old Man” Wukasch – Joe doesn’t say much and he’s getting ready to PCS to Fairchild pretty soon. He just bought Adkins old lesbian-mobile and immediately had it steam cleaned 3 times.

(S)Sgt Alex “CMSAF” Esquibel – BUDDY!! Somehow can’t seem to escape Sowder’s shadow and had to go to CFIC after him (pssst Alex, it’s because he’s better than you). Also just tied the knot for the first time (there will be more buddy, you’re a boom and she’s a maintainer).

SrA Steve “God Damn Those EYEBROWS!!!” Rappuhn – This idiot enlisted despite having a degree. He also just got his wife pregnant, and once he realized how expensive his demon-spawn was going to be, he put in for OTS and got accepted with a pilot’s slot.

SrA Nick Sowder – Esquibel’s idol. Wore his best Payne Stewart pants to the Sq Xmas party, I really don’t think he much to drink that night. Ha

SrA Justin Pauleon – Our latest BTZ winner. Dating a British girl who told the Sq Super that her grandad also drink Old Speckled Hen. She’s a keeper.

DOS

TSgt Grant Ringenburg – This dude has the coolest tattoos ever, super awesome sleeve made of cartoon characters which we are sure violates his probation somehow. Also, in case you may be the one person reading this who doesn’t know, he loves to ride his motorbike. Vroom vroom.

SSgt Chris Shelton – Just upgraded to IB recently despite having a full schedule of gymming and eating. Somehow hit the wife lottery even though he has a haircut like Roger Klotz (look it up).

SSgt Jordan “Goose” Gese – Likes to knock back a few and then puke in children’s basketball shoes.

SrA Thirston “One-Hand” Noel - Loves riding his bike around base with one hand, looking all studly. I wish I had some dirt on this guy, but he’s just too nice. Best of luck at Fairchild buddy.

SrA Derek “Kutas” Peiffer – Took online shopping to a new level while he was deployed when he ended up with a new girlfriend. He may be first boom to ever want orders to Altus. Coincidentally the legal age of consent in OK is 16.

SrA Darian “I like to wait exactly 6 months between checkrides” Gent – Keeps her hair in regs better than her boyfriend. Does pretty ok work in the squadron. Pretty sure common law will apply to her and Borque soon, she does have the pre-promise engagement ring to show for it.

DOV

TSgt Justin Miller – The absolute worst fantasy football player in history. Somehow ended up with Icky Woods on his team.

SSgt Jameco “Tiny Sinbad” Edwards – Really hates hospitals so delivered his new baby in his living room. We put him in for an Airman’s Medal afterwards, but leadership sent it back with a big middle finger on a piece of paper.

SrA Avamoe Liagia – Has issues keeping her passport in her possession after a CruzCampo or 2. Getting ready to PCS to McConnell in the springtime.

SrA Eric Acevedo – Got his eyes fixed so now he can use Google to answer every one of his million questions a day instead of the nearest NCO.

UDM

(T)Sgt (What the) F Jervis – Yes...his name is really F. It’s a letter, just one letter, F. He is a good dude who loves to wear his hat just a little cock-eyed so it pisses certain SNCO’s off to no end. He might be the only white dude in the AF with a shaving waiver.

SSgt Kevin Satberry – He’s really looking for that right girl to settle down with and has pretty much remained chaste the entire time he’s been here. He’s always at Bible Study which makes him late for everything. He also broke his wrist from overuse. Been an IB for a year and has zero instructor hours just like his mentor.

SrA Kaleb “Borque” Gent – Mother of God where do we start with this one? He missed his test time for Staff twice this year (and still scored higher than Bernie). He is a constant FARM criminal. However, he’s finally showing up to work on time, but probably only because Gent makes him get out of bed first in the morning. He hasn’t worn pants in about a year, because Darian wears them.

SrA Malachi (UnBelievable) Epps – Came to us from Kadena with a huge GTC bill. Apparently they take those things at strip clubs in Japan. If this boom thing doesn’t work out for him (it might not) he can always fall back on being a failed rapper.

SrA Ryan “I’m Going Guard” Hortman- Trying to go Guard, best of luck.

A1C Jordan Barker – Our resident 40 year old A1C. Barker is so old when he farts dust comes out. Barker is so old he knew Burger King when he was Burger Prince. Barker is so old he walked into an Antique Store, and they kept him.

A1C Corey “Diggle” Marion – Talk about hitting the wife lottery! Good kid who always is at work and makes all of our lives easier. He doesn’t really say much, or do anything embarrassing so this is all he’s getting, this year.

A-Flight

TSgt Clint “LawDog” Laughman – Ironic last name since he hasn’t smiled since he PCS’d. There is Fast, Slow and then Laughman speed. Has yet to understand what this digital thing is and kills a tree every time he flies.

B-Flight

TSgt Christian Villanueva - Ain’t got shit to say on this one. Super nice guy that was paroled from the KW mafia.

Safety

A1C Jacob Bitter – This guy has been a solid performer since he got here and shows lots of potential, so we stuck him in Safety. That’ll teach you to overachieve.

RA

SrA William “2-month past due” Schott- Helping out in the RA shop and doing Pre-CFIC at the same time. Don’t suck.

FNG’s

MSgt Jon Adams – Arrives this week, can’t wait to see what he brings to the team.

SSgt Greg “Old Man” Webb – Paroled from the 92d, no more Snake Pit.

SSgt Kayce Miller – 1-Charlie cross-trainee. Welcome.

SSgt Juan Upegui - KC-10 Transplant. Life is looking up for him.

100 OG

OGV

MSgt Larry “El Bandido” Nahalea – Larr Bear just got picked up to be the new Ops Super at Shady J. The bathrooms there will never be dirtier. We will miss Larry when he’s gone, but not as much as the girls at Starbucks will when their tip revenue goes down 327%.

OGT

MSgt Jeff “Sparky” Sparks – Blinky is getting ready to move to McConnell for the 3rd time. He’s still working in OGT even though we don’t send any booms up there to do any actual training.

100 OSS

WING EXECUTION

(M)Sgt Tony “Achilles Can’t Handle His Weight” Montani, NCOIC Wing Scheduling – Never seen someone go to the gym so much and yet increase their waist line. In a running battle with Bobby “Ampersand” Cash for fattest gut. It’s a tie.

TSgt Augie “Upper Lip” Marshall – Augie went back to a single income household this year, but he’s constantly smiling, despite hating his job with a burning passion.

Chief SrA of the Air Force Kevin “Ring” Berneberg – He has Tinder AIDS. All he had to do was sign his name and he would’ve made SSgt, unfortunately, he F’d that up too. Damn it Taco.

TACTICS

TSgt Steven “Unicorn” Mertens, NCOIC Tactics – Had big shoes to fill in Tactics, but has barely surpassed the previous administration. Got married and hasn’t been seen since, we actually put a picture of him on the side of a milk carton.

100 ARW IG

MSgt Chris “Good Guy” King-We loved him so much we shipped him off to the Wing. I’m sure he’s doing crazy important things at the IG, we just can’t tell. MaEx anyone???

PCS’d/Separated

SSgt Chris Ramey

SSgt Danielle Repp

AB Sean Krier

SrA Rebekkah Tuma

TSgt Dave Thorsen

SSgt Catherine Norcom

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603 AOC



For those that don't know, the 603 Air Operations Center, and more specifically the Air Mobility Division is the "TACC" for EUCOM/AFRICOM. Here in the AMD we work directly with many foreign and U.S. receiver units and we are the tasking authority for the tankers at the 100 ARW in RAF Mildenhall. There are only three Boom Operators assigned to the 603 AOC at any given time, so keep an eye on AMS for job listings.

MSgt Justin "The Robot" Hunter: Justin is the Section Chief of the Air Refueling Control Team here at the 603rd AOC, which is a lot like saying he's the smartest kid on the short bus. He is an eligible bachelor, but he'll tell you he's already taken because he has a dog. Despite his awful people skills, Justin has the best work ethic in the office; second only to Clint Laughman, who had terrible work ethic! And in true fashion, our resident robot arrives rigidly to work at 0725, takes lunch at exactly 1100 and not a second later, then departs his desk right at 1630, while avoiding all contact with humans! In all seriousness, MSgt Hunter is leaving us for another assignment next summer, and his sub-par, low-brow insults will be sorely missed.

TSgt David "Moral High Ground" Thoresen: On the rare occasion he comes down from the moral high ground, he can be mildly pleasant to work with. His redeeming qualities are his relentless witty remarks and rugged good looks. Dave joined us from RAF Mildenhall where he worked in wing scheduling. He caught on fast to say the least. Since his arrival, he's managed to get 6 speeding tickets in as many months, and not in his speedy little GTi but his wife's minivan. He had to be counseled that unlimited speed zones only pertain to certain autobahn sections and not the entire country. Dave's mediocre work ethic is evident by his lack of desire to start any new project after lunch, if asked, he'll promptly reply "it's 4:30, we'll get to it tomorrow" regardless of the time.

TSgt Russ Hobbs: Russ has been with us for six months and has already been back to the states twice. Maybe he's having a hard time letting go of the USA. We gave him 30 days to inprocess and to find a car/house. But apparently that wasn't enough time because he spends most of the workday looking for new apartments to move into. After selling his CA home and becoming a multi-thousandaire, he bought a new mountain bike to fit in with the real Boom Operators (KC-135). Although there was no formal change of command, Russ has taken over as ARCT/Det 1 NCOIC (in charge of himself and no one else), formerly held by a one Clinton Laughman.

Departed (dead to us)

(M)Sgt Joe Johnston: Joe recently returned to Travis AFB (big change) to finish his career in the KC-10. His departure caused immediate anarchy, as he was our self-appointed stan/eval rep. He kept us honest with his

attention to detail and constant AFI/regulations references. To be honest, the real reason we hung out with Joe was for his wife CJ's cooking, JK... but seriously. He spent his days teaching TSgt Laughman rudimentary Microsoft Office processes while creating Excel masterpieces himself. Joe is an amateur golfer and a semi-professional home brewer with aspirations of owning his own micro-brewery one day. His slick-backed hair and his laid-back Cali persona gave a much needed balance to ARCT.

TSgt Clint "Lawdog" Laughman: Clint was our local source of knowledge for anything and everything, especially if it had to do with farming. Most of the time Clint could be found in ARCT/Det 1 furthering international relations. He was our go-to guy for anything related to Foreign Military Sales, and his slow, deliberate farm speak helped him navigate the multitude of different languages. One time during a work luncheon, Clint volunteered to pick up two watermelons from the commissary, and three and a half hours later he showed up with two uncut watermelons and proceeded to cut a few pieces for the commander and chief. He later explained to us, "Since I was at the commissary, I figured I'd get my grocery shopping out of the way, then I had to take the groceries to the house. Then I thought, while I'm here I'll just make myself some lunch" (before going to a luncheon). According to Clint we all had a great work ethic, second only to himself, but Clint knew the game and played it well. On numerous occasions he would take the afternoon off after either laying on the floor moaning of back pain, or explaining how he had to get home to finish building a permanent shed on his rental property, something to do with operating power tools during quiet hours. If you're ever in the restroom and you hear "Been farming long?" be at ease, it's only Clint, and you're in for quite a conversation. Lawdog left us for the greener pastures of RAF Mildenhall for his third overseas assignment.

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MSgt Jessica Elmore: Moved to the AOC from Altus, OK to become the Branch Manager of MSAS (WTH is that?). She has somehow managed to go on more TDYs this year from a non-flying staff job than in last 4 years flying.

TSgt Sandra McClard: "Sandy" showed up at the Coronet section with eyes full of wonder and a heart full of joy. Now, we get to see if her head is full of coronet plans. So far, she has been a Great American who consistently makes people awkward with her smile while on the telephone.

TSgt Matthew Nelson: Matt is one of the new guys at TACC. He arrived full of eagerness and was quickly greeted with copious amounts of mundane and monotonous work. Still the last guy you notice when you walk into the room since his volume knob has been "pulled and collared". Great things are expected in the upcoming year.

TSgt Andrew Valence: Showing off his new stripe as much as his new haircut. Andy walks around like he is the "cock of the walk". We haven't told him yet of his new duties of cleaning the parking lot.

TSgt Chris Nikonovich: Came to work at TACC from the Guard side. Amazed at how many hours a day, every day that AD works. Continuously finds the bathroom when needed, so that's a start.

SSgt Antione Nguyen: After the new has worn off since his arrival at the Coronet Branch, people are still asking who the new guy is. Showing up for work would probably alleviate this somewhat.

SSgt Matthew Scott: We have found out that if you stand close enough to Matt, you can hear Lynyrd Skynyrd. Flight medicine is baffled! Arguably, the greatest day of his life was when the Georgia Bulldogs beat Oklahoma.

TSgt Brandon McAnally: After a few weeks trying to figure out how to say his name, he is starting to do good work. Funny thing is, we also found out that he input a travel voucher for his moustache!

Mr. Mark Reuter: His wife actually climbed a mountain, he has milked that story for a few months now.

Mr. Erskin Glast: Still proves that if you do enough pushups, you never have to retire. Using his zest for life, he makes the shop better and better.

Mr. Larry Placide: One of the few guys at TACC that you never see because his is always heads down at work, or sleeping.

MSgt Dan Leonard: Working wonders with the new resident Army guy. Translates Air Refueling into "clicks and grunts" pretty well for a Boom Operator.

TSgt Alexander McGinness

TSgt Steven Porter

TSgt Marcus Mitchell

TSgt John Farmer

SSgt Joseph Deltoro

SSgt Clay Wonder

SSgt Jeremy Robinson

Moved On:

Mr. Mike Durham: Took his accolades to the civilian sector. Can be currently seen bouncing around the StL Lularoe Leggings store as a yoga pants model. Breaking the mold everywhere he can.

MSgt John Brooks: Currently living it up at KWRI teaching people to do things. We had heard that he made it to Oklahoma before realizing he was going the wrong way. This is still unconfirmed.

TSgt Levi Knepper: Left Active Duty and joined the Reserve unit out at Edwards.

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“Tanker Training”



(S)MSgt Mike Russell – Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-46)

Mike recently took off his black hat from AMC IG and joined the training team. He is kicking ass and staying busy leading the shop while getting qualified in two different aircraft. In his spare time, he trains for triathlons while dabbling in ten other hobbies. To date, Mike’s proudest moment was when he received an official Boeing badge. It’s most likely hanging above his mantle.

MSgt Lamar “Guidance Memorandum” Daniel – Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-135)

When he’s not writing or recording for his St Louis tour guide show, Lamar stays busy as the ONLY official KC-135 Training rep. Yes, this is a solicitation for volunteers. He is doing a phenomenal job keeping the office above water, balancing waivers, the ATS, Vol-1, and functional duties. Does it have carbs? No thanks. Is it bacon or butter? Give me that.

MSgt Bruce “Battle Staff” Berglund – Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-46)

He may be second guessing this whole 46 thing. As we all know getting this aircraft certified has been a long drawn out process with challenges and pitfalls every day. Bruce has jumped in head first writing directives and establishing training guidance. You can usually hear his Jeep bumpin’ before you see it... “just like the white winged dove sings a song sounds like she’s singing oooh baby oooh....said oooh.”

MSgt Daniel “I love this plane” Falucho - Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-46)

Dan will likely be a millionaire in his next job after he applies the snacko business model to civilian life. Aside from keeping that product movin’, Dan crushes KC-10 business for both coasts and maintains the VI, GTIMS templates, waivers, top side business, and just about everything else no one wants to do. Our office extraordinaire.

Departed

CMSgt Ben Cobb – Ben being Ben made rank the first time out again so they shipped him off to McConnell. He only spent a year in the office; however, he left it great shape for Mike to take over.

MSgt Justin R. Poteet – PCSd to MacDill.

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(C)MSgt Brett “feels like the first time” Prothe – Command Manager Stan/Eval (KC-135)

Brett arrived on station from McConnell less than six months ago when we found out he made Chief. Huge congrats to him! Brett hit the ground running by managing programs and going TDY two weeks out of each month for check rides and inspections; however, now he will be on to bigger and better things. As a bonus, I think he conned his girlfriend into following him. He will definitely be missed.

SMSgt Dan “Boeing’s Man” Beecher - Command Manager Stan/Eval (KC-46) : Wow! Boeing field! A Boeing badge! You made it! Dan joined us at Scott earlier this year where the hotel points and airline miles flow like the waters of the LA river. No more 1206s and Gen-Exs for Dan, no Siree. It’s brie cheese and Stella Artois from here on out. Dan is crushing it developing the MQF and Vols 2 & 3 for the 46. He’s a natural leader and is irreplaceable in A3.

MSgt Ken Essick – Command Manager Stan/Eval (KC-46)

Ken is the reigning expert in all matters KC-46 as well as his YouTube buffering skills in an internet connectivity limited environment. When he isn’t viewing Georgia Bulldog highlights from 1998 and telling stories of his glory days, he is picking apart Boeing guidance and educating their engineers. He is doing great things and is a perfect fit for the KC-46 program.

MSgt Kevin Hill – Command Manager Stan/Eval (KC-10)

He is currently doing his best Brett Favre impression, will he decide to retire or stay on the team for a little bit longer? Either way he is an invaluable asset and will be difficult person to replace.

(M)Sgt Sean Scott Command Manager Stan/Eval (KC-10)

He’s the newest KC-10 Evaluator in the office but is doing a great job!

Boom Stowed or Left Position

SMSgt Nate Hackney (KC-135): PCSd to Birmingham as the new Ops Sup. He did a lot of great things here except rarely saw him. We weren’t sure if he was TDY or just taking another personal day.

SMSgt Jason Prosser (KC-10): Retired

SMSgt Max Morkin (KC-46): Retired, deeply missed. Max loves staff work so much that he hung up his uniform on a Friday and was back to work the following Monday as a contractor. He still knows more about what’s happening than we do.

MSgt Rob Hansen (KC-135): Rob was selected for the enlisted UAV pilot program. Good luck! You’ll always be a boom at heart.

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HQ AMC/IG

“BUZZARDS”



MSgt Greg “Crease” Sanders – Greg, aka “G-Series,” got to the IG in March and we immediately had to let him know that he wasn’t at the WIC anymore. He totaled that brand new Camaro within 2 weeks of getting on station. Good job guy! MSgt Russell took him under his wing and immediately started the blue cool-aid IV drip. He kept telling him that he needed to be “in it to win it”. Even after Mike moved on to A3T, Greg still secretly wishes that he was in the office. Greg is usually the IG guy that’s hated by everyone during an inspection. He claims he’s just “holding people to the standard” and telling them that “their baby is ugly.” It’s called tact man. Greg has been doing an outstanding job and is an asset to the team. Keep up the hard work.

MSgt Randy “SLIM” Stinnett – SLIM arrived to the IG in September from the awful 3 year vacation at Hickam. His Chief Fitch hook-up finally came to an end. SLIM claims to this day that Chief had nothing to do with his assignment and gets mad if you bring it up. At least his story is consistent. He arrived and immediately got a week of “observer duty” and even received coin by the AMC/CCC as the “best observer in recent memory”. Randy reiterated the point that “you have to see the sample leave the body”. Most of you know that Randy loves OU football and has a major crush on the current QB Baker Mayfield. Randy chill dude, you could be that kids dad. Weird. We are looking forward to getting SLIM trained and on the road in the near future. Welcome to the team old man.

Departed

MSgt Kurt Hinson – Altus

MSgt Mike Russell – HQ AMC/A3TK

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108 ARS
HOME OF THE MID AMERICA MILITIA



1. **Chief Sammy “The Rock” Gerros** ---- Chief has planted himself well as the foundation of the Boom community here at the 126th as the chief for nearly two decades. It will be a sad day when he does leave. Granted, it will take a jack hammer to remove him.
2. **SMSgt Arie “Shonn” Latimer** ---- He finally made it to the Deid!! Had so much fun he didn’t want to come home. Mainly because his roof collapsed while he was gone. Also, he does seem to make good “friends” everywhere he goes.
3. **SMSgt Stephen “Scrappy” Butler** ---- More mysterious than Austin Powers. Not sure who he works for or what he does. We do know that he is in D.C. at least part time. We just hope his name doesn’t pop up during the next scandal.
4. **SMSgt John Reed** ---- Unsuccessfully trying to CLEP his way to a CCAF. All while being the anchor in Stan Eval. He skipped out of training at the mere mention of him moving offices, starting the 126ARW Great Boom Shuffle of 2017.
5. **SMSgt Keith “Wags” Wagner** ---- After spending the summer deployed, Wags has come home with a great tan, but has decided that it’s time to stow the boom for the last time. He is finishing a tour at TACC then heading to “126th West,” aka NGA, to spend the rest of his days.
6. **SMSgt Chris “Z” Zahner** ---- As his three years as a deserving airman comes to a close we will be sad to see him retire. I’m sure that Boeing will be glad to have him back all the time now. He can also spend more time flying his drone, funny he recently moved next to a bunch of co-eds.

7. **MSgt Nathan “The Tank” Moore** ---- In the 126ARW Great Boom Shuffle of 2017, Nate found himself moving from Scheduling to Training. He is really enjoying the slower pace. So much so, often you can hear snoring after lunch coming from his cube.
8. **MSgt Paul “Fusebox” Fusek** ---- No recent Fusebox explosions. Paul stepped up to fill in for fellow booms that went tactically DNIF during the NORI.
9. **MSgt Jameson Liggett** ---- Student at large!! He has been hard at work trying to finish his degree once he heard that age waivers are being granted. The pilot shortage is worse than we thought. Between studying hard and working at the 126th FTU in training he has little time for anything else.
10. **TSgt Kate “Gone” Lowry** ---- Working on the new tanker and being a new mother are two very fulltime jobs. After coming off maternity leave, she came back to Scott to get recurrent only to leave us for the WANG. Have fun WANGing out in Seattle!!
11. **TSgt Ashley Robbs, Hogman/Bradford (Rob/Ford?)** ---- Still not sure what her last name is!! After spending some time in the Deid, she took a job at TACC as a slower change of pace.
12. **TSgt Jamie “you talking to me” Castillo-Liceaga** ---- After a run in with a dude that had a little road rage, he has some street credit with the locals!! Don’t mess with Castillo!!
13. **TSgt Jason Wheeler** ---- Finally found another unit to take him. Not an Air Guard unit though, he had to go Army. Now he is Army strong and trying to come back to the Air Guard.
14. **TSgt Chris Nikonovich** ---- The newest coroner in southern Illinois. He went tactical DNIF for our exercise. When he finally got the boot off, he was able to make it to the Died to collect a little of that tax free money. Then back to TACC to enjoy that fulltime paycheck.
15. **TSgt Nate Smart** ---- After being married for a hot minute he has managed to escape for a week to go hunting and bag himself a nine point deer. His skills making venison jerky are getting better with every batch.
16. **TSgt Deker Lankford** ---- Brodek has moved to scheduling in the big shuffle and his communication skills are ever improving. He still likes to get the choir together from time to time at the VFW.
17. **SSgt Brandon Merano** ---- Still a roving reporter in southern Illinois. We see him more on TV than we do around the squadron, unless there is a good TDY.
18. **SSgt Kevin “Slow Reilly” O’Reilly** ---- Still a full time student. He loves chasing the coeds, hoping that the GI bill never ends. He successfully convinced Ethan to give up his AGR position and join him as a full time stud after a week in New Orleans.
19. **SSgt Richard Bradford** ---- Rich, the other half of the Boom power couple, has been working full time on a temp-tech tour.
20. **SSgt Ethan “Matt Lauer” Wheeler** ---- After spending a week with Slow Reilly in New Orleans, gave up his AGR position to chase college girls (AKA stalk them from the bushes) in hopes that when he’s done he can help fill the great pilot shortage.
21. **SSgt Korbin Hays** ---- One of our new hires. He walked in and made some great popcorn, so we gave him an AGR slot. There are no bitter feelings.
22. **SrA Andrew Fallert** ---- Another one of the new hires. He is still learning the ropes here; to include reading the flight schedule.

SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

906 ARS

SPARTANS



MSgt Anthony “President” Erdelac - Operations Superintendent

New to the unit from HQ AMC, you’ll know he’s around when you hear some quacking. When he’s not in the office talking about hunting, he’s on leave shooting things. Upon his arrival, he basically was the ruler of everything and no one knew what was happening....Scary.

TSgt Greg Bush – Stan Eval

Another new addition from HQ AMC world. He’s pretty under the radar, a true boom’s boom type of guy. If you see him on his phone, you can almost guarantee that he is on Draft Kings putting together the team that never makes him the big bucks. I think he’s still trying adjusting to life in a squadron without his best bro nearby.

TSgt Michael “Medical Mike” Fulton - Training

Our cross trainee from the AE world! Medical Mike is what you’ll hear people refer to him as around the unit. We heard he had an alter ego that went by the call sign “Magic Mike”, but we’re still awaiting for the full story on that. Being a Boom is a whole new world for him, but he seems to be adjusting well. Mike’s boss at home recently told him that he had to get rid of his Camaro and get a responsible vehicle. He can now be seen hitting all 4,000 RPM’s in his Tacoma....Sucker!

SSgt Bria White - Scheduling

Like many of Bria’s fellow millennials, she has taken to Sunday brunches with endless mimosas down in St. Louis. When she’s in the office, and that’s a big when.... she works the hardest at hardly working! Her plan is to commission and head over to fly a desk at one of those cushy “nonner jobs”. Hopefully she enjoys all the wing training days, and “closing early, for your convenience!”... Just like Matt Gore, Bria’s decided that she wants to stay in the SrA Mafia forever but the only problem is she actually pinned on SSgt almost 4 months ago! Problem is, she’s still wearing that SrA nametag!!!! Who knows, maybe she can get away with wearing it as a butterbar!

(S)Sgt Tyler “Turtle” Williams

Our latest instructor boom, fresh from Altus this summer. He’s been on the road to Georgia a lot lately, but not work related. He’s found the perfect way to seem as if he’s truly invested in Boom life for the long run while also planning on his entry into the real world someday. Just recently got orders to go teach the future Aircrew members at Lackland. Somehow, I’m sure he will add tattoos to his curriculum during his tenure.

(S)Sgt Lucas “Active” Tisol

Our resident go-to guy (read: he doesn't have an actual job so he just does whatever is asked of him.). He loves leaving work early to study for his PT test.....not sure what that consists of? During his free time, he likes to shoot things and worship his sweet, sweet mustang. He loves his car so much, it's a part of his Tinder profile; a package deal. In his free time he can be found driving for Uber, anywhere but St. Louis.

(S)Sgt AJ "Not So Golden"Avala

Our resident golden boy who finally had his bad day. We all knew the day would come when AJ would toss the blue juice and boy, were we proud. You would have thought he received a court martial by his response to paperwork that most likely isn't in his records any longer. He bounced back quickly and now is almost as jaded as his peers. Needless to say, we are proud.

SrA Joseph Brendel

Joe is pulling chocks for good, he is joining the real world next summer. He's newly engaged and ready to start his new life in Georgia. Come to think about it, he and Turtle will continue to see a lot of one another down there in Georgia at the family functions of their ladies who just so happen to be sisters. He was so fed up with the flying gig that it gave him migraines. So he's basically as useful as a football bat.

SrA Preston/Matt "Come At Me Bro" Gore

Is it Matt or is it Preston, the world may never know. Currently on a vacation from the squadron in the lovely location that is Turkey. Matt is the resident Bama fan. Between complaining about flying and yelling at officers, Matt has found enough time to squeeze in some volunteer opportunities to make his next EPR shine. He liked SrA so much that he earned it twice. He also has a connection everywhere, he says he can land you a job anywhere on the civilian side, but he has yet to land one of his own.

**77th ARS
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC**

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"
2017



A big "Hey Y'all" from the booms here at the 77th, Home of the "Totin' Tigers". We are the first I Wing, nothing has really changed at the squadron level but the funding control is now at SJ which is better & easier for use to fly & go TDY together. We continue to fly with mixed crews with our sister Squadron the 911th & on occasion we have crewmembers on each other's deployments. Active duty still finds a lot of reasons to have time off, although they typically deploy more. This past year our deployments have changed for us to unit deployments which is must better, although 2017 we will be deployed over Thanksgiving & Christmas & some over New Years. Hopefully the Reserves will keep us deploying as a unit. We have doubled our Boom manning with all the Pope hires, most of them have completed Boom school and some are on our current deployment.

Its official SJ will be getting the KC-46, should be getting it in 2019 sometime, maybe! If you're thinking about leaving active duty or want to come to a Real Reserve unit, give us a call. We still have some great schools like NC State, UNC, Wake Forrest, East Carolina, Campbell University, Methodist, Duke, and Meredith all within an hour and a half of the unit, this is a great way to go to school and still be a Boom Operator. When Y'all come over to accomplish your BOWST profiles Stop up & say Hi. If you have enough time we'll take you out for some Carolina BBQ & sweeeet tea!

Carolina Blue Skies,
SMSgt Barry Bradley
916 OGV Superintendent

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

A traditional Reservist here at Shady J Reserve resort. Her girls (Future Boomers) are getting big fast & are giving her a run for her money. She has 2 girls now keeping every free moment she has busy. Sena's goal is to create her own Tanker Squadron of all female Booms. Air Force Rules!!

SrA Sonya Alexander – Apr 15 - Present

She's no longer one of our Baby Boom's not even a new boom anymore, she has several deployments under her skirt. Home grown North Carolinian. Still working for the NC school system but currently playing hooky from school, currently deployed again. She wants to RULE the Boom world!!

SSgt Kijuan Amey - Apr 15 - Present

AS mentioned in the past he's from Durham NC, Amey got in a motorcycle accident last spring & got banged up pretty bad, He is currently going thru rehab, so please keep him in your prayers. Time will tell & heal.

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

He's still at Cherry Point Depot trying to make F-35's able to fly, as challenging as that is work has slowed down enough that we see him around more often. Still loving life on the beach with his ski boat, he thinks, he hasn't had

as much time to enjoy it this year. He hasn't tried to rip anymore limbs off either! He's always looking for friends to ski with so give him a call if you're on the NC coast.

MSgt Gregory "Scottie" Benton – Jul 17 – Present

He's a former Pope Loadmaster hire, just started MCT training as the unit gets ready to deploy. He's also following in the new Boom tradition of living in the Shady J trailer park. He's also one of our go to guys to get all thing done around the squadron. He also has a farm so he keeps us supplied with eggs & other farm fresh foods.

TSgt Roxanne Best – Aug 14 - Present

She's one of our young guns deployed again but with the unit this time. She loves flying both here & on the outside as a flight medic. She still has more energy than the entire boom shop combined.

TSgt Cody "Hair" Beverly - Mar 15 - Present

He's still acts like Active duty, it's hard beating AD is-um's out of him. He's still an ART, our Boom/Pilot Body scheduler. Still taking care of pilots every whim. Taking 20 class while deployed so he can apply for a pilot slot. Every week he has a new hair style for use to give him crap. He's still trying to figure out how to accomplish an IDT, TP, UTA, AT, RPA, all in the same day!!"

SMSgt Barry "STAN EVIL" Bradley – Nov 93 - Present

Barry is our group Stan/Evil "The Hammer" boom! He's been deploying & flying a lot lately, always looking for the next good deal trip. Still tries to get on every WEST PAC AE but he now has competition from all the new booms. He's not looking forward to GTIMS, since it's going back 3-4 years compared to PEX so he says, time will tell. Hasn't bought that new Harley to travel the world on yet, because his rental empire is still sitting empty & eating all his Harley dollars.

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

He's in Current OP's/scheduling, which challenges for him every day. Rich is trying to quit everything cigarettes, cigars, pipes, drinking, sex, ect. So if he's cranky that's not it!! The best news of all & the reason he has a smile on his face is that he just got engaged & she said yes. Congratulations Rich!

SSgt Christopher Davis – Aug 14 - Present

He's still one of our newest old Baby Booms, a previous Loadmaster. He's working in training flight helping Mitch keeping everything straight. He's following Mitches lead, actually it seems to be a Boom trend lately & building a house.

SSgt Rachel Cullen – Sep 16 - Present

She's one many of our newest BABY Booms from Pope Army Air Field, a prior Loadmaster. She's working in the Command suit helping out with all the admin stuff & helping the boom shop keep our heads above water. She's also MCT complete & on her first deployment to Turkey with the unit.

MSgt Keny "Dammit" Fallin - Aug 06 - Present

Keny's reign in flight Scheduling with Bonicelli has continued to present time. This is where he's the happiest & maddest & craziest, & just Keny. He's still the King of Trailer parks except for the Shady J trailer park but he has his eye on it. Keny still hasn't bought his next Corvette but he's a married man & the kids can't touch it, one day maybe.

SSgt Dan "FROSTY" Frost – Apr 17 - Present

He's a former 911th Boom that opened his eyes & came to the bright side the Reserve side, good to have him aboard. He will be a TR for now, maybe ART or maybe pilot slot. No other stories yet but I'm sure there will be plenty next year.

TSgt Brian Greer – Aug 16 - Present

He's one many of our BABY Booms coming from Pope Army Air Field, a prior Loadmaster. Be careful what you ask for, he wanted to be a trougher so he was detailed to help Stan-Eval with the iPad program. Well his favorite

word is now “CRAPPLE”. He’s currently deployed with the unit to Turkey & enjoying the break from the iPad madness.

SMSgt Flinttrell “Flint” Hamilton – Mar 16 - Present

He’s one of our BABY Booms coming from Pope Army Air Field, a prior Engineer. He didn’t have to deploy this year which gives him plenty of time to work on his new “HAMILTON ESTATE HOUSE”. Yes another Boom house building project, it must be in the water.

SSgt Nathan Horton – Nov 16 - Present

He’s one of our BABY Booms from Pope, a prior Loadmaster. He’s a TR but stays busy with us too, currently deployed with AD to Turkey but to the same place as the rest of the unit. He’s also a very happy newly Married man, so wish him well & congratulate him.

SSgt Ryne Jordan – Apr 2016 - Present

He’s one many of our newest BABY Booms from Pope Army Air Field, a prior Loadmaster. He’s one of our TR’s currently deployed with the unit enjoying his time away from his civilian job. Another Boom looking for a slot on the dark side, wants to be a Pilot.

MSgt Kristianjon “K2” Kankelfritz – Dec 16 - Present

He’s one of our newest BABY Booms from Pope Army Air Field, a prior Loadmaster. He’s one of our trougers currently deployed with the unit enjoying his time learning to be a Boom. No stories yet but next year.

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

Our newest ART. Wants to be a Pilot & tell the Booms what to do, which he has that part down as one of the body schedulers. He still really good at putting out fires, as a civilian firefighter & as an ART (not sure what he does as an ART but he’s here). He’s our newest instructor & he knows everything & instructs everyone.

MSgt Mark “Beerman” McElmurry - Apr 97 - Present

He’s in the Command suit helping with all things that are late, EPR’s, DTS, RTS, Training, Orders, finally a little bit of sanity. Still not making beer for the masses think he’s still hiding out from the Feds.

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

He is still drinking the pilot Kool-aide in training flight, soon he’ll takeover & run it the right way the Boom way. His Estate house is complete but he’s now house poor & will be an ART until he wins the MEGABUCKS Lottery. As the only instructors we have in training flight he will be kept busy with our all of our baby booms that are arriving weekly! Mitch is still our Building Manager since he can’t quit for the next 30 years or more.

TSgt Patrick “The Future of NASCAR” Muckey Apr 14 – Present

Muckey’s all done with school for now, he hasn’t landed his NASCAR job yet but all things in NASCAR come round. He’ll just be passing gas on a Military Race Track, if your jet needs gas give him a call. If you want to talk NASCAR or Mustangs he’s your guy, but he may only have 12.3 seconds to talk!

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

Chief Parris THE Chief Boom extraordinaire & program manager. Chief has sold all his toys & bought new VW’s with bells & whistles. He needs to start his own magazine “The Parris Road Test Magazine”. We can’t wait to see what’s next.

MSgt Bradley Pike – Jul 17 - Present

He’s a former Pope Engineer hire, just started MCT training as the unit gets ready to deploy. He’s also following in the new Boom tradition of living in the Shady J trailer park. He’s also one of our go to guys to get all thing done around the squadron. Stay tuned for new stories next year.

MSgt Jeremy “GE” Reynolds - Apr 08 - Present

GE is recovered from his deployment last year; except for their stock prices. He didn’t have to deploy this year so there should be an uptick in GE in 2018. He’s enjoying the time with the family & he always has a smile on his face.

Another boom that built his own "REYNOLDS ESTATE HOUSE". He's still drinking Kirkpatrick Herbal life Kool-aide, & killing the PT test. Stay tuned for the next seasons episode.

SSgt Thomas "Little Smash" Smarsh – Sep 16 - Present

He's one many BABY Booms that has completed MCT & currently deployed with the rest of the unit. He is telling all his Army war stories & how much better the Air Force is. We may be in trouble he's one of our pilot's kids & is trying to become one of them.

SMSgt Billy "Mr. Deployment" Somerville - Dec 00 – Oct 17 Retired

BJ still rocking the Cheery Point's heavy weight & balance guru position. He's was our Thursday night guy, our regular "when can I fly, hell when can I deploy next" guy. He retired as the Squadron walked out the door to deploy wanting to go too. Now that he's retired from one of two jobs he'll have more time to Rides his Harley. We'll truly be missed by all. Boom Stowed leaving position.

SSgt Noah Starnes – Dec 16 - Present

He's one many of our newest BABY Booms from Pope Army Air Field, a prior Loadmaster. He's one of our TR's currently deployed with the unit enjoying his time away from his civilian job. No stories yet but stay tuned next year.

SSgt Andrew "Ricky Jug's" Steuart - (Joined Nov 07) Boomer Sep 08-Present

He's a full time online student working on his degree for the 20 years, he still hasn't decided if he will be the next Presidential candidate or a street bump (Pilot). He still has a nice car & he hasn't blown it up yet! He still drives like he's going to blow it up but hasn't yet.

TSgt Kenneth Stoddard – Mar 15 – Jan 17 Retired

Just a quick stop at Shady J, he's retired/IRR. His Boeing job is going so well he doesn't have enough time to commit to this insane pace we now have in the reserves. He's the Weight & Balance guy for Boeing in SC, so if you want to discuss W & B he the one.

SrA Derrick Yelverton – Sep 14 - Present

He a full up, qualified TR boom & doing a great job trying to keep up with work & TR duties. As a former Coast Guardsman, he now's how to keep his head above water with all his TR demands. With all the Booms we have he managed to get out of our deployment this year which will help him to stay afloat.

OTHER NEWS 2017

SSgt Carl Sisco – Apr 93 – Oct 00 – Carl passed away in Oct 2017 He would've been 60 in November.

Booms of Yore & the date they were here

Listed by departure Date:

2017

SMSgt Billy "Mr. Deployment" Somerville - Dec 00 – Oct 17 Retired

BJ retired this year, still at Cheery Point's. Riding his Harley & working on is airplanes.

TSgt Kenneth Stoddard – Mar 15 – Jan 17 Retired

Still working at Boeing SC, so if you want to discuss W & B he the one.

2016

TSgt Adam "Shot Gun" Craft – Jun 14 – Dec 15

An AGR at Tinker as a test Boom.

2015

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

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

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

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

2014

TSgt Travis “Swine King” Swinson- May 11-Nov 1

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

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

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

MSgt Jorge “Habi” Brewer- Jan 04-Dec 14

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

2013

MSgt Lori “TDY” O’Connell- Sep 04-Nov 13

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

2012

2011

SSgt J.R. Bravo – Jun 08 – Jul 11 - He was one of our Booms that cross trained from the Sky Cop world. He has officially lost his mind & all common sense; he went to the ARMY Guard we think! Next chapter unknown for now?

2010

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

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

2009

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

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

2008

SSgt Rodney “Rowdy” Smith – Apr 97-Oct 08 – Now a MSGT - at “TWISTER AFB” (Tinker) as a Test Boom. Wishing for better weather to ride his HD. Rowdy in the past year has gotten married. The twisters missed have

been missing his house thank God. He is now trying to create his own car & Corvette Museum, Corvettes, Challengers, trucks, Harleys, we are waiting to see what's next. Stay tuned next year for more.

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

2007

2006

CMSgt Jerry Snyder – Jun 90-Aug 06 – Retired - is retired and riding one of his Harley's as much as possible.
TSgt Don Templeton – Jan 96-Nov 06 – Retired – Retired as a SMSgt, now working / living in the Raleigh area as a Computer Guru.

2005

2004

2003

SSgt Tony Parris – Oct 93 – Dec 03 – Went to Andrews AFB to become the Chief Boom. Returned to SJ in 2008.
MSgt Randy Palumbo – Nov 96-Jul 03 - Retired - Done retired. Somewhere in the USA.
SMSgt Rick Powell – Apr 95-Oct 03- Retired - Moved to Florida & living the good life in the Sunshine State. Still a proud owner of a Harley Davidson (we think) looking forward to do some riding in retirement.
TSgt Al Rigdon – May 00 – Jul 03 – Was a C-5 engineer at Martinsburg WV, not sure where he is now.

2002

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

2001

TSgt Betty Matthews – Feb 87 – Oct 01 – Retired – living in NC
SSgt Mike Harston – Jun 98-Jun 01 - is pilot Major Mike Harston now back at Shady J. no wait he left again he's back in the 10 world on both coasts, we think!

2000

SMSgt Ronnie Wade – Oct 85-Mar 2000 - Deceased – We have lost a great Boom & friend.
TSgt Kerry Vanausdall – Nov 87 – Nov 00 – Left as a SMSgt at Grissom AFB
SSgt Jamie Ward – Jun 88-Dec 00 - now SMSgt is at Scott AFB, IL
SSgt Carl Sisco – Apr 93 – Oct 00 – Deceased Oct 2017

1999

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

1998

1997

1996

SrA Corey Brown- Dec 91 – Jan 06 – He has moved to McGuire, back in the KC-10's.
TSgt Jon Calcote – Mar 93 – Jan 96 - Unknown

1995

SMSgt Andy “Virgil” Anderson – Oct 85-Mar 95 – Retired in Texas
MSgt Don Askren – Jan 86-Jun 95 – Retired – Retired as the McConnell Chief Boom.
SMSgt Tim Holt – Jul 86-Jun 95 – Unknown
MSgt Randy Rinehart – Jul 87 – Aug 95 – Living in Atlanta as an airline pilot
SSgt Mike Boozer – Sep 89 – May 95 - Retired - Chief from Robbins AFB Now living in Alabama
TSgt Donna Dobbins – Oct 91 – Jun 95 – Deceased –Was last at McGuire.
SrA Steve Dolan – Aug 92 – Sep 95 - unknown

1994

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

1993

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

1992

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

1991

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

1990

CMSgt Steve Fromm – Jul 85-Oct 90 –Retired – Retired from his KC-10 Boom SIM Instructor at McGuire AFB is now back in NC.
TSgt Don Gwinn – Apr 87 – Mar 90 - Unknown

TSgt Craig Shackelford – Feb 88 – Jul 90 - Unknown
TSgt James Dean – Feb 88 – Aug 90 - Unknown
TSgt Mike Kramer – Apr 88 – Mar 90 - Unknown

1989

TSgt Kevin Holmgren – Jul 86 – May 89 - Unknown
TSgt Mike Kibler – Oct 88 – Apr 89 - Unknown

1988

SMSgt Andy Miller – Nov 85-Jul 88 – Retired - Unknown
MSgt Chris Burkhart – Jul 86 – Sep 88 - Unknown
MSgt Dave Brock – Dec 86 – Jul 88 - Unknown
TSgt Mike Wetzel – Apr 88 – Aug 88 - Unknown

1987

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

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

911 ARS

“Red Eagles”



OPS SUPERINTENDENT

SMSgt Nixon, David Z. “Angry Elf” – He is now Mr. Nixon and is starting his new career as Chatham County’s newest Barney Fife. And yes, for now he is only allowed to carry one bullet in his shirt pocket.

BOOM SHOP

TSgt Simon, Kevin J. – Simon- Our resident KC-10 liaison, still can’t figure out how to prevent carpal tunnel syndrome.

SSgt Lackie, Casey J. – Our resident Not-So-Special Forces, has finally found a home outside of the KC-135, The CRG. All the stress of his training has had him pulling out what little hair he has remaining.

SrA Gac, Arturo J. – His speaking abilities resembles Ozzy Osbourne (subtitles needed) and is still in denial that his V6 Mustang is not the power horse that the dealer promised. He also found his new life-long companion, an emotional support pig with a certificate that is about as legit as his shaving waiver.

UDM

SSgt Gaughf, Taylor W. – With his enhanced new seeing ability and graduation of ALS, can be found reading through the UCMJ for articles to pin on airmen who make fun of his haircut. He is now happily married and finally living together after he was able to convince McCastle to move out.

READINESS

TSgt Coker, Justice R. – The only Tech Sargent known to man that can squeeze a dollar out of a penny.

SCHEDULING

SSgt Anderson, Drake C. – This 6 ft 200 lbs man of all men was gifted the chin of god by Zeus himself. He married SSgt Shelby Phelps earlier this year.

(S)Sgt Austin, Zach D. – There are two rules for Zach, don’t feed him booze after midnight, and don’t feed him booze after midnight. The price of breaking these rules could result in being on the wrong end of his killer Ju Jitsu moves.

SrA Shaw, Donald A. Jr – The 911th’s baby boom, both in seniority and in maturity. He can be found on the floor in scheduling kicking and screaming. Awarded SrA BTZ.

TRAINING

SSgt Eiland, Michael A. – The only person angrier than rocket man himself, can also be found conning fellow boom operators into really bad deals. If you see him, be sure to congratulate him on his wife's promotion.

SSgt Anderson (Phelps), Shelby A. – When she is not baking squadron snacks, she is cooking Drake's rear in the gym.

SrA Seale, Austin W. "Goldilocks" – Our newest of boom instructors, he can normally be found in SMSgt Nixon's office telling him that everything the squadron is doing is wrong, and that he is the answer. Needless to say, it took him three days of research to find out he was the wrong one.

STAN/EVAL

MSgt Pelletier, Alan R. – Rules the Stan/Eval office with endless conversations and short breaths.

SrA Carroll, Brayden L. – The master of shirtless selfies. Found out his \$35,000 Mustang was not as fast as he claimed it was when an F-150 beat him off the line. Van Diesel would be disappointed #CarrollkilledPaulWalker.

SAFETY

A1C Rodriquez, David JR. – Our youngest in rank, but old enough to get the senior citizens discount at McDonalds. He is a true anomaly, a short boom without a napoleon complex (Not Nixon).

916 OSS

(S)Sgt Saulnier, Stephen P. – A 4'11" boom with an ego 12 feet tall, which matches his fuel efficient muscle machine powered by a 2.0L 6 speed manual transmission, is enjoying his time in Current Ops. According to his last EPR, his key roles included "regularly fills in as Sq Sched, Trng, Stan/Eval, UDM, Safety, ADO, DO, CC, WG/CC, and the CSAF".

SrA Gradney-McCastle, Timothy A. – Still has not learned what personal space is, can be found touching his fellow booms and superiors.

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA
465th ARS
SHIT HOT OKIES



CMSgt Steve “Bif” Robinson Well, lets see here. What could I say about “Bif” that wouldn’t affect the number of alert tours I get. Chief Robinson fresh off of busting out of a South African prison for loos... err I mean having his passport stolen somehow (still working on a cooler story for him) is back home making sure everything continues to run smoothly, and add to his ever expanding gun collection. (looking for good deals on bump stocks if anyone has any info).

CMSgt Phil “X-Man” Brand Chief brand spends his days now channeling his inner wile e coyote to vanquish his washed up white trash reality tv star neighbor, as well as haggle with various internet companies to get wifi in the squadron finally. Oh and Chief, if your reading this, I need to update my ipad.

SMSgt Darby “Jose Darbo” Perrin A locally renowned homo-erotic artist caught the eye of AFRC leadership and received a plush gig as an artist for the Reserves. Utilizing time from his [in]voluntary sabbatical from the dating scene, Darby has had the opportunity to work on such distinct pieces as coloring books and skyscrapers, sometimes even airplanes make it on the canvas. These days you won’t find Darby on the flight-line or in the gym, but painting away to Enya in his immaculately appointed studio next to the condemned commissary. All are welcome to visit, but please knock loudly as he is often openly wailing on himself while enjoying his new virtual reality girlfriend experience.

SMSgt Justin “Mayo” Hopkins Justin is newly engaged, planning the wedding of his dreams all while being a traditional reservist and maintaining his own electrical business. In attempt to regain market share from Mr. Sparky, Justin fell short in an ill-fated marketing campaign as The Shocker. In an ironic twist, Kevin Spacey finally returned his phone call for a spokesman position.

MSgt Steve “Stubhub” Switzer Well, uh... This is awkward. We were actually hoping that we could find Steve’s whereabouts from another signal. It seems Steve is really enjoying his retirement, and who wouldn’t love building their dream house in the hill country of Texas and planning their next great motorcycle ride. If only he would show up to work and do that stuff when he actually retires...

MSgt Charles “Shatz” Dalton Shatz Dalton, is almost a real life airline pilot (you wouldn’t know it from his pay) flying for “spirit wings”. Although Chaz’s restraining order on the top floor of our MPF is still being upheld, he still manages to get the occasional night flight, although now we have to listen to airline pay and the automation on the A320.

MSgt Ben “FLAPS” Brent Our newest Evaluator, Ben is still distraught over Hillary not becoming our 45th president. When he’s not busy giving checkrides you can find Ben.... Just kidding, you can’t find Ben, especially if you have scheduling questions. Rumor has it that he is laying low and trying to keep as low a profile as possible in an attempt to avoid becoming the latest Matt Lauer.

MSgt Scott “Whistle-Britches” Montgomery Due to the low volume of instructor candidates, Scott is once again slotted for a CFIC slot for the 12th time. Scott even manages to take a break from hustling boost mobile phones and bedazzling his skinny jeans to build the occasional system brief.

MSgt Steve “Big Daddy” Stanton When Steve isn't busy teaching the okie “Fitness Workout” or the new booms how to properly build a KC-135 from scratch, he stays busy trying to complete construction of his plantation, complete with his indoor practice facility that he calls a shop and oversized tobacco field.

MSgt Sean “Mr Mom” Gilson Sean recently left his ART position to chase his dream of being a stay at home dad/crossfit cult leader, ask him about it, or don't, he will tell you either way. When Sean isn't busy baking cakes and keeping a clean house, he enjoys signing up for all of the best TDYs and then jumping off at the last possible second.

TSgt Ryan “Cornholio/Adam Levine” Cornell Resident apple fan boy, Ryan continues to grind away in current ops planning flight plans that resemble male organs and receivers that barley know what a KC-135 is. Ryan currently has a gofund me account so he can acquire the new iphone X, until then he has his army of children recycling cans for spare change.

TSgt Bobby “Blarby” Jackson – Affectionately known as “Blarby”. Bobby has learned thru much trial and error that a “real” girlfriend is not required. Some would say he has no standards, but in reality he has a very desperate standard. Has been heard thinking out loud that he desires to be an ART moving forward. With that thought we are quite happy for him, and are more than willing to provide your unit an underwhelming recommendation...

TSgt Dalton “Slingblade” Williams – Newest ART and NCOIC of Training (1 man office). Got to be the smartest hillbilly from Possum Holler Oklahoma the OKIES have hired. If you like banjo music, love working with wood, duct tape as your tool box and having sex with your sister's boyfriend you're going to like Dalton...

TSgt Michael “Robo-Cop” Moore The acting cameraman for Kaci's PearlGirls anonymous is also moonlighting as a Oklahoma City police officer. When Mike isn't “allegedly” shooting defenseless bystanders or running into his own car door, he enjoys practicing his karate moves on the flight line. He can also be found fishing at the lake during UTAs.

SSgt Shaylon “SHOWLIN” Ladd Shay is our resident Houdini, were guessing because he seems to disappear every time we go on a TDY, but were not mad because he usually shows back up with five guys, and sometimes it's the burger place. It took two years but we have finally got him a security clearance so now he can pull alert, two YEARS!

SSgt Dave “Morty” Brown Dave is our newest boom who looks as though he is close to retirement from that hairline, but is fresh back from Altus, he made the transition from rejecting travel vouchers to now complaining about the voucher process with the rest of us. Dave is finally nearing MCT completion and preparing to return to the finance world as a civilian. (only took him 40ish flights to do it! But hey looking on the bright side, he now has nearly enough hours to go to CFIC.)

Departed and Legacy Okies:

SSgt Tyler Sorrells (Land Baron) left us for greener pasture in REAL ESTATE

SSgt Steven “Selfie” Bowman (Seperated) future self-inflicted gunshot victim

MSgt Mark “McGoo” McGougan (10th Test lackie) SOON TO BE BACK “APRIL 18”

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

TSgt Jeff “350” Bass (AGR Tour 10th Test) SOON TO BE BACK “APRIL 18”

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

TSgt Michaelle Sallee (Chasing Younger I mean Greener Pastures)

SRA Rachel “Cable” Jordan (OG RA)

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

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

MSgt Kelly Witt (ART with Altus)

Retired:

TSgt Terry “Squirrel” Allen (Retired) Well technically never mind

SMSgt Marty “Crunch” Lochman (Retired) Newest Altus Sim Instr and with his history WOW

CMSgt John “Raging” Beasley Whereabouts unknown. If we knew, we’d be scared. (Retired)

SMSgt Rodney “Bartles” Sanders (Retired)

SMSgt Max Staats max.staats@tinker.af.mil (Retired)

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

SSgt Josh “Teen Beat” Holdridge (Separated)

MSgt Ricky Erwin (Retired)

Deceased:

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

TRAVIS AFB, CA

6 ARS

“VIS EXTENSA”



Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Travis Jones: He made the move over to Big Sexy from the 135 and has been doing a great job as the Squadron Superintendent.

Chief Boom

(S)MSgt Lucero Stockett: She's happy to be back at Travis after spending time in Lackland being an MTI. She will still break out a knife hand and put the fear of God in you. Best Chief Boom ever!

Ops Superintendent

MSgt James Cain: He just came to us from teaching cadets how to jump out of planes at the Academy. Always looks like someone pissed in his coffee.

Evaluators

TSgt Daniel Flenniken: Came to the west coast from the wild west of Texas where he instructed at the COE. He has been working as an evaluator and is always looking for someone to jump.

TSgt Chris Villanueva: He got moved over to OST but still manages to steal all the good TDYs.

SSgt Daniel Long: He got back from a 6 month CAOC deployment and decided he hadn't had enough of the desert and volunteered to go back out and fly a line. He has been doing great work as an evaluator.

Instructors

MSgt Jayson Brady: He is currently serving as the Chief Boom in the desert. He is planning on retiring shortly after he gets back. He has already mentally checked out.

TSgt Kenneth Cook: Only Boom that can bench 490+ and do backflips. Some call him a hero...I just call him Batman.

SrA Ralph Fleurant: He recently went through instructor upgrade and then immediately took a non-flying deployment. Besides that he has been a great addition to our training shop.

Line Booms

SrA Ryan Bayles: If there was a most improved award I would give it to Bayles. He is fully invested in becoming an instructor developing in the AF.

A1C Neesen Bristow: She recently got back from her first time in the desert and is ready to go back out for more. Ask her the sad story of a crews "AC" dying in the desert.

SrA Nicole Buckley: You can always find her in scheduling trying to steal all of the good trips. She has been a solid performer and we are happy to have her be part of the squadron.

(S)Sgt Andres Castillo: Been A1 since day 1. Spends the day walking up and down the squadron hallways with a paper to look busy. He will be going through instructor upgrade soon and will be a great addition to the training shop.

TSgt Lee Crawford: He came to us from being a sensor operator and has been a great addition to the squadron.

(S)Sgt Nathaniel Forrider: Hard working and intelligent Boom. Slotted to go to upgrade ASAP. Currently NCOIC of the Mission Resources shop. Holds Squadron record for shortest marriage ending in divorce.

SSgt Michael Gooch: He is the king of mobility. Hasn't flown since the first Iraq war but is still a great asset to the boom operator community and is over qualified for the Air Force.

A1C Andrew Hall: He always complains about never being put on flights and trips, even though he likes to go DNIF whenever asked to fly. He recently got back from his first deployment and is ready to back out for another.

Amn Austin Hess: He is finishing up cargo training and will be in the squadron soon. May or may not be Frankenstein.

A1C Richard Hudson: Trying to make BCGs cool but it's not really working. He is doing well in training and we are looking forward to having him in the squadron.

SrA Calvin Kim: He has been doing a great job taking over the new provisioning of the EFBs. He recently traded in his Acura for a Challenger but unfortunately it's a V6 and still sounds like a Civic.

SrA Austin Kinser: Our one and only western Kentucky resident. He spends most of his time either working on or driving his new Camaro.

A1C Haydn Munn: He is one of our newest fully qualified booms and will be heading out on his first deployment soon.

SrA Joel Perez: He may or may not be sponsored by Grey Goose Vodka. Proudly rocks his 1500 hours patch. He is the most sarcastic scheduler we have and he doesn't even know if he's joking or not.

TSgt Glenn Peters: His side hustle is flipping washers and dryers for a profit of \$25 a pop. He is a good addition to the squadron and is just happy to have a flying job.

SrA Peter "Pizza" Piazza: He once told me he built a formula one car...yet to be confirmed. He is the master of everything EFB and comm related.

SrA Tanner Piety: He is better pilot than most of the actual pilots in our squadron. He is currently our resident honor guard expert.

(T)Sgt David Pingleton: He came back to us from working over at TACC and will be great addition to our training shop. He is always looking for someone to play hockey with him.

(S)Sgt Zachariah Ploeger: Permanently chained to the scheduling desk. Spends as much time fishing as humanly possible. He will put you on a good TDY if you give him a protein cookie.

A1C Samuel Ralphs: He has been doing well in training and we look forward to having him in the squadron soon. Always wants to know “Who’s gonna do the what?” No one knows what he is referring to...from Alabama.

SSgt Jared Sanchez: Set the record for the longest time spent going through instructor upgrade. He has been running the readiness shop for years and has always done a great job.

TSgt Adam Sigman: Has mastered the trick of being a TSgt but flying more than any other boom in the squadron.

A1C Jordan Smith: Traded his mullet for a flight suit. He has progressed quickly through training and is one of our newest fully qualified booms.

A1C Patrick Tracy: Maybe one day he will grow up and look older than 12. He has done well in training and we look forward to seeing what he can do in the squadron.

SrA Rodel Ubungen: AKA Ubangen. Still the quietest boom in the squadron but a solid performer. He spends most of his time in the desert and just got back from his 4th.

SrA Mason Wells: When he isn’t fist pumping in a dark room filled with beach balls, glow sticks and sweaty 18 year olds he can be found watching football. He has been a solid performer for the squadron.

TRAVIS AFB, CA

9 ARS



As the cornerstone unit for Operations ENDURING FREEDOM and INHERENT RESOLVE, the 9th Air Refueling Squadron maintained a significant worldwide presence, ensuring United States objectives were met. During this unprecedented period of activity, the 9th Air Refueling Squadron flawlessly executed over 1,000 combat missions offloading 106.8 million pounds of fuel to 8,607 United States Air Force, Joint and Coalition aircraft over Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and the Horn of Africa.

(S)MSgt Justin Brundage: Boom Superintendent. Just returned from the land down under. Escaped purgatory A.K.A. the 6 ARS to fulfill his childhood dream of leading the 9 ARS Booms. Left California with no kids and came back with two. Something in the Aussie water?

MSgt Casey Cooper: recently returned to the 9th after a stint as the FTU Chief Boom. Everyone thought he retired three times by now, but yet he is still here. We are happy to have Casey back and working as the Ops Superintendent.

MSgt Luis Noriega: Returned from a three year sentence at Scott. Took over Training Flight and has been doing amazing stuff with our new Instructors and students. Luis enjoys long walks on the beach and going on extended TDY's to Mexico City...

(M)Sgt Joe Johnston: Returned from a three year vacation in Deutschland. Completed requal and immediately became STAN/EVAL Flight Chief. LUCKY! Joe runs a Cambodian child "work" factory in his house but he says it's all legal and he pays a fair wage.

TSgt Matthew Metz: Matt is the NCOIC of Mobility. When not letting you know you have to fix your mobility folder you can see him riding his bike like the Wicked Witch of the West around base. Basket and all!

TSgt Adam Ingan: Ingan escaped the CRW and lucked out to get the West Coast instead of "Magoo". Somehow Ingan was able to stumble into a stripe even though you can never actually find him doing work ever! He loves to fly and is always TDY or belittling the Airmen on XBOX.

SSgt Paul Santos: Difficult year for Paul. It all started so well. His man crush Tom Brady lucked into a Super Bowl ring and then it was all downhill. Paul volunteered for a sweet six month deployment to Qatar. His BFF separated from the AF while he was gone, robbing him of that farewell kiss. While in requal Paul got super surprise orders to Guam. We are all sad to see him go but enjoy his reactions and outlooks. We will miss you Paul.

SSgt Jared Muzyczka: Jared returned to us recently from the FTU. He is now THE scheduler since he is DNIF forever. Jared plans on leaving us and returning to the land of cheese within the next year or so.

SSgt Matt George: Yes he's still here but now he's a SSgt. Matt still doesn't want to be an IB and he used the 3 D's to expertly escape it. Between deployments if you can find him he's in the readiness vault deciphering all the stats from every sport around the globe and training to become John Clayton. Unfortunately, Matt wants to leave us to chase that dream in the fall of 2018.

SSgt Derrell Vann: In one year Vann has turned down OTS, become an IB, deployed, took over training shop, achieved EB status, and became a vegan.... Busy year for Vann. Look forward to great things from him in STAN/EVAL.

SSgt Spencer Ross: Ross finally couldn't avoid the desert and got sent for a few months. Currently a Training Flight IB and loving GTIMS. Ross separates this December and is looking forward to making it to the CrossFit games (it's not a sport).

SSgt Eric Williams: When he isn't hitting parked cars with a moped, he's deploying and trying not to sit at the scheduling desk. Eric is still trying to make it in the Rap game.

SSgt Nicholas Bertell: Nick is a new IB and immediately went on a six month deployment to Korea. Currently he is missing his boo Villwock and will reunite with him as a Training Flight IB when he returns.

SSgt Grant Villwock: Grant hasn't been quite the same since Durham left. He's had to face the reality that he can be his own person now. Grant recently took the plunge into marriage and also became an IB. Congratulations. Currently missing his other half Bertell.

(S)Sgt Andrew Miller: The 9 ARS Tom Cruise. Miller is a work horse that takes on every task and anything Villwock can get him to do. Miller is one of our new Training Flight IBs and is doing top quality work. We look forward to what comes from him in the future!

(S)Sgt Zachary Ruff: Zach is currently at FTU and will soon become an IB with his sights set on going to Training Flight (like he has a choice). Ruff got engaged and lives with his fiancé and 2 little girls. Our little Ruff is growing up so quick!

(S)Sgt Zach (Justin) Bieber: You wouldn't guess by looking at him, but he is the Squadron ladies' man. The Biebs is currently working at current Ops with IB school in his near future.

SrA Ken Grove: Grover is enjoying life at Current Ops. Other than that nobody sees him and we only know he's still a Boom because he remains current.

SrA Sergio Quezada: Cheese is our expert Awards and Decorations boom. We may have to call him Swiss Cheese since he finds every hole possible to not be in the office. Unfortunately he's leaving us in April but we love him anyway.

SrA Ben LeClerc: For some reason Ben loves being deployed. He said something about Aussie's in Dhafra once. Either way Ben does fantastic work as a SELE in STAN/EVAL. We also enjoy busting his chops daily.

SrA Jordan Taggart: Jordan is either deployed, getting ready to deploy or working at Honor Guard. Honestly, he's only been spotted in the Squadron one or two times in the past year. I know he loves being in Mobility (wink wink).

SrA Micha Elias: Elias is currently attending IB school. He still takes his jeans from women but we accept him and his skinny jeans. We look forward to getting him back in the Squadron after FTU.

SrA Cornelius Frazier: Corney is a Boom Scheduling extraordinaire. In his own mind he is the best at everything he does, including referring to himself in the third person. Currently working on getting his hours for IB school and butchering well sung songs.

SrA Terrance Robinson: T-Rob is our resident fare weather fan and Boom Scheduler. He will deny this but he is now a Warriors fan since his man crush Kevin Durrant decided he can't do it alone. I would say you can find him at the scheduling desk, but good luck actually seeing him there. T-Rob is another young guy grinding out the hours for IB school.

SrA Mallory Cook: Cook is another one of our SELEs. Unfortunately she decided to slum it with Loadmaster's instead of hanging with her own kind. Either way we appreciate all the hard work she does every day in STAN/EVAL.

A1C Brandon Nicholds: Newly qualified this year and haven't seen him since. I don't think he has a Squadron job because he is a master in the art of disappearing. Nobody seen him in over six months. Well done!

SrA Sean Wilson: Sean works in Mobility and spends his time doing folder reviews and deploying. We hardly see him but he puts in plenty of work in the Squadron and in the desert.

SrA Christiann Naylor: Naylor works in supply and is always TDY or chasing her runaway weave down the runway in Guam. Give her a call if you find it.

SrA Lindsay Collins: Just got to the 9th from the 6th. She works in Supply and we look forward to seeing great things from her now that she has left the darks side for the Gucci side.

A1C Mitchell Lambrecht: Newly qualified boom and is currently enjoying the other side of the planet. We can't wait for Mitchell to get back so he can show us his 1000 yard stare.

A1C Cade Yandell: Yandell is our new Mike Durham. Too smart for his own good. If Durham wasn't still alive I would believe he was possessing Cade. New to the MB world and we are enjoying his quality movie date stories (wink wink).

A1C Alexis Martinez: New boom currently in Phase II and working hard on his MB qualification.

A1C John Anderson: New boom currently in Phase II but apparently wants to become an Officer already!

Amn Odeilio Nadela: New boom currently in Phase II. Heading out on his MB checkride soon!

A1C Taran Lewis: Currently over at Flight Safety getting edegemucated!

Attached

MSgt Mike Smith: The initial response when Mike walked in after being a TI was Amn running and screaming. Mike made it out of Lackland and landed on the Best Coast. He went from a UB to OGV in less than a year.

SSgt Ryan Sickle: Currently watching a lot of Prison Break for ideas on how to escape the Wing Tactics shop.

Retired

SMSgt Jayde Langley

Seperated

SSgt Scott Ferguson

SrA Jimmy “The Tulip” Pascal

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AFB, OH

KC-46 PROGRAM OFFICE - TANKER DIRECTORATE

“INFLAMMARE PUGNAM”



Howdy from good ole' Dayton! We've still got ourselves 6 aircraft flying, and are in the midst of receiver certification testing, and eventually collecting sim data for the ATS folks. We'd love to provide some insight as to when we expect to field the KC-46 Pegasus (I know that's what you're all looking for!), but you can rest assured, when it is, it'll be delivered to the warfighter Ready For War.....DAY ONE!

MSgt Doug 'E Fresh' Boren – Another year, another platinum membership with American Airlines. Doug retired back in December and is now living the sweet life under the protection of the DD214 blanket in Wichita, KS. It isn't Texas, but it turns out he is trying to get a job with FlightSafety teaching sims on the -46. His expertise around here is going to be sorely missed, but at least now we won't have to hear about how someone parked their car in the designated motorcycle parking anymore, and that Red Kia Sol won't have to enter their vehicle using their passenger side. Smooth, Doug. Thanks for your 20 years of service and best of luck! “Boom stowed, and latched.”

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MSgt Lonnie 'FNG' Moon III – You read that right, a SNCO FNG. Lonnie is the new L-Rod/Doug/Carl in the office, only...he's flying the actual jet. Lonnie joined us about a month ago and is still hanging in his camper waiting for a house. Still too new to really have a TON of dirt on him, we just know he's not married to, or related to, some other L. Moon. At least, that's what he keeps telling us....? It's been a while since the SPO had a flying boom operator in it, so go slowly with him; we don't want him crying before he's been useful!

lonnie.moon@us.af.mil

Other Booms in the area:

MSgt (Ret)/GS-13 Barry 'El Rojo' Mayhew – Barry is living the sweet life at the CAG working for the 3-star. Who are we kidding, he ain't working a lick! He's even managed to grow hair back somehow...? He HAS managed to keep busy though, attending every concert that comes through Dayton and Huber Heights, while channeling his inner biker and shopping for a Harley. Watch out Barry, they don't come with training wheels.
Barry.mayhew.2@us.af.mil

SMSgt (Ret)/GS-14 Larry Strong – I never see Larry until it comes time for an ARSAG conference outta state. I've heard of him, but where DOES he work around here?

Boom Operator's Coin/Card Rules



1. Rules of the game must be explained to all new coin/card holders.
2. If a Boom has never received a coin/card, then they cannot be expected to play the game. This burden of proof is placed on the challenge.
3. The coin/card are interchangeable.
4. The coin card will not be defaced (i.e., drilling, machining, etc.).
5. You can be challenged anytime, anywhere. You must produce a coin/card within 15 seconds of being challenged.
6. When challenging, state whether the challenge is for a single drink or for a round of drinks.
7. Failure to produce a coin/card when challenged results in the challenged buying a drink or round of drinks. If all those that are challenged produce a card/coin then the challenger is obligated to buy a drink or a round of drinks. Once the challenged has bought, you cannot continue to challenge the individual.
8. Under no circumstances can a coin/card be handed to someone. This is considered giving it away and you must barter with that person to regain possession of your coin/card. You must "*ground*" the coin/card by placing it down on a flat surface. Then, and only then may an individual pick it up and examine it. This is not considered giving your coin/card away.
9. The person who picks up the coin/card is honor bound to place it back where they got it. You cannot be challenged while your coin/card is in someone else's possession.
10. A lost coin/card does not relieve the holder of their responsibilities.
11. These rules apply to any Boom Operator or "Honorary Member." Local rules can be used; however, apply to local Boomers only.
12. The coin/card should be controlled at all times. Giving a coin/card to anyone is like opening the association to anyone. It is considered an HONOR to be a Boom Operator and have a coin/card. Let's keep it that way!

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT ALBERT L. EVANS



SMSgt Evans was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans on 16 September 1933, in Eastely, Nevada. He grew up in Longview, Washington.

SMSgt Evans was truly a legend in his own time within Strategic Air Command due to his skill and expertise as a boom operator. He began his military career as an airborne radio operator on KC-97 aircraft. In 1952 he retrained as a boom operator. He held command and base levels positions as an instructor, evaluator, program manager, as well as a CCTS instructor and CEVG evaluator. SMSgt Evans, or 'Spike,' as he was often called, distinguished himself in dedicated and unselfish service to his fellow boom operator. Described by his comrades as a "Professional NCO," he was a friend to the young boom operator, and was never too busy to lend a hand or provide his much-revered advice. He was gentle when called for, but tough when required, and he always wore a smile.

A devoted family man, he married his wife Irene while serving at Turner AFB, Georgia in 1955. His assignments included Turner AFB, Georgia; MacDill AFB, Florida; Kindey AFB, Bermuda; Loring AFB, Maine; Castle AFB, California; K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan and Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

SMSgt Evans' decorations include the Air Medal, AF Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Army Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster; AF Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters; Combat Readiness Medal, AF Longevity Award with five oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Vietnam Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; AF Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon.

SMSgt Evans was fatally injured in a KC-135 mishap at Castle AFB, CA in September, 1979. He was survived by his daughters Pat Fanconi (deceased), Dawn Kinney of Merced, CA, Laurie Evans Smith and Cathy Evans-Jantz of Ceres, CA. Also surviving was his father, Mr. Carl Evans (deceased) of Longview, WA, his brothers Paul Evans from Sacramento, CA, and Richard Evans (deceased) from Longview, WA his eight

grandchildren Jamie and Jason Fanconi, Christopher Kinney, Ryan and Tyler Smith, Joshua, Jordan and Chad Evans-Jantz, nine great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Albert L. Evans award was originally established in 1980 in memory of SMSgt Albert L. Evans, a pioneer in the history of SAC's air refueling operations. The purpose of the award was to annually recognize, on a rotational basis, the most outstanding boom operator section within the Strategic Air Command based on the collective accomplishments and professional qualities, sustained excellence, contributions, improvements, air refueling safety record, and problems overcome throughout the rating period of 1 January through 31 December each year. When the Air Force re-organized in the early 1990's, many SAC-era awards were discontinued, including the Al Evans award.

In early 2000, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force received an e-mail from Mr. Dick Evans, Al's brother. He inquired about the status of the award, and wondered if it was still awarded annually. Sadly, the Al Evans award was no longer being awarded and the Evans family asked if the trophy could be returned to the family, unfortunately the trophy was never located. Boom Operators on the AMC staff understood our rich history and traditions in the boom operator community. The importance of the award was not lost on them so they discussed re-establishing this prestigious award, with the AMC Boom Operator Career Field Manager CMSgt Dan Mongeon leading the charge. After a twelve year absence, the SMSgt Albert L. Evans Award was reinstated in 2001. The SMSgt Albert L. Evans trophy is awarded annually at the Boom Operators Symposium in his honor.

SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980 -- 920 ARS, 379 BW, Wurtsmith AFB, MI

1981 -- 46 ARS, 410 BW, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI

1982 -- 906 ARS, 5 BW, Minot AFB, ND

1983 -- 71 ARS, 2 BW, Barksdale AFB, LA

1984 -- 906 ARS, 5 BW, Minot AFB, ND

1985 -- 41 ARS, 416 BW, Griffiss AFB, NY

1986 -- 43 ARS, 92 BW, Fairchild AFB, WA

1987 -- 32 ARS, 2 BW, Barksdale AFB, LA

1988 -- 909 ARS, Kadena AB, Japan

1989 -- 6 ARS, 22 ARW, March AFB, CA

1990 -- 305 ARS, 305 ARW, Grissom AFB, IN

1991 - 2000 -- Award Idle, No Recipients

2001 -- 384 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

2002 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2003 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2004 -- 99 ARS, 19 ARG, Robins AFB, GA

2005 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2006 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2007 -- 99 ARS, 19 ARW, Robbins AFB, GA

2008 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2009 -- 384 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

2010 -- 54 ARS, 97 AMW, Altus AFB, OK

2011 -- 344 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

2012 -- 351 ARS, 100 ARW, RAF Mildenhall, UK

2013 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2014 -- 9 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

2015 -- 351 ARS, 100 ARW, RAF Mildenhall, UK

2016 -- 418 FLTS & 370 FLTS, Edwards AFB, CA

2017 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA

Boom Memorial Names

KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

7-Jul-51 TSGT HENRY H. HILL
7-Jul-51 ILT JACK W. KERN
7-Jul-51 CPL REGINALD F. RUSSELL
7-Jul-51 SSGT SCOTT L. WALLACE
10-Jul-53 SGT WALTER F. OLSEN
26-Dec-56 TSGT THURMAN RANIER
10-Jan-57 TSGT EDWARD C. CLEMONS
10-Jan-57 SSGT MICHAEL B. MCINTOSH
2-Feb-57 MSGT LAWRENCE M. GRIGORY
2-Feb-57 A2C ARTHUR B. KOSIER
2-Feb-57 A3C FRANKLIN D. SCHWEIGERT

KB-50 SUPERFORTRESS

13-Mar-57 A2C ROBERT E. CRAIG
13-Mar-57 A2C BILLY B. ROSE
8-May-57 SSGT THOMAS E. O'CONNOR
8-May-57 A3C DONALD E. COSPER
13-Aug-58 A2C FRANCIS C. HERMANC, JR.
13-Aug-58 SSGT NORBERT T. KNULTY
22-Jan-59 A2C IGNACIO W. SANCHEZ
22-Jan-59 TSGT WAYNE M. SOUDER
4-Aug-59 A2C THOMAS M. PAYTON
18-Oct-60 SSGT HARDIN A. BAILEY
18-Oct-60 A2C THOMAS J. LANE
18-Oct-60 A3C MICHAEL W. MILLER
5-Mar-61 SSGT HAROLD D. MEEUSEN
5-Mar-61 A2C CLIFTON C. TABOR
8-Jan-62 A2C PAUL M. CLAWSON
8-Jan-62 A2C CARLTON A. LINK
8-Jan-62 SSGT BILLIE D. MOORE
9-Feb-62 A1C GUY L. POWELL
9-Feb-62 A2C RALPH E. REUTZEL
20-Dec-62 SSGT ROBERT T. CRAIG
20-Dec-62 SSGT JAMES R. HAYES
13-Aug-64 SSGT WALTER B. HICKMAN, JR.
13-Aug-64 SSGT CAREY A. LIVINGSTON

KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

9-Nov-51 SGT JAMES A. MAINS
27-Jun-54 A1C DAVID ARAMBULA
27-Jun-54 SSGT ROBERT O. GONZALES
27-Jun-54 SSGT VINCENT PROVENZANO
23-Feb-55 SSGT ROBERT E. ROSENCRANCE
23-Feb-55 A2C CHARLES J. SITFA
4-May-55 A1C MARVIN R. DEVRIES
4-May-55 A1C JOSEPH L. PRIDGEN
13-Jul-55 SSGT GEORGE R. MIGNOSA
13-Jul-55 SSGT MARVIN F. RUSK

25-Apr-56 SSGT DONALD S. DELPRIORE
 25-Apr-56 A2C JURI E. JOONAS
 25-Apr-56 SSGT KENNETH E. VANPATTON
 26-Jun-56 TSGT BARDEL A. CRUM
 26-Jun-56 SSGT ROBERT L. WALLACE
 6-Jul-56 A2C WILLIAM L. FALCONER
 22-Jan-57 SSGT JOEL V. BLACKWELL
 22-Jan-57 SSGT RAYMOND E. NOAH
 18-Jul-57 SSGT JACKIE J. JAMERSON
 29-Oct-57 TSGT RONALD E. RUBLE
 12-Nov-58 MSGT CURTIS W. KING
 12-Nov-58 A2C JOHN M. SCSEBBAK
 22-Jul-59 TSGT JAKE SCHMIDT
 30-Mar-60 SSGT SHIRLEY D. RENNER
 27-Jun-60 TSGT ROBERT P. COSTELLO
 28-Feb-61 SSGT ERNEST J. LEMOINE
 5-Nov-64 SSGT GERALD W. SHULTZ
 19-Dec-64 TSGT JAMES R. BILL

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27-Jun-58 MSGT DONALD H. GABBARD
 25-Nov-58 TSGT RONALD L. CHAMPION
 31-Mar-59 TSGT HERMAN A. CLARK
 15-Oct-59 SSGT PAUL R. THOMASSON
 3-Feb-60 SSGT GEORGE W. SHORT
 9-May-62 SSGT WALLACE R. ADAMS
 10-Sep-62 TSGT JOHN L. DUNCAN
 10-Sep-62 TSGT KENNETH A. QUINN
 27-Feb-63 TSGT DANIEL C. CAMERON
 21-Jun-63 MSGT DANIEL F. DONAHUE
 28-Aug-63 MSGT CARL H. BURRIS
 28-Aug-63 TSGT RAY L. FISH
 8-Jul-64 SSGT ROBERT L. GRAVES
 4-Jan-65 SSGT JIMMY TARDIE
 16-Jan-65 SSGT REGINALD R. WENT
 26-Feb-65 MSGT CAREY W. ADDISON JR.
 3-Jun-65 TSGT LESTER M. ALLSOP
 17-Jan-66 MSGT LLOYD POTOLICCHIO
 17-May-66 TSGT HARRY L. ALEXANDER
 19-May-66 SSGT CHARLES E. STUART
 19-Jan-67 MSGT ORVILLE MONTGOMERY
 17-Jan-68 TSGT CHARLES C. CHAPLIN
 30-Jul-68 SGT CHARLES A. OLVIS JR.
 30-Jul-68 SSGT HURSCHEL D. PRIDDY
 2-Oct-68 TSGT EARL B. ESTEP JR.
 22-Oct-68 SMSGT HOWARD B. BERGE
 19-Dec-69 SMSGT HOWARD G. BENFORD
 3-Jun-71 SSGT RICHARD D. ROUSER
 13-Jun-71 TSGT HUBERT MILES JR.
 13-Mar-72 SGT BRUCE J. KLAVERKAMP
 25-Mar-75 SMSGT JACKIE V. EGBERT
 7-Dec-75 SGT DAVID M. WANDEL
 6-Feb-76 SSGT LLOYD D. BAKER
 26-Sep-76 TSGT GARY L. CARLSON
 19-Sep-79 SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS

13-Mar-82 TSGT DONALD J. PLOUGH
19-Mar-82 MSGT RICHARD A. CROME
27-Aug-85 TSGT CLAUDE F. ARDEN
27-Aug-85 SSGT DESIREE LOY
17-Jun-86 SSGT QUINN L. DEWITT
13-Mar-87 SSGT RODNEY S. ERKS
13-Mar-87 SMSGT PAUL W. HAMILTON
11-Oct-88 A1C ROBERT L. PARHAM
20-Nov-88 MSGT JAMES L. BORLAND
31-Jan-89 CAPT ROBERT LEWELLYN
31-Jan-89 SSGT DAVID VICKERS
20-Sep-89 MSGT CHERYL HELGERMAN
20-Sep-89 MSGT WILLIAM J. MALICO
4-Oct-89 A1C JACK D. CUPP
19-Nov-97 MSGT ROBERT "TUG" MCGRAW
13-Jan-99 TSGT RICHARD D. VISINTAINER
03 May 13 TSGT HERMAN "TRE" MACKEY

***ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER***

27-Aug-56 A1C WILLIAM R. DENNIE Jr.
27-Aug-56 A3C RICHARD A. RIDLON

***ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS***

8-Apr-54 A2C FREDERICK L. MARSHALL
8-Apr-54 A2C WAYNE D. WHITSELL

THE BOOMER'S PRAYER

MAY THE WEATHER BE SMOOTH AND THE BOW WAVE SLIGHT,
MAY THE RECEPTACLE BE LARGE AND HAVE A PLETHORA OF LIGHTS.

MAY CARGO AND PAX BE NOT ABOARD,

MAY WE NEVER HAVE TO USE THE PARACHUTE RIPCORD.

THIS WE ASK FROM THE POWER ABOVE,

JUST LET US DO WHAT ALL BOOMER'S LOVE.

TO DIRECT THE BOOM WITH PRECISION, AND A TOUCH THAT IS SLIGHT,

TO GET THE CUSTOMER ENOUGH GAS TO FINISH THEIR FLIGHT.

OR TO SIMPLY PUT IT,

SO WE CAN JUST ILLUMINATE THE "BOOM ENGAGED LIGHT".

PATRICK QUAID, MSGT, 1997, ILANG RETIRED