



The Boom Signal

Fellow Boom Operators,

Thank you for making 2018 another outstanding year. Continually, anyone with a background in tankers can see how busy we are by watching the news. Booms around the world provided POTUS support, disaster relief, refueled conflicts in the Middle East, and executed countless coronets, AE missions, and hours of alert. At home, we stayed busy focusing on technical skills such as MITO, chemical defense operations, cargo loading, and integrated missions. Despite this, we continued to develop professionally and personally.

The cover of this year's edition features a photograph from the first KC-46 delivery ceremony at McConnell AFB. Though it occurred this year on 25 January 2019, it wouldn't have been possible without professionals everywhere completing testing, writing guidance, conducting training, and getting the airfield ready. The work of the last few years brought us the Pegasus in 2019.

As we look to the future, we'll no doubt see continued changes. Though some of these initiatives may change, cancel, or return, I know our career field is always ready and tackles challenges when required.

Thank you for serving our great nation, answering the call of duty, and taking care of the Airman to your left and your right. As always, no one kicks ass without tanker gas!

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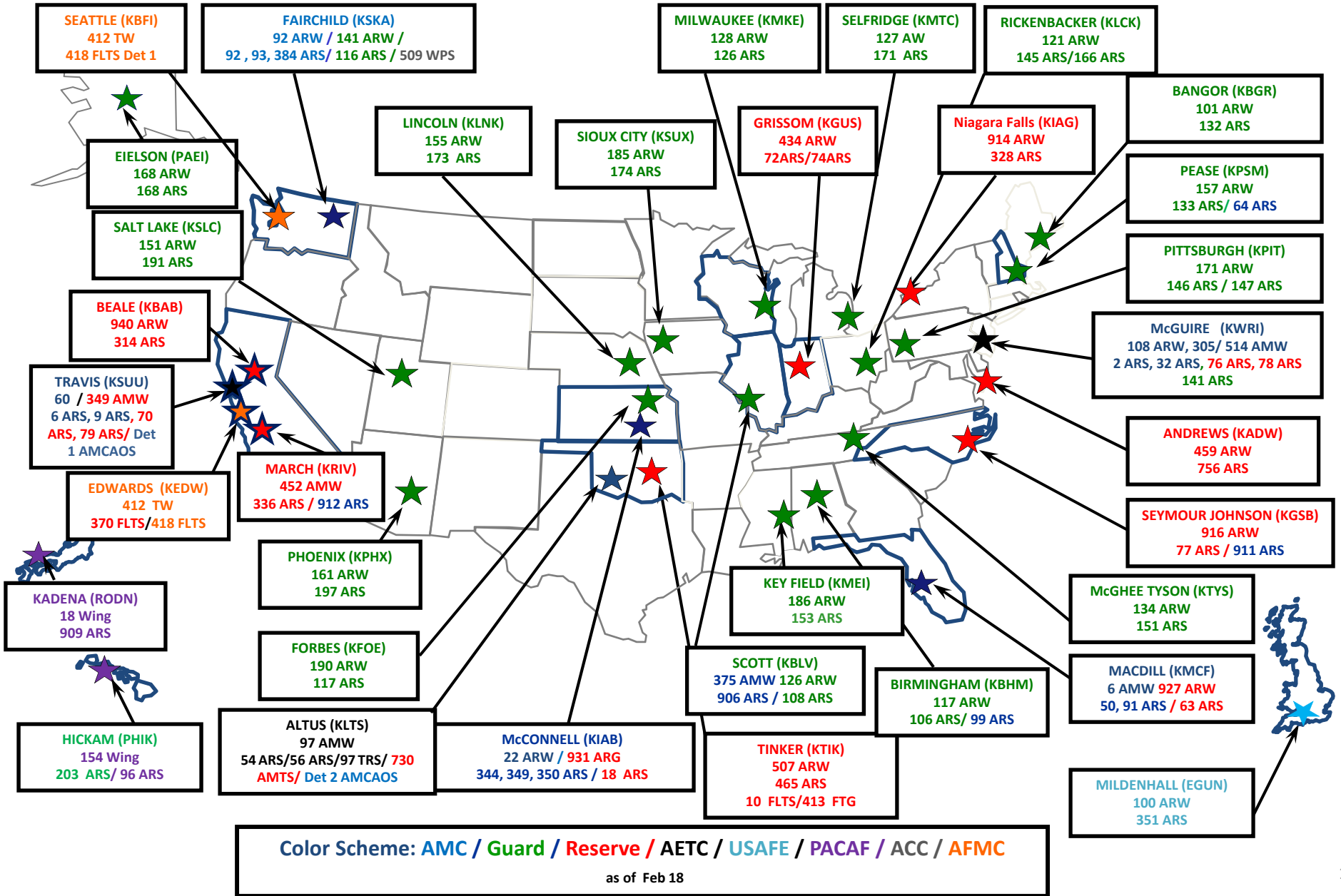
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The Boom Signal Editor

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

54 ARS

“JESTERS”



SMSgt Jacob Dieter (Operations Superintendent): Counting down the years for retirement so he can happily be employed by his wife.

MSgt Earl Mayhew (Operations Support Superintendent): Earl is retiring to join the civilian world for fear of hurting others feelings.

TSgt Paul “aka Read a Book” McIntyre (First Sergeant): Prides himself on being the Bluest Air Force member who ever lived. Only person I know who carries the Brown, Blue, and the infamous Green books in his flight suit pockets.

Scheduling

TSgt Ezekiel “Spirit” Brito (NCOIC): Always walks around saying he doesn’t trust anyone without a mustache. Will be the first one to call you out for not flying enough even though he can’t maintain his own flying numbers of last year. Nothing but EPRs and fine tuning the schedule for his remaining Altus tour.

TSgt Kyle VanderWagen: King of the Fam Camp and Oklahoma’s most eligible bachelor.

SSgt Anthonie “Mr. Salty” Owens: Chiefs #1 go to for High Vis opportunities. One would almost say he is being groomed for life in the political realm. Owens as a Chief; let’s see ‘CMSgt Anthonie “Mr. Salty” Owens’. I don’t know, can the Air Force use another salty chief??? Also the secondary half of the infamous Owens Clan.

SSgt John “aka VR” Garcia: When he’s not hosting his own Pool tournaments, he’s exploring the inter-webs through his VR. Be careful if you explore after him, the controller might be a little sticky.

SSgt Jan “Crusher” Perez-Fontanez: Only person I know who’s spoken English gets better the drunker he gets. I wonder if there is a way to market this new found discovery to the average consumer.

Standardization & Evaluations

TSgt Fred Beacham (NCOIC): Quiet and mysterious, looking to become an Officer in the near future.

TSgt Derek Lyles (Outbound NCOIC): Finally lifted the curse of attracting CRAZIES. There really is a god! Also finally received his freedom papers out of Altus. Back to McConnell for this guy.

TSgt Katherine “Mrs. Salty” Owens: Don’t talk to me until I finish my coffee and the happy pills kick in. Primary half of the infamous Owens Clan that roams the halls of the 54th.

SSgt Alex Orr: Jack of all trades. On track for Airman of the Year every year.

Central Flight Instructor Course

TSgt Mike “aka Broke Back” Weidman (NCOIC): Once held the record for most flying hours, now he is working on his chair hours. Definition of CHAIR FORCE! Thanks a lot Mike.

TSgt Brandon Roberts: Heading over to England soon, looking forward to a new adventure for his family.

TSgt Greg “aka I need my hours” Albers: USAF poster boy! Recently won AETC’s most flying hours. Goes perfectly with his other accomplishment of single handedly keeping the local Applebee’s in business.

Training Superintendent

MSgt Sam Converse: Proud mother of a new boy, she is better known for her annual Sangria Saturday events. Many have found out the hard way that you should not take her concoction lightly, especially the rum infused fruit.

Faculty Training Management

TSgt Serjev Ficeli (NCOIC): Keeps buying vehicles and toys that break down. 2 cars, 2 motorcycles and 1 boat later he finally decided that a house was a better investment. Had to sell off all his toys he just fixed in exchange for a roof over his head.

TSgt Steve Doswell: When you see him, ask him what it takes or what you have to eat to produce skid marks in your flight suit on your way to work. Not to mention the shrimp incident. #imgonnabealittlelatetowork #codebrown

TSgt Andrew “Fall Out Boy” Lavender: Made Tech this year and immediately volunteered for NCOA, just so he can fight everyone for the Levitow Award. Cross Fit gains won't get you the award!

Student Training Management

TSgt Jason “aka CF” Duckett (NCOIC): Five foot eight, one hundred and seventy pounds soaking wet, squats four hundred pounds and runs a mile-and-a-half in 9 minutes and 30 seconds. Works out on Fort Sill showing Soldiers how Airmen do it!

MSgt Terrell “Digger” aka “Fridge” Frideger: I have never seen this guy without a Mountain Dew can in his hand.

MSgt Joe Royer: Showed up to Altus and thought he was good at foosball. Turns out he wasn't tall enough to reach the sticks.

TSgt Darrin Lafever: Jumped at the chance to come to Altus and teach students, so much so he totaled his truck to get here. If that's not dedication...I don't know what is.

TSgt Mike “Jason” Voorhees: Recently arrived from the Land of the Rising Sun. He is in for some culture shock, lol.

SSgt Logan “Porn Stash” Lord: All smiles, all the time. Which is creepy, especially with his mustache. However if you need a computer to hack into NORAD...he's your guy.

SSgt Dan “Good Deal” Childress: Once more data has been compiled we will have more to say. Still waiting to hear back from his first student. We might need to re-engage; it's been about a year and a half now.

SSgt Joe “aka Sweaty Palms” Cadwallader: His palms are sweaty, knees weak, arms are heavy, there's vomit on his sweater already. Joe has to sing that to himself every time he goes to teach because the students scare him. #AMPUPMUSIC

SSgt Jake Dunsmore: Recently arrived, and set the record for new-arrival to full-up FTU IB duty, unfortunately he only has about 6 months left before pulling chalks. DD Form 214 just can't come quick enough.

Tactics

TSgt Don “aka Double D” Dedon (NCOIC): Holds the record for the most non-rec'd students per capita. We've started to get calls from the MAF begging us to use another instructor.

Support and Readiness

TSgt Spencer Balcom (NCOIC): By far the oldest 20 something looking boom in the Air Force. So much so, he bought a Corvette not long after arriving. Might as well pull off the mid-life crisis if you look the part.

SSgt Fernando “aka Fernie” Brome: Strangely the shortest boom in the squadron, even among the lady booms. Hard worker and part of the go to booms to get the mission done. #fridaynightflightclub

Safety

TSgt Brian Huls (NCOIC): Hopefully you don't need anything from Brian after 1400. Congrats on the new kid!

SSgt Liahna “LeeLee” Childs: Always smiling and only person I know who would drop everything to get street tacos for lunch.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

56TH ARS

“Mad Hatters”



Greetings from the “Mad Hatters” at the KC-46 school house. It has been another exciting year for us as we just received our 1st KC-46 on 8 Feb 19 and are very quickly gearing up for our 1st students who are already in training. We successfully conducted the first KC-46 cargo evaluations in our FuT and on our way to completing SGTO for the KC-46 syllabus. Our delivery crews received some Boeing flight training and we had a few of our Type-1 booms help with B-52 AR certifications with the KC-46. Unlike its name sake the KC-46 “Pegasus” is not a mythical creature...anymore. Our squadron has also doubled in size and we now have manning in all of our offices.

56th ARS Boom Leadership

(C)MSgt Kevin Wilson: Chief Wilson just came to us from the 97th TRS. Selected for Chief, he was immediately named as Chief Halls replacement as the Superintendent for the KC-46 school house. He just made the transition to the squadron, but we anticipate good things from him. Welcome to the squadron.

SMSgt Brad “NAM” Gavin: Brad just returned to the squadron as our chief boom after completing his tour in OGV. He is our local expert in all things that are KC-46 cargo. We’re pretty sure he goes to sleep at night thinking up cargo scenarios to throw at us in the FuT. He loves to watch our wheels turn when we’re evaluating concentrated loads. In all seriousness, it is good training and we’re glad he takes on that effort for us.

Training Flight

TSgt Jonathan “Cougar” Mellon: Jon is still doing good things for the squadron and even found time to finish his bachelor’s in finance. After acing the AFOQT and TBAS tests, we expect to be losing him to the officer world in 2019. He still drives the old Lumina. He swears that the rust holes just improve his gas mileage. We’re pretty sure if he washes the car though, it will have to be totaled in the insurance claim.

SSgt Christian McPeak: Christian came to us from the 54th ARS and is a welcome addition to the team. We lured him here with promise of being in the first KC-46 BTX class. We just didn’t say when. He got lucky that his wife managed to schedule the recent birth of their child during one of the ten delays in the KC-46 BTX SGTO class. He was able to take all that new paternity leave and not miss any training.

SSgt Grant Vilwalk: Grant just came to us from KC-10s at Travis. Not much to report yet. Should have more next year. Welcome to the squadron.

Stan/Eval

SMSgt Kurt Hinson: Kurt recently got paroled back from OGV and starts Type I training at Boeing in a few weeks alongside Luis. Aside from being the best Boom Operator in the Air Force, he does a lot of work around the squadron keeping the rest of us legal with the ever-changing Stan/Eval rules. He is not from Altus originally, although it does seem as if he's lived here longer than the locals.

TSgt Alex Pugh: Alex, while not officially assigned to Altus in 2018, did spend most of the 4th quarter here trying to complete KC-46 BTX. With all the delays in training, he spent most of his time trying to grow his per diem at the local casino. We pushed his report no later than date so many times that we finally just made him PCS during the last break in training. He is coming to us from KC-10s at McGuire. Welcome to the squadron.

Readiness Flight

MSgt Jonathan "Alexa" Lauterbach: Jon is now our local KC-46 tactics boom. When he's not going to some sort of aircraft employment conference, he is trying to figure out how to spend squadron funds on "innovative" things like robot vacuums that get lost in random offices. We're pretty sure that he is trying to automate the whole squadron and by the time we teach our first production class, our students will have virtual instructors.

TSgt Keith McLaughlin: Keith just came to us from KC-10s at McGuire. Glad to have him on the team. Should have more on him next year. Welcome to the squadron.

Operations Flight

MSgt Nate "Casper" Gibbs: Does he even work here? Just kidding. Nate is surprisingly around a lot more than usual. Must be because we made him the first sergeant. He still has to randomly pick his kids up every day. We think that's just his way of saying he's leaving and not coming back. Probably going to do CrossFit®. CrossFit® is still life.

SSgt Brian Mould: Brian came to us from KC-10s at McGuire. He spent two months house hunting and found out that the VA won't give you a loan for a trailer. It's ok though. He found a house on the south side of town; you just need to make sure you're packing if you want to visit him. He's currently loaned to the OSS to learn wing scheduling. He loves it so much, he asks when he can come back every time you see him. That will teach him to ask for something to do.

SSgt Richard "Jimbo" Jimenez: After nearly two years on station, "Jimmy" is finally getting some KC-46 training in SGTO. I don't think that he knew it would take six months, but he is finally getting closer to being a KC-46 boom. He likes to threaten that he is going to cross train to become a Flight Attendant. What he doesn't know is that we already extended his Code 50 through the end of his current enlistment. Hope you like that 3 multiplier buddy.

SSgt Ian Sweaney: Ian is our second KC-10 boom to volunteer to come to Altus. Now Brad isn't so lonely. He came to us from McGuire and was surprisingly happy to be here. He tried to fly once in the KC-135, but ended up logging a 4-hour pattern only. Strangely enough, he hasn't asked to fly again.

Support Flight

MSgt Luis Noriega: Luis came to us from KC-10s at Travis. Pretty sure that he is going to fill that hole that Dlow left. He will be doing Type 1 training in a few weeks then starting his new job in OGV and, like Dlow, he's too nice to say anything bad about.

SSgt Michael Buchanan: We gained Mike from the 54th ARS this year. He, like the other SGTO booms, is constantly waiting for the BOT to get certified so that he can finish training. Sorry Mike. Some day you will be done with training. While he's waiting for training to restart, he is setting the example for A2CU fashion in the squadron by wearing a top 5 sizes too big and pioneering the first flight suit skirt. He makes it work though.

SSgt Carrie Williams: Carrie Jo just came to us from McConnell. She in-processed and then somehow left for a few weeks on a TDY to Nellis. Not sure how she did it. She is now working on getting spun up to teach -135 students for the 54th ARS to get FTU experience while she awaits KC-46 training.

PCS'd

(M)Sgt Mike "Dlow" Danilowski: After killing it here at the school house it was time for Dlow to leave us. He will finally get some KC-46 hours though as he moves to Edwards. We know he'll do great things for the KC-46 test community. Good luck Dlow. You will be missed.

ALTUS AFB, OK

97 TRS

“EAGLES...ALWAYS OUT FRONT”



(S)MSgt Christopher Joyce: Took over the 1st of the year as the new Squadron Superintendent. Prior to his move over to the TRS, he was getting the 56th ARS FTU ready for the KC-46 aircraft delivery and student production. It appears that the wait is possibly coming to an end soon.

MSgt Shonna Calisi: Shonna has been leading the booms in the KC-135 Quality Assurance office. When she isn't working in the office she is actively leading wing projects like the promotion/awards ceremonies. If you need your fix of Lularoe clothing she will hook you up.

MSgt Eric "Ned" Flanders: Ned is coming over to the TRS via the OSS tactics office where he has been developing tactical procedures and doctrine for the KC-46. Well the developing part is not true, no one has ever seen him in the vault. If you went to the vault you would be redirected to the base gym. The tactical procedures he has been perfecting consist of squats, deadlifts and bench press. This man could lift your house off its foundation, if you don't believe it go look at the hundreds of posts he has on Facebook to show you.

(M)Sgt Derik Melson: Derik came over to us via the 54th ARS and is now the leading student admin, overseeing hundreds of Airman in Training. He is celebrating the birth of his second child and also gets to be a father figure to each enlisted student who passes through Altus when they get in trouble. We will miss Derik's leadership when he heads to do some staff work at Randolph the summer of 19'.

TSgt Jacob "Nemo" Nenneman: Nemo has been wealth of knowledge to the KC-135 Quality Assurance office. He has been instrumental to the block 45 syllabus upgrade and continues to ensure the future development of KC-135 boom operators. His tanker journey now takes him over to the 56 ARS. We'll miss him, but wish him the best on the mystical KC-46.

TSgt Dustan Foret: He has been crushing the Quality Assurance office for the KC-46 Pegasus over the last year. He has been a key player in helping Det 2 get the first KC-46 Boom Operator Trainer (BoT) certified for the next generation of air refueling along with courseware/syllabi. Dustan will be passing the torch off soon as he takes his expertise over to AMC/DET 2.

TSgt Michael Eiland: Made his way to Altus the end of 2018 from Seymour and joined the 56th ARS. Spent one month there and he got shipped off to the TRS, where he awaits his KC-46 BTX class date. Hopefully the wait isn't too long or he may just push KC-135 booms for his stint at Altus.

(T)Sgt Corey Targos: Corey has recently joined the KC-135 Quality Assurance office moving over from the 54th ARS. No longer the bearer of bad news for FTU booms on their evals, he looks to make our courseware contractors nervous when he walks in the room. We're anticipating great things from Corey and he's excited to have an office area with windows.

(T)Sgt Michael "Comrade" Dmytriw: Comrade has taken his skills from pushing a constant flow of students in the 54th and has moved to our TRT flight. Here you will find him ensuring our young FTU cadre are completing their CCAF degree on time and working wing training days.

SSgt Travis Burnett: If you have a question on EFB setup/pubs or need info about the Flat Earth Society, Travis is your man. He has also enjoyed the many camping outings with his fellow booms, which may explain why his truck has been a body shop for the last couple of years.

BANGOR ANGB, ME

101 ARW / 132 ARS

“THE MAINEiacs”



GREETINGS FROM THE MAINEiacs! We have a lot of updates! We missed last year due to a wicked good Nor'easter and we were unable to submit the paperwork. Lies, we just forgot! We are back and better than ever.

FULL TIMERS

CMSgt Robert “Slick” Phair – (Technician) – Yes, he is still here! I think he only has about 10 years left and he'll retire. Robert just got back from, yet again, another deployment. He tries his hardest to lead the weirdest assortment of boom operators around.

SMSgt Gerry Martin – (Technician) - Stan/Eval. HE IS BACK! Gerry is getting his toes wet again in the aircraft. He proves to all boom operators that if you take a break from refueling, it's just like riding a bike.

SMSgt Dan “Danno” Benner – (Technician) – Dan is currently Robert's right hand man! He may be a soft spoken boom, but he comes with a punch. A wrestling match against him would not be advised. A long time veteran of Tanker Task Force, he is currently gaining more experience in the leadership role of the boom office. Soon to be one of the newest converted AGR's.

SMSgt Asa “Miso” Honey – (AGR) – Tanker Task Force. There is no good way to explain this boom. He got moved out of scheduling to the Tanker Task Force and now none of us know if he works here anymore. You can guarantee that when he is here, the Drudge Report is up on his computer. Asa has an uncanny way of using his humor to defuse a heated situation. Want to invite him out for a get together? Do it, he won't show, but you can still invite him.

MSgt Andy “Robi” Robichaud – (Technician) – Training. If you're new, he doesn't like you. Sorry, not sorry! Don't try to write anything on his marker board, no one has better handwriting than him. If he's not at work maximizing his technician pay, you can probably find him at home with a “four finger high” glass of Jamison.

MSgt Mark “Xerxes” Doughty – (AGR) – Tanker Task Force. Don't take his seat in the auditorium during drill weekend! He has his name written on it. Is there a trip going soon? He's never been so you know he's signing up. Always willing to help out anyone here, he is one of the most passionate booms we have.

MSgt John “J.J.” Fidler – (Technician) – Tactics. Just recently named Asa's fourth favorite Maine Air National Guard Pilot. Truly a great honor for a boom. Don't know the answer? Go ask J.J.! Even if he doesn't know he'll tell you what he thinks of the question. Don't bring him to a library and get him laughing, you'll be “shushed” all the way out the door.

MSgt Marillia “M-Rod” Rodriguez – (Technician) – Stan/Eval. She is our iPad guru. Another boom here in Maine with a powerful laugh. I don’t think she has a mean bone in her body. If you want to talk to her all day, just bring up comic books. She has an incredible amount of knowledge on that subject.

TSgt Matt Morneau – (AGR) – Scheduling. One of our most recent hires. He is now one of the most seasoned guys in scheduling as well. Matt knows what he wants and he takes it. The only person I know that gets paternity leave eight months after the baby is born. He is gearing up to head off to instructor school this year.

TSgt Chris “Bish” Bishop – (AGR) – Current Ops. Another new hire. Chris has taken a little detour from his “always on the road” status as before. He has gained a dog and has now moved up to the local area. He is always around, always. His days at Home Depot may be over but he still helps customers out in current ops.

PART-TIMERS

MSgt Ronald “Viet-Ron” Martell – Probably the only remaining boom operator from the Vietnam era. Ricky is working as hard as he can for a full blown active retirement. He’s the oldest boom we have! Which makes sense, he cooks like my grandmother. You know when Ricky is around due to the food around the squadron. If you have an active duty pay day available, Ricky will sniff it out!

TSgt Melinda “Mel” Metten – Our newest instructor. Mel is a huge work out fanatic. You don’t need to ask her what gym she goes to, she will tell you. Seems like CrossFit follows the reverse rules of Fight Club. I have witnessed her eating a baby food pouch just because. She has since retired from the Fire Department and has been splitting her time between the base and the gym.

TSgt Michael “The Mayor” Newey – Everyone’s best friend! We miss Newey. He is in the process of getting out of the military but is still assigned to us. There is no one more willing to give the shirt of his back to help you. You won’t be seeing him in uniform anymore but you will see him somewhere and he’ll remember you.

TSgt Eric “Grassy or 2.0” Grass – One of our new instructors. So it’s been said, Eric has changed his ways and is now referred to as Grass 2.0. His short stint at the local car dealership is now over and he is back to being a true guard bum. Don’t get caught in a room with him after an adult beverage, he’ll talk your ear off. He’s the greatest boom operator ever, just ask him. He has had time in Scheduling, XP, and Training flight providing backfill for deployed members.

TSgt Tristan Henthorne – He is an active duty recruit and you can tell! He has been a boom operator his whole career and is looking for that next step. If all goes well he will still be in a flight suit, but with heavier shoulders and crammed into a tiny cockpit. He has absorbed a ton of knowledge in his career that I’m sure the new booms would love to know, he’s just never at the base to mentor. We hope the best for him in whatever endeavor he finds, including if he stays a 132nd boom operator.

SSgt Hailey Harder – She is going places. We don’t know where these places are, we assume she goes with the wind. She is a great spirit and is headed away from the MAINEiacs to pursue a nursing degree. Or so she tells us. If this nursing degree takes her away from us we will be very sad. We wish her the best in her future endeavors that she and we don’t know about.

SSgt Caleb “Meatstick” Wallace – Caleb is one of our up and coming stars, if we compare stars to normal boom operators. This guy always has a smile on his face! He has tried a few downtown jobs but eventually always finds his way back to the guard. Jokes, he’s got them. No hair, he’s got that too.

SSgt Dylan “Fitzy” Fitzpatrick – One of our newer part-timers. Dylan works for a civilian company that makes him leave home for long extended periods of time. He’s greatly rewarded financially for this career field. He says he is exhausted of that style of life, so he’s been expressing interest to work more at the Guard. Which will force him to leave his home for long extended periods of time? Your guess is as good as mine on what his future holds but we like having him around.

SSgt Luke Edwards – Another one of our newer part-timers. He’s focused on school at the University of Maine seeking a Business Degree. We see him from time to time when the wallet gets a little thin or training is almost past due.

SSgt Casey “Sloth” Michaud – This is our newest boom operators. He comes from a military family. His father is the Maintenance Group Commander and his mother is also a high up in the HRO office. Don’t let this fool you, he’s ready to create his own path separate from his parents, while still reminding you who his parents are. Coming from a maintenance background as a crew chief he is ahead of his skill level in knowledge and is doing great for the 132nd ARS.

SSgt Nathan Welsh – Nate is currently finishing up SERE training and will be back soon to work on MCT.

RECENT MOVES

TSgt Shawn “Uncle Fester” Foren – He has returned back to McGuire AFB. We miss him....sometimes.

RECENT RETIREES

MSgt Jim Dickson (D’Vin)

MSgt John Haney (Big John)

MSgt Fergus Kenny (Ferg)

MSgt Ray Rauscher (Half-A-Day)

TSgt Jessica Barry (Giggle-Burp)

RETIREES

CMSgt Joe Philippon (Good Time Charlie)

CMSgt Glenn Prewitt (Spider)

CMSgt Stan Hunter (C-Don)

CMSgt Chuc Halsted (Hostler)

CMSgt Sonny Reynolds (Hey-Boom)

CMSgt Ed St.Heart (Street)

CMSgt Bruce Geroux (Bruce)

CMSgt Scott Hesseltine: (Hydro)

SMSgt Jay Ellingsen (Tattoo)

SMSgt Jim Wood (Skybird)

SMSgt Cheryl Martin (Skid)

SMSgt Carla Cyr

MSgt Ed Seymour (Sped)

MSgt Joe Gifford (Joe-Fred)

MSgt Arthur Stevens (Art)

MSgt Mike Purcell (Mike)

MSgt Chris Boucher (Bushy)

MSgt Laurie Karnes

TSgt Kympton Lovely (Plympton)

TSgt Bob Rice (Clem)

FINAL BOOM STOWED

CMSgt Aubrey Morgan

CMSgt Jim Winchester (Winch)

MSgt Tom Jones (Jonesy)

MSgt Peter Lurette (Pete)

MSgt Roger Macleod

MSgt Tom Pound

EDWARDS AFB, CA 370

FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



Greetings from Graceland. Well another year down and the 370th booms are staying busy. Between our ongoing test support mission extending vital DT sorties throughout the test center, working with our AD “Sister Squadron” (That’s for you Reggie) on numerous AR test programs, or completing the AF’s number one priority in keeping current on Green Dot training, the 370th booms are on top of it. We extended our test cadre this year with the addition of two new test booms, and our KC-46 cadre stayed extremely busy with phase two testing. You can even refuel with the RVS now if the sun angle is just right. “Pretty Darn Good.”

Scotty “Public Trans” Scurlock: Blew his BAH load on racing and race accessories...started hitchin’ rides with the local populous so he could stop giving handies for diesel.

Johnny “Don’t Pull Out” Pullen: Frequently found googling parenting advice after welcoming his new daughter and urging her to follow in her aunt’s footsteps in oldest profession known to man. Planning upcoming trip to wife’s homeland for a possible trade-in, although he still owes the family 3 chickens for her dowry.

Dave “Mr. Barnard” Stanko: Still raising his niece/daughter. Doesn’t know if he’s a hip dad, or a cool uncle. Word has it that he may be mounting a General here soon.

Kevin “Ol’ Kev” Slagle: When things get tight, the two-piece gets going. ~Siri

Ben “BABS (Bitter Ass Ben)” Tressler: Bullied Scotty out of his handy clients so he can afford more than a corn dog from his wife-regulated lunch allowance. When you see him eating a bag of popcorn for lunch you know your chances for a happy ending are good. And what’s up with Indians and maize?

Don “Crockett” Johnson: Got tired of the V and rekindled his love for sausage. Tried to reassure himself by getting a badass truck only to see it driven by his life partner.

Colin “He’s Going the Distance” Wernecke: Established FORCE off-road. Calls himself a racer – but has never crossed a finish line. FORCE.....sounds aggressively penetrating. I think we’ve identified our Red Dot.

Leroy “Levi” Knepper: The only way we know he’s aircrew is he goes DNIF. Between his two flights this year he managed to rip his appendix out and break his toe. Thanks a lot Paul.

Attached:

Senior Master Sergeant Aaron “~~KPL~~” Ray: Flies out from his staff job every once in a while when he needs a KC-46 sortie, or a contact. Always brings us Blue Kool-Aid and Cake from the Group. “OH-YEAH”, it taste so good when it hits your lips.

Edwards AFB, CA

418th Flight Test Squadron



Hey Boom!, Edwards has been busy and up to the same as always. We are mostly just doing the KC-46 AR certification game. We have finally received 2 of the elusive Pegasus to the base and are expecting a 3rd here soon. We are so excited for this testing schedule that is going to go off without a hitch...riiight!. When we are not hitting outside the receptacle, we continue to support flights to include: Navy E-2D AR cert, Receiver Simulation Tool cert, C-17 FY15 new AR flight control law testing (this may be an AR game changer!), Block 45.XXX and continued support of the KC-30A Coalition Tanker program. We would tell you to stop in for a beer if you fly in on a business effort but AMC decided to get rid of those so no more Best Buy gift cards for you all. Sorry.

412 Test Center:

TSgt Adam "Blue Falcon" Joachim: Adam has decided to give up on being a boom and move to his dream job. Somehow, he thought it would be a great gig to work under the Command Chief's desk as a fluffer. Sorry, I meant Command Chief Exec. When he is not trying to make rank, he has aspirations of running a used needle service in Las Vegas where he converts used needles into jewelry for profit. He also has a moving service if you need it. He specializes in moving boxes of grown-up toys and lube up and down the coast. They will get there on time and slightly used, every time.

412 OG:

(T)Sgt Danielle "FOD" Repp: Danielle has been ripped from the 418th and thrown in OGV. She claims that she is so busy up there doing the hour worth of work. She still has that special relationship with her "lunch tree". We hear about him every once in a while. She also has this weird fetish with guys and loud gum chewing. She won't tell you about this fetish so, when you are around her, just make sure to chew your gum as loud as possible. She will melt. Danielle is still a ball of sunshine. She loves being asked what is wrong or who pissed her off. Danielle.....we miss you and your sex paddles that you kept on your desk.

418 FLTS:

SMSgt Ryan "RMFP" Perry: For whatever reason, Ryan decided to leave the strawless state of Washington and come back to the high desert to be our superintendent. Since coming back, he has developed some sleeping problem and wakes up super early to hit the OB-GYM. He continues to add to his sleeveless shirt collection and sports Harry Potter shirts to said gym. When not in the gym, Ryan can be found at his desk, snorting lines of steroids through a \$1 bill...He can't afford \$100s.

MSgt Jamie Morton: Jamie is our resident photog. He will take a picture of anything....and I mean anything. You should see the photo shoot that he did at the nude beach. Have never seen someone fill up a memory card so quickly with pictures. When he is not taking picture at the nude beach, he takes his dog around to every naked person on that beach to let them pet his dog. If you cannot find him at the nude beach, you can find him wrestling scale-less snakes for spare change in deep LA.

MSgt Justin Thompson: Justin is getting ready to leave the high desert. We think that it is about time. When he is not talking about how big of a package that Elon Musk has and trying to scam as many Hilton honors points out of the Air Force, he is down at Disneyland where he imports his own wine to. JT has a problem that we think that he needs to get checked out. For some reason, he has a walking problem where his upper body moves faster than his legs do. Give him one or two chardonnays and this problem arises. If you can't find him stumbling around the base, he is probably lying in entry way of his house, covered in blood.

(M)Sgt Michael "DLow" Danilowski: DLow is currently the FNG here at the 418 FLTS. He is the nicest, salty guy around the squadron. There is not a mean thing about DLow. Unless you are his kids. Then, he becomes President Business and kraggling everything they have. From Lego sets to Pop-tarts, nothing is safe at his house. We heard that he super glued his kids' hands over their mouths so he wouldn't have to hear them anymore. I guess it keeps the food costs down as well. At work, he is great.

TSgt Jacob Burton: The epitome of the grill Dad...Old guy New Balance shoes or Jesus sandals with socks with cargo shorts. Otherwise, he is fairly vanilla. If you've ever had the pleasure of going TDY with Jacob, don't worry, you'll never see him. He will be in his room talking to his wife or sex lines...we're not sure which one. We are also pretty sure he is a level 85 night elf, 6th stage Mage, Paladin 3rd class who sets up virtual LARP'ing sessions on the weekends. As the unofficial president of the Nick Jonas erotica fan club, his wife was really upset when Nick got married. Since Nick is now taken, Jacob has to role play "Nick Jonas" for her.

TSgt Matthew Giles: Matt moved here and lived with the in-laws for the first couple of months. He liked the 1.5 hr commute each way so much, he signed on to do it for the next couple of years by getting a house built in Bakersfield. In his first 6 months here, we sent him to KC-46 school and while there he got tagged for NCOA. So we are only recently really getting to know Matt....What have we learned? He loves driving, he has a story for everything, and his wife is way cooler than him. She's so cool, in fact she dined him out to the Group Chief for bad mouthing him without knowing who she was talking to...YCMTSU!

TSgt Steve Cantu: Steve is all checked in and hit his test training hard. He was under the impression that he gets to go on all these TDYs, then, when he is sent on one, he complains about it. Maybe Steve should stick to approving DTS. The 418th does need a finance guy. Steve is the proud owner of a brand new minivan. With a brand new little one...Steve Junior, "they" decided that "they" really want a new minivan. Maybe, with that new entertainment package in the minivan, Steve can watch his precious Dallas Cowboys get their asses handed to them.

(T)Sgt Brian "Mrs" Register: Brian loves new stuff. He, also, loves to sell his new stuff. If you want to get something for cheap, get Brian into it and a year later, you can buy it cheaper than he did. Brian spends most of his day surfing the Facebook to find things to get triggered about. He is either getting triggered about prefixes for dudes or changing his diet for the impending PT test. When Brian comes down from being triggered, he is trying to escape this horrible assignment to short notice move to Altus AFB. The grass is always greener Brian....

SSgt Jake "Jerry" Sarno: Jake is the resident old head here in the Test World. This dude has nine lives. When pressed up against the wall, somehow, Jake still comes out smelling like a rose. Days before HYT, Enlisted Jesus heard Jake's prayers and changed the HYT. That was a close call Jake. Nothing official yet, but rumor has it, that Jake is headed for this great assignment called Altus AFB. Just think, crusty Jake molding and shaping the fresh, new minds of future boom operators. All I see is him yelling at them and telling them all the "back in my day" stories. Good luck to those new booms.

SSgt Andrew "Junior" Miller: Andrew PCSed to us from a long distance....Travis AFB. He is a super excited young gopher on crack. He is super excited about test. We keep asking to see his ID because he looks like he is 12. They still ask him if he wants a booster seat when he eats out. Andrew recently bought a house up in Tehachapi. He thought it would be a great idea to move his new girlfriend in with him. She hasn't been there a month and is already making arrangements for their four cats that they are getting together. We think that kids are not far off for him. Andrew's favorite past times are drinking La Croix out of red solo cups, collared shirt, pumpkin spice and dudes named Chad.

SSgt Rob "Supra" Fuller: Rob still owns that Corvette...we think. He claims that it has some issues. We are pretty sure that bums are just using it to have cocaine orgies in. Rob's kid is here and we heard that he is going to reverse his surgery to have more. Enough is enough Rob. We do not need you to keep making children just to keep the Supra shoe company afloat. Seeing Rob at work is a rare sighting. The commander came looking for him for Operation Golden Shower. Rob was at home counting his money and giving two shits about work. When the punishment came down, Rob took off to Seattle to show off his shoe collection, leaving us all to enjoy the benefits his discretions. ***Im going places.....***

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MSgt Heath "Hambone" Hampton: Heath stops by the 418th every once in a while. He loves to come over here to enjoy the free drinks and to call out all the uniform violations that he can find. While here, Heath loves to talk about how big his truck and trailer is. We are pretty sure that he bought the biggest truck/trailer that he could to make up for the fact that he has a tiny "Hambone". Heath lives over on candy cane lane. His neighbor loves showing him up by putting up more decorations. Heath puts on his new OCPs (AFI 36-2903 compliant, wrinkles and all) and stealth ops over there to destroy the decorations. No one can big dick Heath!

Outbounds:

CMSgt Paul Jacobs – Retired

TSgt Othello Harris – Retired

(T)Sgt Brian Register - Always trying to leave

Still Hiding at Edwards:

MSgt (ret) Richard Sarno: Still floating around Edwards. Sit around the office long enough you and you will randomly see him walking the halls. He is one of our resident KC-46 experts. Seems that he is always find those good deal trips with the KC-46. Nothing like setting up shop in Hawaii and Germany for weeks on end. Sipping Mai Tai's is a rough life.

SrA (ret) Cierra Thompson: Her anger for JT grows greater each day because he is not TDY anymore. Does great at juggling the baseball team of children they have and the empty wine bottles that she chucks at JT. Last quoted saying "*Clean your life up JT!*"

Inbounds:

Keep your eye out for Job Ads....

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92D ARS



SMSgt Robert Miller (Superintendent)

Rob Miller was the 92^d saving grace. The second he took over as Superintendent, morale instantly improved. He now leads the happiest and strongest Booms at Fairchild, making the 92nd the best squadron to be a part of at Fairchild. Rob survived an assassination attempt from Ann Sheil by taking a nerf dart to the eye. All-in-all, things are going well in the 92d and we are happy to have him here.

MSgt Dillion Poole (Turn Coat)

Dillion was a superstar in the squadron. Rob Miller and Dillion were like two peas in the pod, until the day Dillion left the squadron. Dillion decided to take up the act like his ancestor, Benedict Arnold, and took off his 92nd patches to put on the 384th patch. He turned his back on us. Now he can enjoy parking his little red Porsche in the OG parking lot and look behind his back before having a beer to make sure no one from the OG is looking. Only God can forgive him for wearing the Square patch. #1A3mafia

MSgt Justin Hunter (Spare)

Every time Justin comes to a new unit, he goes through re-qual. Now he is on his 2nd re-qual in the KC-135. But that doesn't stop him from putting on his twin brother's flight suit, which has Captain bars to jump in the left seat. Justin's cool and calm demeanor is what the 92nd needed to keep the wild boom operators in-line.

MSgt Tyler Yow (Crimson Chin)

Crimson Chin came to us from the sunny paradise of Altus, OK. When he showed up, he signed into the squadron with a "huge" (insert President Trump voice) black eye. Apparently a "box" fell onto his eye while moving. Yeah right, we know you got into a fight. A month later, Tyler "fell" off the back of his truck and suffered yet another black eye...I don't know about you but something smells fishy here. Either way, Tyler has hit the ground running and is kicking ass (or getting it kicked) and taking names. You can find Tyler crushing hopes and dreams as C Flight, Flight Chief.

MSgt Evan Vandermay

Evan is part of the J-Stars/AWACS/Load Master invasion to the Boom career field. He has proven himself valuable to us. His bullet righting skills are second to none. He spends most of his time deployed, to the Boom Operator most hated place in the Persian Gulf, to spend time with his other half. Although he is a vegetarian, reason why he gets broken bones, he can throw down the drinks like a Boom Operator. #1A3mafia

MSgt Anne Engebretson

Hailing from Scott as a flying med technician, she decided to become part of the best career in the Air Force. Not much is known of Anne, but we can tell she will join the elites in the Squadron and help keep the wild booms in-line.

TSgt Daniel Hernandez (Nacho)

Dan is a special case, he is a Load Master that invaded the career field. He spends a lot of time in the kitchen making his special Mexican sauce for the Squadron. When Dan goes out at night, he becomes El Gato Negro, the Mexican super hero. He protects the good citizens of Spokane by consuming all the alcohol so, no one can drink past their limit. Dan will soon lose the call sign of Nacho, because he disappears on the moments notice, one second you see him and the next you don't. Therefore, Nacho is now known as Houdini.

TSgt Bobby Cash (Flake, formally known as Eagle)

Bobby came to use from Mildenhall and instantly made an impact in the Squadron. The impact of being a light punch. The 92nd Booms have united under one cause, Morale must increase! But Bobby spends his time on Xbox playing PUBG and Fornite instead of being with the Booms downtown. In Bobby defense, he does have two kids, but Rob Miller has more kids and we still see him out. Besides all that, Bobby is good person to have around. He brings great knowledge and leadership to the Squadron. He'll take bullet for you, as long as it hits his butt.

SSgt Jenny Cook

Jenny is new to the career field, hailing from Airfield Management. She made her first appearance at the Boom Operator New Year party at Corliss's house and quickly saw how the 92nd is the best Squadron at Fairchild.

SSgt Nick Sowder

Nick came to use from Mildenhall with Bobby Cash. Nick is one of the key elements of morale in the 92nd. He is a man of many talents and master of few. He can captain boats and pick up sleezy people at the docks. He can dance like footloose at clubs. He can cook food from garbage cans. He can sleep under parking decks with the homeless. He can use Tinder and Bumble for a weekend date. But most important, he is a master of his job. His knowledge in the KC-135 superb. His superhero actions on his last deployment earned him the AMC Kolligan Safety award.

SSgt Casey McConnell (Code Brown)

Don't mistake Casey McConnell with the pilot Casey McConnell, its night and day between them. Casey is another special case. Pilots hated flying with him because he would code brown the jet every single time. During taxing on one flight, the pilots stopped in front of base ops so he can utilize the toilet there. When Casey goes out, he only orders one type of drink, the trash can. He is now at Mildenhall, may the toilets in England have his mercy.

SSgt Robert McKnight (Salty)

Rob has been the scheduling hero like every other DNIF Boom Operator for some time. He was so good at scheduling, which made him want to be a scheduler for life! That's what lead Rob to have an hour-long job security speech about his job in scheduling. Rob is now our Safety hero and has been crusty since he left scheduling. Therefore, he earned the callsign "Salty". Now, he is back up and flying. He can't wait to get out and see the world, when he plays Aladdin's whole new world song in his headset.

SSgt Killian Waitforit Stone

Killian is a super star in the Squadron. Hailing from McConnell and bringing all her mad skills to the training shop. She works hard to keep everyone current and qualified, while making sure Lyndsey Sheil is staying out of trouble. Memes are no friend to Killian, one-night Killian and Yow shredded all the memes in the scheduling shop, after McKnight's famous job security speech.

SSgt Nathaniel Perry

Perry is part of the AWACS invasion in our career field. He is quickly learning how much this career field is much better than his previous one. He's smart, quick, and cunning. The DO can't wait to deploy the crap out of him. Perry is eagerly waiting to refuel his ex, the AWACS. #1A3mafia

SSgt Chris Vilmont

Vilmont is new to the Squadron and hailing from...somewhere. He has picked up the job quickly and is now drop-kicking Airman left and right. Now the young Airman are the cleanest and neatest the Squadron has ever seen. He is a brother from a different mother.

SSgt Garrent Pierce

Pierce is the TDY/Deployment monster. He is always on the road and the good deals keep on coming. When he isn't deployed, he is trying to keep up with Sowder on the Bumble/Tinder life... Good Luck with that. Can anyone guess how much hair gel he uses?

SSgt Seth Corliss (Hodor)

Everyone knows Corliss, if you don't, then you will quickly know him and his life story. He got tired of being on the road all the time, so he went off to OST. Now, after a huge home renovation project, he wishes that a deployment will come. The renovation was a huge plus! Corliss throws the biggest boom parties that Fairchild has ever seen. On the weekends, you can find Corliss at Stateline, putting young girls through college. Luckily, Fromm lives with him to keep Corliss at bay. Rumor has it, that he's not that good a Mario Kart on SNES.

SSgt Joe Fromm (Bubbles)

When America calls, Fromm is there to answer the call. Just returning from CFIC, he is now the coolest instructor that we have. He spends most of his free time at Stateline with Corliss, spending all that instructor pay there. Fromm thinks he is getting orders to March, but Altus orders are coming any day.

SSgt Quan Vu (Voodoo)

Vu is part of the load master invasion to our career field. He is one of the three Vu's in the Squadron, some one is playing a sick joke. When Vu is not busy being DNIF, he works on being a slum lord. Buying up all the houses and building up Vu rental properties.

SSgt Gage Fontenot

Don't confuse his name with Fornite. Hailing from Lakenheath. Gage cross trained from a F-15 weapons chief. Now, he is enjoying the greener grass here. He's been learning the winter sports around Fairchild and spends most of his time tumbling down black diamond slopes on the mountain.

SrA Jesse Cutright (PAX)

Jesse survived the gruesome multiple 12hr pre-CFIC days from the hands of Tyler Yow. Now, he is a new up-coming instructor Boom for the Squadron that can recite the amplified checklist in his sleep. When you ask Jesse about his favorites missions to fly, he'll answer with passenger missions. He loves them passengers! Jesse is on his way to Kadena soon. The 92nd loses a brother when he leaves.

SrA Justin Schaefer (Dirty)

Dirty is an understatement for Schaefer. It's been said that it takes months for Schaefer to do his dishes. His co-pilot from one of his deployment said that are so many things that can't be disclosed here that earned him the call sign Dirty. On his coming of age party, Schaefer went downtown to hit the bars. Then he tried to dance, but the only moves he knows is the Mr. Miyago, wax on/wax off.

SrA Thriston Noel (Darkness)

This man has too much leave! Apparently, Noel has never taken a day of leave in his life. Hailing from Mildenhall with Bobby Cash and Nick Sowder. Noel has been our deployment hero, spending most of his time on the road. He's back at Fairchild, now he cruise's downtown Spokane in his beastly orange Dodge.

SrA Mercedes Johnson (Beemer)

You think that she only drives Mercedes, but she is a Beemer girl. She only dates guys who drive BMW's. She has been holding down STAN/EVAL and Current Ops during her tenure of being DNIF. She can't wait to go through up-grade training and go-to Altus.

A1C Nick Selly (Tubs)

Selly spends most of his time eating twinkies and Ho's Ho's. That's why he earned the call sign Tubs because of his muffin top. When Selly is not deploying he spends most of his time downtown hanging out or throwing up off a back deck. He can master any talent he learns because of his blank slate personality.

A1C Jeremiah Guinto (Cocktail)

Guinto was a blessing in disguise for the Squadron. He is our bartender and quickly turned our Friday's around. He can make any drink and loves old fashions. He has been our golden Boom Operator, flying all local missions and taking up any volunteer opportunity. On his off time, he spends all his time doing school work, while listening to raging techno music and cutting coupons for the Squadron.

A1C Matthew Baxter

Fresh off the boat from Altus. Not much is known about this shining super star, except that he is the heir to Mars candy company. Rumor has it, that he has two rectum's.

A1C Kyler Lacer

Fresh off the boat from Altus, like Baxter. The only thing we know from this guy, that he is from South Carolina and sings karaoke every night. He learned his karaoke skills from his uncle Tommy Tutone.

A1C Genny Hall (Honey Bee)

Genny has had a rough time at Fairchild. While in SERE, she found out that she is allergic to all the bees in Washington and got stung multiple times. She must carry epi-pens with her all the time. During a bee attack on Genny, Lyndsey Sheil didn't use the epi-pen correctly and ended up sticking herself, the ambulance took both to the hospital. Right now, Genny is scared to death of bees now and afraid to go outside.

A1C Edwin Mensah (Eevore)

Mensah is the happiest person in the world. Everything is positive that Mensah says and does. He talks about the sunrises and sunsets. He wishes peace upon the world. He sends positive vibes to the Squadron and hugs everyone. He is the first to volunteer for anything. He tells scheduling to put him on every flight and TDY. He loves deploying and being on the road. Overall, he is the happiest person in the world (sarcasm).

A1C Lyndsey Sheil (Lbs)

Sheil is a Nebraska ninja assassin. Her failed assassination attempt was to take out Rob Miller with a dart gun. She was unsuccessful, only hitting his eye. In return, Miller deployed her instantly to put her war-fighting skills to the test.

Amn Josephus Straka (Suit, V.011)

You can find Straka in the crowd, because he is the best dress. Always wearing suits when he goes out, even to the gas station. He is a classy guy and prefers the finer things in life, especially old fashions. He is an expert driver and drives .11 over the speed limit. Cops can't catch him.....wait?

Jeremiah Docken (DOC)

Doc just retired and became our civilian in STAN/EVAL. He has increased production 10-fold and reduced manpower by 10%. Another words, he is dominating the shop. When he isn't constantly reminding you of your check-ride or testing, he is playing Madden with Sowder.

Richard Bailey

Mr. Bailey was a boom a couple of years ago and now is our scheduling super star civilian. He relived Robert McKnight of his duties and now works hard keeping the 92nd flying. He is irreplaceable and is a brother!

93D ARS



Superintendent- MSgt Matthew Hunsinger - Matty came to us as Sq Superintendent half way through the year from the 384th. The first chunk of the year he was short-noticed deployed as Sq Supt because someone downrange "got sick". Since his arrival at the 93rd he's purchased 2 motorcycles hoping that the second one stays in better condition than the first.

Operations Superintendent- MSgt Chris Staton – How do we sum up Chris in a few short words? Hard-charging Excellence, Superior Unparalleled Career Knowledge Skillset. The Flying Ponies are lucky to have Chris back in the Squadron and he's going to do amazing things!

A-Flight

TSgt Orlando Infante - Lando's already upgraded to IB and is imparting knowledge on the Boom force at every opportunity. He's stepped up to every challenge that's been given to him and knocked each and every one out of the park. Except for the Sq Video Game night; he did his best.

SSgt Joseph Wukasch - Wu-Tang or WuKasch Money Records is the current NCOIC of Training and has since mastered the art of delegation and invisibility. He's currently enjoying the good life in Spain for two months and has already volunteered to go TDY to Vegas for 3 weeks upon his return. His strong will and desire to avoid the office at all costs has gained him great admiration from his peers and a little Airmen cult-like following. Wukasch T-shirts on sale soon.

SSgt Scotti Smith - Now a newly christened instructor he is ready to go to teach baby booms all the ropes at Altus. Currently, while he waits to PCS, he is stuck in the training office where he got roped into filling for the "always gone" NCOIC. He is your typical gym rat, if he's not in the gym getting shredded like a bag of cheese then you will find him out on the town taking pictures of the local area. The quality of pictures is yet to be determined.

(S)Sgt Stetson Vigil - If you don't know him by his loud laugh then you probably do from his constant "Suh Dudes" that seem to echo through the squadron. You can find him usually drinking his signature Busch light or at the gym doing chest and shoulders since those are the only things that matter according to him.

SrA Jonathan Meshaw - Lucky Charms has deployed so much that I think he PCS'd over there and just goes TDY to Fairchild on occasion. He currently holds the unofficial "Best Gamer in the Squadron" title but in large part because he organized a tournament where he handpicked the video games to be played. INSIDE JOB!!!...yes I am still salty.

A1C Rocco Yannucci - Rocco has been with us for a little over a year now. After 8 months of working in the Training shop, it had to be explained to him what the DO meant by saying "knock-out your end of year beans". All this time poor Rocco was on a strict DO prescribed GOYA bean diet. Thankfully, as a result the commissary is no longer sold-out. Fairchild AFB bean crisis averted.

B-Flight

MSgt Joseph "Ek" Ekker - Joe came to the beautiful Inland Pacific Northwest from the good-deal Geilenkirchen in the AWACS world. Then he went straight through all of Boom school at Lackland and Altus and got to enjoy that... scenery. He's

now wrangling all the new Booms, ensuring they have everything they need and are exactly where they need to be. He's the best like that. #1A3Mafia

SSgt Andrew Cohea - NCOIC of Sq Readiness shop and keeps trying to take on the whole wing, even if he has to go kicking and screaming into IPR and OGX to get work done. Don't mess with him.

SSgt Chris "Bundy" Fitzgerald - Joins the former 1A3 mafia growing at Fairchild as prior AWACS. He has spent more time in a hotel since moving to Spokane than in his own house...hope he got lots of hotel points! #1A3Mafia

SSgt Brendan Herberts - A prior Crew Chief on C-17's...finally saw the light on the other side...Guess Loadmasters aren't good at selling their own jobs to re-trainee's

SrA Conner Wilkins - Joins us from the ATC world, and happy to just listen than talk to them.

A1C Ryan Baillie - Ryan just arrived from the boom pipeline and is enjoying MCT. He also found out how important it is to have a back-up alarm clock for when his phone dies. His instructor enjoyed flying by himself that day. Baillie is back on track and looking forward to being on the road.

A1C Dominic Dunham - Dom showed up to the 93d and "Dominated" his first Sq video game competition and walked away with a new XBOX ONE. He may look 14 but he "games" like a man.

C-Flight

TSgt Jonathan Rogers - John is another cross trainee from another airframe, AC-130s this time. I guess he was tired of working on an old airframe without any air conditioning on the ground. He likes to keep himself busy, usually by not being in the office/Squadron/Country. In the last year he crushed multiple deployments and PME. That being said, has anyone actually seen him recently?

SSgt Craig Vandenburg - When he's not deployed, Craig spends most of his days showing off his shaving waiver and fixing his hair. He's literally been deployed the whole year! Come back and fill some locals.

SSgt Ian Southerland - Ian comes to us from the wonderful land of Oklahoma where he sat in the back of a pressurized tube known as the AWACS. Nobody really knows what he did on that plane but boy is he smart. He's a great addition to the KC-135 community and we are looking forward getting him out on the road...upgrade coming soon! #1A3Mafia

A1C Patrick Choy - A year has gone by and Ol' Patty-C has gone from looking 12 to now looking like he's barely 10. Not even the stress of 3 deployments can help him grow one facial hair. To prove he is of age, he keeps his sleeves rolled up while in uniform to display his cool tattoos and has since thrown out everything with sleeves out of his wardrobe. To this day, nobody really knows how he braves the unforgivingly cold winters of Spokane, WA. He's just gotten released from dorm life and the only people happier than him is the FAFB Fire Department.

A1C Douglas Barnett - Dougie B is living dorm/boom-life to the fullest. This year he memorably earned the call sign of "Chunks". On a breezy October afternoon, Dougie B found himself struggling to stay awake during class. He then thought it would be rational to try chewing tobacco for the first time in hopes of getting through this class. Dougie B quickly found himself running out of the classroom and passing 3 perfectly good trash cans to vomit all over the once perfectly good carpet. It was that very moment the Legend of Chunks was born.

Safety

(S)Sgt Megan Hatch - Megan, the soon to be ALS grad, is almost all grown up and ready to take on the world! She just recently extended for the chance to go play "doctor". Little does she know that she's actually one step closer to a 20 year boom career.

SrA Josh Lawson - Josh is excited to be out of current ops and back in the squadron. When he's not volunteering for every DEPOT pickup/delivery you can find him prepping for IB upgrade. Big things in place for Josh this year!

Executive Assistant

SSgt Andrew Keepers- Andrew arrived to us from March ARB about 6 months ago and we haven't seen him since. He enjoys short deployments to the beach. When not on the road, Keepers has taken over the exec shop where he hopes to perfect his EPR and 1206 writing skills.

Stan Eval

SSgt David Ballmer – Ballmer just arrived from Kadena and is missing Coco's! He will be taking over as the NCOIC of Stan Eval and will have his work cut out for him.

SrA Connor O'Connell – Besides spending over a year in MCT awaiting a security clearance, Connor has the most Irish name known to mankind, which may have played a factor throughout the whole security clearance process. He's been a great asset to the Flying Ponies and is now enjoying being on the road.

Attached/On Loan

MSGT Augustine Marshall - Augie somehow weaseled his way back into OGV as soon as he got to Fairchild. Still doing what he does best...dodging the office and hitting up the good TDYs.

MSgt Brendan Balko – Brent Blanco has conveniently figured out how to get out of holiday alert lines by just not doing those pesky beans... brilliant! The other half of "Team Bratty" has moved on to bigger and better things in Group Training where he can use his "I'm not mad, just disappointed" face on all the young MCT booms.

MSgt Warren Weldon – This mythical beast has yet to be seen or heard from by the scheduling shop. Once in a blue moon, there is the off chance you may catch a glimpse of him grazing on CMFs in his natural habitat of XP.

TSgt Chris Ramey- Chris spent half of the year as the Winged Ponies top evaluator boom crushing the hopes and dreams of all of the young booms in the squadron. Given his experience and most recent promotion to TSgt, the Group figured it was time for him to give back to the Air Force and train our instructor upgrade candidates as he has taken over Pre-CFIC in OGT. Go into a G995 BOWST with him and you'll come out a different person... sometimes for the better.

TSgt Sharon Miller- Sharon spent most of her time in the 93d this year crushing EPRs, 1206s, and doing finance's job. Seriously, most people in the Squadron get their pay straightened up because she's here. She recently moved up to the OG to do awesome stuff, whatever it is the OG staff does. EPRs and 1206s?

(S)Sgt Victoria Turan – T-ran just finished up with IB upgrade and is leading the Wg Tactics shop. Victoria might be the only boom operator that had a chance at a Hollywood career but gave it up to go to CATS...and not the musical.

SrA Dillon Harris – Dillon has been DNIF since the beginning of time and there is no end in sight. He may have to wear a helmet the rest of his life. Have fun in OGX.

MCT

These guys just enjoy sunny days in MCT getting drilled on Form F's and Pax procedures...Did someone forget to tell them there's an App for that?

A1C Devin Battle

A1C Zachary Pennington

A1C Riley Noel

384TH ARS

“SQUAREPATCHERS”



SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Dillon Poole

Dillon just took over for OC as the Superintendent of the best squadron at Fairchild. He seems to be doing a great job so far but to say he has some big shoes to fill would be an understatement. Regardless we know he can do it, and look forward to him helping out the enlisted in the squadron. Still doesn't think tankers make any sense, but somehow an EB after having exactly 137 hours in the jet. #1A3mafia

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Chad Holloway

Chad got in about a year ago from Kadena, and took the place of MSgt Hunsinger, so now we know what it's like to actually have an ops sup. While he's managing the boom schedule, he's also one of two individuals who doesn't want to keep their motorcycle on two wheels. After 7 broken ribs, he's back up and running, slowly, maybe even just a light jog, but his motorcycle is not. As the only born and raised boom in the squadron, he's constantly trying to translate all this silly tanker lingo into things us retrainees understand.

A-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Joshua “Dirty Mac” McClanathan

Josh has been busy getting deployment hours, and writing EPRs for most of the SSgts in the squadron. He can be seen frequently circling the squadron asking if people want to buy eggs from his farm chickens. We're not sure why he's still in the military with how many eggs he sells. In the meantime, he's trying to build hours to upgrade to instructor as soon as he can.

TRAINING NCOIC

SSgt Mark Harnish

Mark has been doing great things, and moved over one desk from scheduling, to training. While he's not struggling to get his Mustang through the snow, he's busy keeping the office in check, and occasionally doing some instructing in the jet.

TRAINING BOOMS

SrA Kendall Bryant

Kendall is still the most laid back boom ever. He has done several deployments now, and has certainly racked up the hours, so if anyone is looking for some, he's the go-to guy. He's been helping out SSgt Harnish in training, and the end of last year showed that (leave that up to discussion).

SrA Chris Cicogna

Chris arrived late last year, cruised through training, and just returned from his first deployment. He worked HVAC before he joined the military so if you need work, he's your guy. He has a thick New York accent, so unless you're from there, you probably won't understand him. Hopefully when he's back from being abroad, his accent will be understandable. Update: It's not. I have no idea what he just said.

A1C Morgan Hendley

So get this, we have a bonafide Ivy League athlete in our midst and she decides to be a boom operator. Obviously, we're all a bunch of dumb animals and she's just putting up with us while doing it with a smile. But we get to make fun of her for being a four eyed ginger, just don't mess with her two cats or her dog. She'd probably choose them over you anyways. She's been a great addition, knocking out a double deployment and making us all look good.

A1C Rae Robinson

Came to us last year and decided that learning to be a boom wasn't enough, she needed to learn how to drive as well. Fresh off her first deployment, while all the other young booms are racking up those hours and putting them towards studying for instructor upgrade, Rae has put them towards filling her snapchat story with photos and endless self-dialogue. You don't even need to have a conversation with her to know everything about her life!

A1C Tristen Lang

Tristen is one of our newer booms, with his first deployment under his belt. He's already fragged to go back out the door, so he's staying busy. Just don't ask him how to do a Form F, unless the iPad is working, and even then... He's improved though, and gotten himself a scientific calculator for those times when he's in a pinch.

Amn Dustin Bechtold

Dustin is another one of our new booms still in MCT. Not only do we have to teach him how to fly, but just like many other new booms nowadays, we have to teach him to drive. Legend has it, he rode his bicycle all the way here from Altus. Not sure how he managed it, but that bike must have some pretty good snow tires on it.

A1C Demian Solis

Solis is one of the newest additions to the 384th and has yet to enjoy his glorious vacation in Limnadia. Fitting the Texas stereotype, Solis sports a big truck. (Compensating?) He will be a wonderful addition the training shop.

B-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

(M)Sgt Thomas Carrell

Quietest dude around. Seriously, we get the feeling that he's quietly just judging everybody and is gonna lash out and call us all idiots one day...he's not wrong. Another recent retrainee, we run this mutha...

READINESS NCOIC

TSgt Jacob Spencer

Spencer, while being a relatively new boom, is an essential member of our squadron. He recently promoted to Tech, and to follow up on last years, he is still as crusty as ever. Legend has it, he still goes to sleep wearing his beret.

READINESS BOOMS

C-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Kyler Pierce

TSgt Pierce just became a father to his son Oliver. Hopefully he is going to point him in the direction of the good life: being a Boom. He's heading out on yet another deployment, eager to enjoy the reenlistment bonus! Hopefully he doesn't spend it all on Turkish leather and the "occasional" baklava.

SCHEDULING NCOIC

TSgt Jonathan Hawkins

Jonathan is probably most known for his dirty moustache. You'd think being a prior pharmacy tech, he'd have something to keep that thing free from infection. He's taken up the position of Vice President for the Fairchild Boom Operators Association, and likes to take credit for all the work. "Selected VP f/FBOA; took credit f/5 vol events/6 meetings--Promote now!"

SCHEDULING BOOMS

SSgt Brandon Wright

ANOTHER retrainee...they're actually starting to grow on trees out here. Comes to us as a former fuels troop, promptly knocked out MCT and went out the door. He's been a welcome addition and starting to get comfortable around here and we're hoping to see more from this one this year.

SSgt Ryan Dillingham

Been racking up instructor hours between lots of MCT and pre-CFIC flying. Somehow decided that messing with the assignment gods was going to result in anything but a shiny new set of orders to Altus, yet here he is, still dodging them. We're expecting he'll get something like Germany or Australia and still not commit.

SSgt Jacob Zahn

Zahn is a relatively new boom at the 384th. Yet another retrainee, he completed MCT and was immediately gone. He's got a strong and hard work ethic, and an even harder hair part.

SrA James Kennedy

Had a hell of a year. Decided he didn't like airplanes much and was gonna practice egressing out of them from 10,000 feet, over and over and over. Missed SSgt by mere inches, then discovered 5 missing Air Medals. He finally handed over the reins of scheduling to some other poor bastard (sorry Ellis). He's getting out of here and should be in Kadena when you read this, he'll be missed!

A1C Sean "Clearance" Ellis

Sean is on approximately day 410 of MCT. While he's been waiting for his clearance, he's been avoiding exercises, alert and TDYs/deployments, all while working in the scheduling shop to laugh at all of our pain. He's currently on leave in the Philippines, so that probably won't help his clearance situation...

A1C Joseph Espinosa

Joseph is another one of our new booms in MCT. One of his first days, he tried to remove the rear bumper of SSgt Hauck's BMW in the parking lot with his friend's car. Hopefully he makes two planes touch better than he does cars. Parking lot speed limit: 10mph.

Amn Zach Reynolds

New guy, no dirt. But decided to blow off the commander for weeks. Bold move, Cotton...

A1C Eric Fritts

New guy, currently across the runway at SERE. It looks mighty cold out there right now.

STAN/EVAL NCOIC

SSgt Nicholas “L12” Lichtenwalner

Work horse. Between being OGV boom in the Deid to crushing a UEI to spending time in Alaska keeping up relations with the Russkies, he’s been all over the place. Has no reservations calling out anybody on their checkride testing, but does it in a way where you feel really bad, like you’ve just disappointed your dad.

STAN/EVAL BOOMS

SSgt Jonathan Nigl

The biggest smile you’ve ever seen. Jon’s our newest EB and has been knocking out evals and helping Nick track down all the delinquents. He’s been looking forward to no-notice season like a hunter looks forward to deer season. Also really wants to carve his initials into a shiny new KC-46, but too good of a boom to actually do it.

(S)Sgt Daniel Daley

Dan is a fresh Staff select. Currently he’s in ALS, so he can’t tell us what not to put in here. He will be upgrading to IB soon because he doesn’t have to worry about retention anymore. He might be more interested in the SRB now though, as he just recently had to buy a new truck. Now that he’s going to be a Staff, he can actually start working.

SAFETY NCOIC

SSgt Nicholas “Awkward” Hauck

Nobody knows how to correctly pronounce his last name yet, and not sure if we ever will. He still talks about his “good ole C-17 days”, but seems to be coming to fruition how much better the Boom career field is. He’s keeping the squadron safe, and projecting his C-17 cargo knowledge on many Booms in the squadron, while being awkward.

SrA Kurt “Sherbert” Herbert

Kurt has taken over the duties of keeping the squadron safe while SSgt Hauck is gallivanting the world. He’s still learning the ropes, but hasn’t had to file any safety reports yet. He’s trying to “cross over to the dark side” and pick up a commission, so he’s looking for anyone willing to write a letter of recommendation.

ATTACHED/ONLOAN

GROUP OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

CMSgt Andrea Inmon

She decided she didn’t have enough to do and kicked Chief Ireland out of his office for a few months and is doing a great job managing not only the booms, but the entire enlisted force in the OG during his absence. She’s made a lot of changes regarding our workload and done an awesome job advocating for us across the base and to the MAF.

GROUP BOOMS

TSgt Jonathan Allessie

Came back to us from teaching ALS and rewarded with arguably the chilliest job in AMC, running a tanker group mobility section. No big deal. Thankfully, AMC has been super generous with the smooth flow and Jon finds himself rather bored these days.

SrA Alexander Yount

Shipped off to ~~OST~~ OGT to help with their workload. When Alex isn't getting into perfectly civil philosophical discussions with Ramey, he's leading the charge to get the onslaught of baby booms running around here ready and prepared for the inevitable storm of taskings.

RETIRED

SMSgt Mike "OC" O'Connor

After 24 years, OC has finally decided to enjoy the retired life. He's managed to stick it out long enough at Fairchild, so he can make a smooth transition to enjoying his retirement checks on the slopes. He has done many great things for lots of people, and will be missed in the community, as well as in the squadron. He tried to sneak out without a big farewell (he doesn't want to cry in front of a lot of people), but we all caught on and the turnout for his retirement was awesome. Thanks again for everything, you are missed!

DEPARTED

SSgt Dalton Bray

The baby face has moved on to browner pastures. After killing it in CFIC, he came back and spent much of the year rocking it at OST (OGT? whatever) helping with their student load. Armed with a shiny new stripe and newfound knowledge, he was rewarded with Altus orders.

SSgt Jacob "Fix-it" Magda

Jake is about to PCS along with a plethora of other individuals to Altus. Surprisingly, he volunteered for it, so he should get plenty of time at home. That could be a bad thing though, seeing as everyone asks him to fix their cars. Maybe he can open his own auto shop while he's there.

TSgt Spencer Balcom

Spencer has also PCS'd to Altus. He was extremely happy about the lower BAH. We decided we didn't need him at Fairchild anymore because he was broken, so hopefully he's up and running down there, and actually instructing some students. Hopefully, he's not running through the miles of fields in Oklahoma...

INBOUND

MSgt Michael Garcia

Another retrainee just finishing up BIQ and expected back any day now. Poole is looking forward to having him so they can class up the place. #1A3mafia

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Superintendent

SMSgt Joe “NoMad” Koch

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Somehow, we broke NoMad. After 8 years as a vegetarian, we got him to eat meat! Somewhere between the many BBQs and TDY dinners, we knocked him off the wagon. He says it is his New Year’s Resolution to go back to his old ways...and there’s nothing wrong with that...we love a challenge! He’s still doing that Couchsurfing thing and we’ve stopped asking questions about it after he told us about his recent houseguest. Apparently, all they talked about were testicles... NoMad will be leaving us this summer to go to Scott and we hate to see him go. He’s led the 509th through some huge transitions and his listening ear and expert wisdom will be sorely missed!

Advanced Instructor Course Superintendent

MSgt Ben “Cougar” Davis

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Cougar has spent the past year developing the new Boom Operator Advanced Instructor Course, winning over some and pissing off far more. There’s no less than 150 e-mails to prove it. He promoted to Master Sergeant in April, but thought he could keep this to himself. He (and the Superintendent) faced the wrath of the commander after he quietly swapped out his nametag while TDY. He has also taken on dozens of squadron improvement projects, the biggest of which fell apart due to greedy contractors and some bad weather in Florida.

Advanced Instructor Course Flight Chief

MSgt Jeremy “Jeremy” Hall

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Jeremy managed to escape the McGuire CRG (and Roddy) in December 2018. He was so confident that he would come to Fairchild that he bought a house before getting orders! He has been doing everything possible to avoid re-qual, so with any luck he’ll have his first flight before we write this again next year. Supposedly, he’s an amazing photographer – he even has a degree to prove it – but what exactly he’s shooting has yet to be seen...

Stan/Eval NCOIC

TSgt Adam “KGB” Mosier

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We moved KGB to Stan/Eval, and while we didn't think it could possible, we see even less of him! He's tackled a few big projects for the squadron, but we don't know if it was because he got to wear civvies or because we let him punch holes through the walls. We were looking to include KGB's professional accomplishments, but discovered all of the bullets he was using were stolen from other Booms! The only thing we can give him sole credit for is ousting his mother-in-law and family rabbits. We pick on KGB a lot but the guy is a great wingman! Just ask Cougar about him babysitting his date...

Scheduling NCOIC

SSgt Rob "Buck" Medeiros

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Buck arrived in April 2018 and immediately took over our Scheduling shop, along with any other project that we could possibly give to him. He's planned our big Nellis TDY, coordinated some furniture projects, and is working a radio and antenna install! While he's kicking ass around the squadron, the same may not be true for his dating life. His SARM Airman has been keeping us updated on the juicy details. That's okay Buck! I'm sure we can think of a few more projects you can work on to help mend that broken heart!

Training NCOIC

SSgt Travis "Pacman" Peirce

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We should have named Travis "Houdini" for his amazing ability to vanish. When he is at work, he has mastered the art of pissing off the base equipment custodian with such things as hiding MANPADS simulators. To fuel his marathon running, he has adopted a strict diet of three whole chickens per day. Oh, and don't ask him to work late or fly on a Friday; he has an appointment with his wife at Trader Joes tasting wine and cheese.

Recently Departed:

TSgt Cleigh "Rubbin" Robbins

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Unfortunately, Rubbin' left us in May and, as expected, the squadron morale suffered. The Booms were so mopey that we had a few of his pictures printed to display in the hallways. We've heard he's been doing great things at McConnell and has even worked in a deployment already! We are trying to save him a spot in the first class of the Boom Course, but he's worried about how much we'll haze a prior cadre member. Hazing isn't allowed in the Air Force buddy! We'll see you in September!

Forbes Field, KS

117 ARS

“Coyotes”



Greetings from the KANSAS COYOTES! We've had lots of movement in the squadron this past year, but as always, the mission goes on. Besides the usual Al Udeid, Kandahar, and Guam rotations, we started to pick back up Business Efforts, MRA, and Coronets. We are planning for another busy year and look forward to working with our other tanker units, and as always, B's before P's.

Chief Boom

CMSgt David “JED” Clampitt – Jed has recently been promoted as the 7th Chief Boom here at the 117th. When he isn't busy playing gigs at the local watering hole, he is passing on decades of useful information to us younger booms. Jed is the master of creating useful acronyms and passing them on to us new booms before our first deployments, such as “BOCOD”. Thanks Chief!

Full Timers

SMSgt Jonathan “JONKNEE” Swinney (OGV Boom) - Jonknee has filled the role as the new Chief of Stan Eval. When he isn't creating new FCIF's to put an end to our shenanigans, he can still be found preparing the Colonels peanut butter and jelly sandwiches.

MSgt Jamesson “JACKAMO” Dunbar (Boom Superintendent) - Jackamo has moved out of Stan Eval and into the role of the 117th ARS Superintendent. He's about as elusive as a damn unicorn when you go TDY with him. I'm not saying he's a ninja, but we never see him and a ninja at the same time. You will never see or hear him coming and going, but he will always get the job done. Bonsai Daniel Son!!!

MSgt Macario “MAC” Torrez (OST) - Mac, A.K.A. the “Godfather” has moved out of the depths of Crew Comm and into the light of Training. Don't be surprised to find a horse head in your bed if you break a caution/warning in his presence.

MSgt Nathan “DOGG” Neidhardt (OST) – Dogg has taken cargo loading by the longhorns this past year. He built a cargo loading simulator in his downtime and moved it into our BOSS location. He enjoys looking at us like a disappointed father by having us figure out how to strap down random objects, especially BDA hoses.

TSgt Mathew “POW” Crawford (OST) – POW finished up IB training down at Altus this year, and is currently working in Training. When this guy isn't busy pulling G's in the F-16's, he enjoys a nice lavender crumpeet with his earl gray in the morning.

TSgt Adam “BIGGIE” Boeckman (Offstation) - Biggie finished up IB training down at Altus this year as well, and is currently working in Current Ops. When this Goliath Puffball isn't busy quizzing the squadron with random sports trivia, you can find him gazing at Uranus with his new telescope.

TSgt Collin “NOT TICE” Vaughn (OGV) – Not Tice Vaughn has recently moved from Scheduling into the Stan Eval office. EFB's now tremble at the mention of his name. When he isn't busy spying on his neighbor (Jed) with his drone, you can catch this rascal at the end of your runway with his telescopic lenses capturing your TO/landings.

TSgt Gabriel “WIND SHEAR” Ramirez (XP) – Wind Shear remains to be unseen, as he still resides in the basement in XP. Keep up the good work amigo!

Traditional' s

MSgt Benjamin “HORNY” Fulton – Horny will do just about anything to get out of a deployment. Glad to have you healthy and back home good buddy. “How 'bout cha"?!?!

TSgt Jason “BUTTERS” Sebring – Busy as ever, this man maintains a busy career at Garmin, but somehow juggles our busy alert program into the mix. Most often he can be seen catching up to Speed Racer on the race track as he has a true passion for slammed Japanese drifters! “Everyone knows it's Butters!”, “That's ME”

TSgt Megan “DORA” Meek - If Crocodile Dundee and Sacagawea had a baby, Dora would be the outcome. Survival shows are a documentary of her everyday life. She is freaking awesome!

TSgt Samuel Wirstrom – Finally decided to rejoin the flying world and got recurrent after a lengthy time being DNIF. He maintains a new cloud of secrecy as he works with the B-2 down at Tinker AFB during his civilian time. Shhhh, no one knows this though. Welcome back buddy!!!

TSgt Jennifer Velazquez- Jenny “Wehadababyitsagirl”, is new to the mom game, but still manages to get 13.1 miles in a day. She still commutes from D.C. with hopes to brining her family (now with one more member) closer to KS.

TSgt Michael Tremblay – CNX is currently in KAF at the moment. Been there a month now, but has probably only flown twice. Rumor has it he is expecting a new baby soon. Congrats, and get home safely.

SSgt Kenneth “SKINNY KENNY” Vadakin- We really don't know where this guys is. I think we need to figure out what AWOL means, or perhaps we just forgot to bring him home from Guam. If anyone finds him, my guess is he's at a sunglasses tiki hut shopping for Pit Vipers, please return him.

SSgt Chynna “LIZZIE” Carey- Legally blonde! No, not the insult. It's the truth, as she is powering her way through law school! Keep it up, we will need some legal representation after the return of the next guy on the list.

SSgt Brandon “BOO BOO” Gray – Round #2 as a Boom. Who knew the USAF wasn't for quitters! All jokes aside we are glad to have him back. He is currently in Kandy Land, but has become a much needed wealth of knowledge and jokes when back at Forbes.

SSgt Jonathon Piland - The 117th ARS biggest Royals Fan (Not Biggie). This man enjoys dressing up like nature more than successfully shooting the animals he is aiming for. His baggiest strategy is growing his mustache out of regs, in hopes to camouflage his face.

SSgt Jenna Bausch- After successfully completing her MCT course this late fall, she has considered and moved on to a different career path. We defiantly enjoyed her time here and look forward to working with her as she continues on a different AFSC.

SSgt Chad Broome- TDY, Chad likes to wear 5 coats while on the road. He considers layering a sexy new style, even when it's only 55 degrees outside. Last seen combing the back alley streets in New Orleans hoping to find some shrimp and grits.

In Training

TSgt Stacey Mycanka- In training at Altus

SSgt Adam Gilfillan- In Training at Altus

SSgt Aaron Laux- In Training at San Antonio

SSgt Steve Zeckser- Awaiting Dates

SSgt Sebastian Adame- Awaiting Dates

Departed the Fix

SMSgt Mike “\$\$\$” Money (NGB In-Flight Refueling Functional Manager and Mission Readiness Airlift Senior Program Manger)

MSgt Wayne Walls

SSgt Austin “Yogi” Reed

MSgt David Stanko

SSgt Patrick “Muff” Murray

TSgt Ben “Running Boom” Tressler

SSgt Matt “Vaughn” Tice

TSgt James “Whiz” Whisenhunt

SSgt Travis Bryan

SSgt Joey “LBJ” Sterbenz

SSgt Benjamin Heiliger

Retirees

CMSGT James “CHEWY” Spurlock

CMSgt Steve Stucky

CMSgt Timothy “Mopar” Treinen

CMSgt Mike Pierson

CMSgt Ron May

CMSgt Gus Parcel

Brian Dillon, 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

**Gen Billy Mitchell ANGB, Wisconsin
128ARW/126ARS**

Brew City Tankers



Greetings from, "The Good Land."

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Fulltime

CMSGT Donald Strickland- Program Manager –Congrats! Now we have to be nice to you, Chief.

SMSgt Patrick-"FruitSnack" Sosinski-STAN/EVAL – This guy is old folks, but he can still move on the 1.5 mile run. 12:05

SMSgt Kurt "Iggy" Ignasiak- Training NCOIC– Iggy is what we in sports call the, "Glue Guy." Great to have around, easy to have a beer with, and somehow completely avoids all drama and conflict.

MSgt Peter Gauerke- Scheduling – Pete has overcome some pretty serious health news over the last year or so, but he is now getting back to flying, and we couldn't be happier to have him back. Love ya, Pete.

MSgt Anthony Walter- Training - Iggy's right hand man, loves him some food and cigars. Also, don't call him Tony.

MSgt Bryan Storbeck- Wing Plans – Bryan "The Tank Driver" Storbeck LOOOVES the MultiCam flight suits.

MSgt Brad Love– STAN/EVAL – ACTUALLY said, when some money dropped from his pocket, "I don't need that \$20 bill, I'm an AGR NOW!"

MSgt T-Roy Johnson-MPC – Decided he had enough of dealing with convicted criminals and joined the innocent until proven guilty. Also, will identify himself as a bona-fide War Hero.

TSgt Karley Holtz-Scheduling – When not nursing a new born, Karley is a key contributor in the scheduling shop.

TSgt Lavontia Harper-Guardsman – Our newest full-timer hasn't gone to orientation yet so we still have the opportunity to change our minds.

Traditional

CMSGT William Mattert-State Investigator – Last time we submitted this Will was a MSgt. Now he's the 9G. Must have found some good dirt on somebody.

Senior MSGT of the AF-Mark Lipinski-Scam Artist – If anyone can find a way to stay past 60 years old, it will be Mark.

MSgt Ryan Peters-Engineer –Still hanging around with a smirk on his face. Ask him to show you a video.

TSgt Mat Gryzb-Fireman – 12 year Boom, skated on going to the Deid until 2018, bravooooo, well played.

TSgt Jordan Jungwirth-State Trooper – Should be back to full speed now that he's had them tucked back in.

TSgt Tyson Krug - Decided Technician wasn't for him just in time for us to convert everyone to AGR.

TSgt Natalie Belongie - After finding herself on a 2000 mile hike, Nat decided she'd rather find herself in Portsmouth.

TSgt Luke "MEDCON" Ellis- Guardsmen – Luke is aiming for 300, We're not talking about bowling.

TSgt Carla Prospere-Guardsman – Carla has had a strong full-timer-like hold on a long range scheduler desk.

SSgt William Pelkofer- Guardsmen – Still sucking up days and trips while awaiting UPT dates. The Boom Operator plan to take over the Squadron is continuing as planned.

TSgt Lynda Matthews- Guardsman – Lynda still resides over in personnel where she was cruelly exiled for making a fantastic life decisions.

TSgt Elvis Alvarado- Recruiter – Elvis decided that AGR Recruiter was a better deal than Technician Boom Operator. He still puts on his flight suit once a week as the "Mayor of Nonnerville."

SSGT Zack Pulido – We were able to stop this former Marine from eating crayons long enough to get thru Altus and MCT.

SSGT Kurtis Strasser – Came to us from Active duty, former Instructor Loadmaster on those sketchy to A/R C-17's.

SSGT Bryan Groshek – Amazes us every day that a public school kid from Cudahy made it thru Boom School. But here he is.

SSGT Donovan Cole – Acquired off active duty Services Flight, was done handing out towels at the base gym and decided to be a Boom.

Incoming

Recently Selected, Awaiting School Dates:

MSgt Justin Yung- Coming to us from the INTEL shop, resigned his AGR to be a guardsmen with us Booms. "Bold move Cotton, let's see if it pays off."

TSgt Jason Lacher- Straight Outta Maintenance, this crusty ole' TSgt has 17 years in MXG/E&E Shop, 10+ years as a technician, and has quit fulltime to come to us by way of Guardsmen.

SSGT Nate Walters- At Altus now, Nate will be like the 16th Walter/Walters thru the squadron.

SSGT Alyssa Rohleder – Hanging out with Nate in Altus, likely scaring her fellow students off with her booming voice.

SSGT Joey Patterson- Being the Flight Medicine SME, he better get some of our waivers thru before he heads s to Altus.

AIC Samantha Cardarelle- Hired off the street, she has no military experience to speak of. We hear she's an excellent swimmer, no clue if that will translate into any type of tangible/useful asset to the squadron.

Defectors

LT Col. Paul Matthews – Went to the dark side, became a pilot, still love him. Still wears his Boom Patch

Cpt Nik Ilich –Recently upgraded to AC, left the fulltime pilot gig for greener pastures. Like just about every other pilot.

Cpt Andrew Kueffler – Now a technician Pilot, Mr.LWOP is still scrapping for orders chasing that 20 years.

MSgt Benjamin Casper- Airfield Manager – A proud A\$\$ Shirt (Assistant to the 1st Shirt)

Christopher Winchell – Not sure where Chris is but I am sure he is as dirty as ever.

Stowed and Latched

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

To our new Retirees! Thank you for your service.

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

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

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

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

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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

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CMSgt Chris Ottenwess – Back in the Duce for his fourth time, this time as the Superintendent. Otto has earned a Q-1 for flying a desk and rarely gets to fly and keeps going NMR. Keeps telling the Sq stories about his days as a real boom, but they are getting old...just like him.

SMSgt Jason Prosser – Jason was fired as superintendent for attempting to claim his own office. He's now been demoted to "line flyer" and when he's not spending time pretending to be at the gym, you can usually find him sitting at your desk when you need your computer most.

MSgt Brad Lego – Sq Chief Boom. Brad deployed as chief boom this year, where he spent most of the time in his custom-built race car simulator. He can usually be heard in his office making "Vroom! Vroom!" sounds.

MSgt Kevin Stockwell— Just like the 3 airplanes he's flown in the past 15 years, Kevin can't decide what he wants to do in the squadron. He's been the acting superintendent, acting chief boom, and now he's deploying to the desert. Good thing, because he's rumored to be shopping for another boat!

MSgt Michael Chenosky – Cheno is in his 4th year as an evaluator and is still trying to figure out how to convince the newest airmen that he really isn't that old. Maybe if he upgraded his car from his current ride, which he bought when most of the young kids were still toddlers.

TSgt Patrick Murray—He has been long term DNIF for a while now and has been doing a great job behind the desk telling stories of the good ole days of flying. As booster club President, he works tirelessly to push out the next hip Squadron T-shirt design, and waits for his term to be up. There are hopes that he will fly again soon.

(T)Sgt Tim Lowman – Tim's a great evaluator and always finds time to instruct the young booms. But if he's not in his office (which he never is) he's either at the gym, or at the gym. But seriously, he's at the gym.

TSgt Justin Schultz— A transplant from the KC-135, everyone is surprised to see how quickly he has advanced in the KC-10. Qualified for less than a year and already upgrading to IB. We still don't know how he understands cargo with his background.

TSgt Fritz Thompson – Fritz is still the most jovial person in the squadron. As a DTS approver, he's trying to figure out how to convince finance to pay for a half-pipe for the squadron parking lot for him to practice his mad skating skills on during lunch.

SSgt Josh Nears— A quiet professional that excels at any task. The worst trait about him is he is always deployed. It is rumored that he pays you tax free if you are willing to swap deployment dates with him.

SSgt Kurtis Martonik – When Kurt isn't hunting down or sending threatening emails to Instructors who owe him TAPRs, he's counting down the seconds until he's off of active duty. He's getting out in a few short months and will be sorely missed in the training shop. Kurt will be heading off to Gunsmithing School so chances are he will be begging to get back to active duty in no time.

SSgt Aaron Scott—Aaron likes long evening walks at the dog park with his pup, Athena. He's the only one that seems to find a way around the dog parks "no alcohol" policy, and knows every dog there. He lives by the statement "Do what I say, not what I do" when mentoring Airman.

SSgt Evan Austin - KC-10 Boom operator for 2 years but still sleeps with his C-17 airdrop checklist, even though he never did one operationally. SSgt Austin will be sorely missed as he will be leaving us this year.

SSgt Danny Jakab - Danny, one of our newest instructors, spends most of his free time at the gym taking pictures of himself. When he's not at the gym, he's complaining about people who take pictures of themselves at the gym.

SSgt Brandon Minto - Forced into a supervisory role due to making SSgt, you can find him occasionally on the scheduling desk or occasionally flying. One thing is a guaranteed, 100% of the time he is talking football or NASCAR as if his opinion was being televised by ESPN.

SSgt Ryan Spero - Ryan has been doing great things in the base EFB shop, as well as being a boom planner out in the desert. He's currently working on his transition into the civilian world where he doesn't have to make an excuse for not showing up.

SSgt Kristoffer "Kit" Pearson - Kit recently became an instructor boom and was selected as one of the Top 3's ACE award winners. He's currently working on his Cyber Security degree in hopes of becoming the guy that catches people trying to watch bad movies on the network.

SSgt Matthew Millard – Matt cross-trained into our career field from PMEL. He loved this side of the flight line that he got himself promoted and qualified way ahead of schedule. Finally got to go on a deployment and was super excited about it.

SrA Wyatt Harwood – Wyatt is a stellar SELE in the Stan/Eval Flight. He stays busy with multiple short-notice deployments, and is planning his separation after four years serving the Duce. Best of luck, Wyatt!

SrA Mark Moore – One of the booms assigned to safety. At least we think he is. He's never there. Either way, Mark does a great job flying the line, and spends a majority of the time keeping crews safe in the desert and being a new dad!

SrA Brandon Kim – Brandon always has a smile on his face; and is good-humored. He's made a name for himself in Stan/Eval by walking in once and stating "Yo sarge, I need my checkride!"

SrA Chien Than- Recently qualified, Chien is a great addition to the Awards and Decorations office. He can be found roaming the hallways trying to get people to do their job so he doesn't have to figure out what a 1206 is.

SrA Tarek Herschleb – Everybody needs a side hustle and flight pay/Per Diem isn't enough for him. If he's not on the road or in mobility, he's scouring Craigslist for the next car to flip for profit.

SrA Giovanni Castillo – He's busy working in mobility where he manages to get himself issued extra jackets and long johns in order to deal with the frigid New Jersey winters. Originally from Miami, anything below 75 is "freezing".

SrA Dorian Cozart - One of our boom schedulers, at least we think he is since he is never sitting the desk; he is always deployed or TDY. Another boom who spends his free time in the gym, so much time that he forgets his biceps and triceps don't help with his mile and a half run time.

SrA Austin Wilson - Austin "Always Broken" Wilson is one of our newest schedulers even though he makes it seem like he is the most experienced. If you can't find him flying, check the local hospital Emergency Room.

SrA Turner Foote - When not being told he's eligible for separation, oh wait just kidding, now you can separate, but not yet...you can find him actively ensuring others are hacking the mission. If he's not on the desk, check the popcorn machine. He makes the best jalapeno popcorn!

A1C Ethan Sudtelgte—Pronounced (Suh · Tell), he's a seasoned Midwesterner who means business. Brand new to the Air Force but not new to the world, he worked hard and sped through training becoming one of the few to meet their cargo training timeline.

A1C Brady Zwick—He can be found in training shop shooting looks of disgust at his instructors for no reason at all. He spends his spare time watching movies and tending to his 3 kittens. God save the crew that feeds him Mexican food before the flight.

A1C Jonathan Ervin—Ervin is a man of many words. He likes to counter the instructor's questions with a question of his own, completely derailing training.

A1C Jared Jensen – Jared still works out all the time. He also managed to figure out how to seem busy enough that when he's not at the gym or at work, people just assume he's on the road.

A1C Michaela Hazlett – Michaela has done great in safety, and just finished up a 3 month stint in the honor guard. After a couple of deployments, she's going to settle down as a Stan/Eval SELE, where she will probably spend most of her time sitting alert.

Amn Jalyn West — West is brand new to the KC-10 but you would never guess by the amount of confidence he has. He requested a waiver for his cargo training stating that he was already good, but takes up to three days to answer a simple question. He's a decent guy who can't keep a straight face to save his life.

Amn Timothy Robitaille — Quiet guy that no one can figure out. He didn't say a word his first TDY, but is being sent to Guam for his second with hopes of bringing him out of his shell.

A1C Austin Savage – New to the Duce, says he plays hockey, but never has his skates. Still working his way through the FTU. He really does hope to be a real Boom one day

A1C Dominic Baverso – Another new addition to the Squadron. This young man was a fully trained EMT when he decided to join the Air Force and become a Boom Operator. Looks 12, but might actually be 18.

Amn Brandon Rivera – The Jersey boy gets stationed in NJ....Pretty sure mom still makes him dinner after school, but he is working his way through his BOT training and will get to fly over his parent's house soon.

A1C Anjelica Sheppard – This young lady is known, but rarely seen in the Sq, probably because all her locals at the FTU keep cancelling.

A1C August Bueltmann – Auggie is one of our Mobility guru's, but is never in mobility. He does fly occasionally, but really wants to stay in the dorms, because it's free....kinda.

Recently Departed

MSgt Josh Mullen – After a short stint in Stan/Eval, Josh moved on to wing training because he got tired of other people stealing his ergonomic chair (big bouncy ball) and tossing it out the window to see how high it could bounce.

MSgt Alf Duenez – We still don't see too much of him. He's busy planning exercises and doing whatever else XP does; apparently he spends a lot of time inspecting vehicles as the Wing's Vehicle Custodian.

MSgt Charles Taylor – AFPC finally realized Chuck was going to pull his entire career at McGuire, so he got orders to Scott where he will serve as an examiner for A3V. He plans to come back to visit as often as he can.

TSgt Michael Marquez – Mike has moved on to the CRW.

M(S)gt Lawrence Scott – Larry has moved on to AMC TES where he spends most of his time walking around Big Beige looking for his office.

SSgt Marco Ayala – If you happen to catch Ayala at work he's usually asking to leave early for one reason or another. The normal excuse was to go fix his car but we're pretty sure he just went fishing. Heads up West Coast, he's headed your way.

SSgt Brian Mould – Brian moved on to the KC-46 at Altus.

SSgt Adam Stickney – Adam decided to move to California and attend school full time. He was hired with the reserves at Travis, and is still using his accent to impress women. Good luck, Adam!

AB Christopher Krbavec – After serving the Duce well, Chris left active duty and is now a fulltime student. Good luck!

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32 ARS

“PASSING GAS AND KICKING ASS”



SQUADRON SUPERINTENDENT

(C)MSgt Carl Wise – Recently made Chief. Can often be found sifting through e-mails and forecasting 18 different position move scenarios depending on 18 different position move scenarios. It seems confusing, but he must be doing something right.

CHIEF BOOM

MSgt Jessica Stockwell – Wrangling the tribe and keeping them in line....sort of. It is hard to tell what she is thinking most of the time because it is not as if she wears her heart on her sleeve.

STAN / EVAL

MSgt Garrett Keith Machon - After making a vulgar joke about a certain profession in Japan, Keith will often remind everyone about being professional in front of the Airmen.

(M)Sgt Debbie Lego - Our resident “Red Dot”, can say things that would probably make an AFSOC team blush.

TSgt Alexander Meeds - Alex should work on flying the mission instead of sitting in the office working on awards packages and fixing CPU/DTS issues. This is also the second year in a row that he has won IB of the year at the group, but no one ever sees him instructing.

SrA Miguel Lanusa - Miguel “Tito” is currently in charge of leading the SrA mafia. He will probably hold this position for a few more years.

SrA Ezrick Whaley - EZ-Rick crushes any FEF review as long as he has not left work to “go to the gym” at 1300.

TRAINING FLIGHT

WOFF Shane Thornton - Shane is our Australian exchange boom and enjoys his time in the American winters by grilling meats.

(T)Sgt Jason Vance - Jason was forced to move coast-to-coast against his will but is looking forward to a nice BOP back to Travis.

SSgt Uriel Escamilla - Uriel was also forced coast-to-coast but most likely won't see orders until the KC-46 arrives.

SSgt Tiffany Irby – Tee-Balls recently found time to stop picking things up and putting them down to finish instructor upgrade.

SSgt Amy James – Flying the Instructor line as much as possible. Found out there is not much money in selling pottery so she decided to re-enlist.

SSgt Anthony Velasquez – Recently got married and finished Instructor Upgrade just in time to head to ALS and steal a “DG” out of there.

TRAINING FLIGHT STUDENTS

TSgt Trevor Jennings – Bennings came back to the flying world from the CRW and is finishing up REQUAL.

TSgt Joshua Chrisman – Showed up unannounced from the CRW and claims he is a Boom Operator but nobody is willing to vouch for him. Since being back from CRW he took some much-needed leave and is awaiting a REQUAL start date.

SSgt John Jackson – After all his years of being a 2T2 and complaining about aircrew he has finally seen the light and realized ATOC doesn’t know how to properly restrain a pallet. This may be a direct factor as to why it took him so long to get cargo qualified, but he seems to be coming around.

A1C Sean Cook – New Guy. Nobody really knows who he is and we are okay with that.

A1C Alexys Gomez - New GUY. Nobody really knows who HE is and we are okay with that.

A1C Brentan Collins - New Guy. Nobody really knows who he is and we are okay with that.

OPERATIONS FLIGHT

(S)Sgt Jeremy Maradik – Living the dream as our instructor upgrade boom in FTU. He and his wife are expecting their first born very soon!

SrA James Balser – He has finally received his leather jacket and is flying in style and about to head out on his second deployment. Also has an unhealthy obsession with orange soda at 9am when TDY.

SrA Joshua Cail – Do not get in a car with him if you value your life. Perhaps the luckiest or unluckiest person you have ever met depending how you look at it.

SrA Austin Denotter – Long-Term DNIF, forgot the safe word, walks with a slight limp now. You will have to ask him about it for more details.

SrA Kaitlyn “Hubbard” Allen – Recently married, about done on her 4th rotation to the desert, which is her home away from home.

READINESS FLIGHT

SrA Andrew Utterback – Butterback has been here for a while now and seems to have a knack for staying out of sight and out of mind.

SrA Aaron Smith – A A Ron may not have a *strong jaw*, but he is a strong boom who recently reapplied for his annual membership to the E4 Mafia. “Tito” is currently vetting his application.

SrA Sydney Miller – Learning world geography one flight at a time. Sydney is an open book, if you call asking for credit card information she will be happy to assist.

A1C Meghan Sylvia –Don’t call me “Buddy”, guy!!!

A1C Seth Phillips – Recently returned from his first deployment and needs to spend more time in the gym due to his inability to open his own water bottles.

COMMANDER’S SUPPORT FLIGHT

SSgt Michael Mason – If he is not in the desert he is crunchin out awards package emails from the awards and decorations shop, he also recently had the arrival of his second child.

SrA Alyx Revell – When looking for a Lyft, do not use an Uber.

SrA William Hulse – Is like a shadow in a dark room. Nobody ever really sees him because he spends all his time working awards packages or sitting alert. Occasionally he resurfaces for a checkride. May or may not be a vampire.

SrA Kwame Ansah - When not sleeping on fighter and passenger missions, he'll be mumbling his way through a conversation about Philadelphia. If anyone was wondering, it is pronounced "Quaamee Aansuh".



A1C Shaina Cox -

A1C David Simpler – Soulless Ginger 1. Nobody really knows who he is and we are okay with that.

A1C Jacob Stahly – Soulless Ginger 2. Nobody really knows who he is and we are okay with that.

SAFETY

SSgt Challis Landsberg – Giddy with excitement as she has received orders to Scott AFB!

INBOUNDS

TSgt Javier Garcia – Being the counterpart to SSgt Lee in Pinnacle and knowing that the Boom job is way cooler than his previous one.

SSgt Russell Lee – Trying to learn a thing or two from TSgt Garcia in Pinnacle while realizing he just made the best choice ever by cross training.

SrA Nathaniel Cardona – Ready to get his feet wet in Pinnacle!

A1C Danika Chaapel – Entered the AF later in life with the dream of serving her great nation. Just arrived to JBMDL bright-eyed and bushy tailed.

A1C Nicholas Eddings - When he is trying to avoid eating worm-infested chicken from the commissary, he loves being a boom. He has finally graduated Pinnacle and has headed to FTU, applying the hands-on portion of training.

FAREWELLS

(T)Sgt Philip Gordon – Using his experience to climb the “ladder” and finally instruct the new kids at FTU after doing pretty much every office job in the squadron.

SrA Dante Taylor – Is currently taking all of his terminal leave and has decided to officially leave the AF to go back to school.

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141 ARS, New Jersey Air National Guard

100+ YEARS of “TIGERS”



Things here are still just like everywhere else, I'm sure – busy. Seems like we're all dealing with the same stuff; commitments to the East, commitments to the West, and all the fun Home front stuff; Title V positions, AGR conversions, and the ever-popular KC-46 question. And the question is, 'Is it really a Pegasus, or more like a Unicorn?' Anyway, if you ever have the good fortune to come to McGuire Field, stop in and have a cold one with the Tigers!

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

Mike “Sly” Sylvester – Well, SOMEONE had to sit in the Chief's chair when Killer left. The OG said, 'Anyone interested in the job, take one step forward.' Well, the Chief's hearing ain't what it used to be, so when the rest of us took one giant step BACKWARDS..... You get the idea. Sly's busy pulling out the remainder of his hair at the moment. Just heard him yell 'Nobody told me I was going to have to turn into an accountant to do this job!' Hang in there, Buddy!

Jennifer “Mama Boom” Bowen – 'Jen-Only' is our new NCOIC since Otto retired - somebody had to do it! Made sense, since the only other stuff she's doing is; still working in the Training shop with Tron, running the BOSS, new Evaluator Boom, Resource Advisor, WIT member, and Additional Duty First Shirt. Some people just don't know when to say 'Uncle'!

Tom “Tron” Miller – The wizard is still one of THE go-to guys for info on all things Boom Operator; Vol 1,2, and 3, the 3-3, the SRD, Tactics, generation exercises, and, nearest and dearest for ALL of us - how to work the \$ system! He does NOT work on commission, but if he needs a favor from you, you'd better pay up....Pha-Phlamm!

Carl ‘Look at me Dance’ Heinert – Carl has been wearing himself out (and the rest of us, too!) doing the Hokey-Pokey with his career; 'I'm DNIF... now I'm not. I need a waiver.... Now I don't. I'm going to retire... now I'm not.' Just bought a van for his next career as an HVAC guy. But ya know, it's plain gray, has NO markings on it, and it has no windows..... 'Hey, kid – what kind of candy do you like?'

Patrick “O Canada” Ogle - Pat's still hiding out here from his job with the airlines, and he does so much for us, there's no WAY anyone here's gonna rat him out! Hits the road a lot, holding down the LIMA lines for us, and helping out in Stan/Eval the rest of the time. Chipping away at an Active Duty retirement, and smiling all the way!
Shawn Foren – So Shawn WAS a Boom operator with us a while back, then he transferred to the 132nd. And... he's back. Not sure how long we'll have him before he gets the itch to pull up stakes and start wandering again, but in the meantime, he's running the scheduling section. And doing it so well that they took the pilots out of there!

Bob 'Sponge-Bob' Slocum – So, Bob just got a job as a Customs agent, working out of Philly. He'll be heading off to their Academy soon, to learn how to find all the stuff we bring back from overseas..... I'm not sure this is going to be a good thing for us.....

Chris Howe – Chris is a DSG, works for the power company, and hits the road for us often. I don't know if he's happy not to be at work, or happy to be out of his house full of kids, but when he's here, he's REALLY HAPPY!!! Even wants to be on ALL the generation exercises. Happy, Happy, Happy....!!!

Steve Wemple - Picked up Steve from across the ramp, from the Reserves. Waiting for a class date. In the meantime, we're doing our best to beat the Gucci outta him..... He's resisting. For now.....

John Darby - Picked up John from across the ramp, from the Reserves. Waiting for a class date. In the meantime, we're doing our best to beat the Gucci outta him..... He's resisting. For now.....
Yeah - we got a matching set.....

Vince "Captain America" Stokes – He's been keeping pretty busy; staff Boom out East, Mobilized to the West, LIMA dude here at home, and taking college courses, too. It's getting tougher for him to get in trouble these days..... EVERYBODY wins!

Brian 'Bri-Bri Baggins' Kelley – Our newest SSgt is still working in Current Ops, and frequently has to run the whole thing to cover for the MIA pilots.... He's training baby Booms, running meetings, working as a WIT member..... and handling it well. I say we keep him!

Tom Moss – Working in Scheduling with Shawn. ALMOST has his pilot license, and looking to get a pilot school slot in the Squadron. Good on ya, Tom! He's been on the road a lot, too - all the crummy trips; Italy, Germany..... we do abuse our folks, don't we?!

Kim Moncayo - One half of 'The Flying Moncayos', and still doing the school thing. Which means she still does the 'deployed' thing during the summer. Steadily moving closer to that college degree. Good on her!

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..... Going to get his pilot's license this summer. Very cool!

C.J. "Dexter" Smith - CJ finished his own 'school/deploy/rinse/repeat' exercise, and still works at a cool contractor job where gets to go out to the desert (OURS, not *theirs*), and blow stuff up. I think he's on a beach somewhere right now, actually. I'm sure he's found a way to have fun, wherever he is.

Edward Acosta – Ed's about to sail off into the sunset. No, not retirement - to the classroom. He's a U Penn guy, and carry a full load of credits to get that diploma ASAP. Remember, Ed - gone for now doesn't have to mean gone forever!

Michael Orcutt - Mike stepped off of Active Duty, in-processed with us, and then stepped into a spot in the State Police Academy! Seems like a good guy - hope we'll get to see him regularly once he graduates from the academy. Some PBA cards would be nice, too.....

Chuck Howard – Chuck got through his MCT, Certs, and a deployment, and is STILL – always smiling. Ugh – we just can't stand it. Doing the school thing. We'll be looking to keep him busy for the summer.

Brian 'ODIE' Kilpatrick – Yes, the little tadpole IS related to our recently-retired Chief. 'Baby Killer' is all trained up, and we've been sending him all over the place. When he's here, you can usually find him skipping along behind Chuck, with a big smile on his face. Puppy love..... it's just SO damned CUTE!

INBOUND

Sean Callaghan - By the time you read this, Sean should be eating bugs and assaulting fluffy animals somewhere in Washington state. We'll see what we've got here soon, I guess....

Justin Nunez - This poor guy has been waiting in our student flight for months and months, because we can't get him Boom school dates. Hang in there, Bud!

OUTBOUND

Chief Boom Brian "Killer" Kilpatrick – Well, the Chief is FINALLY retired! So, Killer got hired by a regional airline! NOT as a stewardess, as we all assumed, but as an actual PILOT! But, then they pissed him off. Something about not being allowed to wear his heels in the cockpit, I think..... So he quit! Now he's teaching JROTC Cadets how to MARCH! We gave HIM a crash course on how to march before school started. Funniest thing ever; think 'twister', with footprints instead of circles. (You old guys –help out the youngsters on this!)

Ray 'Otto' Petersen – Sadly, our resident Master Hog Roaster, and Mayor of every city/town he ever stepped foot in, has retired! After a (literally) weekend-long retirement party, Otto headed home, and into a job driving 'classified' cargo around for UPS.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

621 CRW EAST



Looking for an opportunity to do something a bit different? Then the CRW may be for you! Opportunities include: leading 12-30 person team providing aerial port, quick-turn maintenance, and C2 for 1 aircraft at a time for 12 hours a day in austere locations. Acts as an advisor, liaison, and coordinator between airlift, users, and support forces. Plans contingency and exercise missions consisting of joint operations with both air and ground forces. Frequently travels as ramp coordinator or Team Chief. Ensures field users are versed in proper cargo preparation and aircraft load planning. This is a 3-year maximum stabilized tour. Upon completion of tour, PCA or PCS is required unless an extension of tour is requested/approved.

Lead East Coast Boom – SMSgt Michael “Roddy” Rodriguez –I’ve been in the CRG since June and on a couple of exercise TDYs, which have exposed me to a whole new world of experiences! Being a part of the CRW gives our boom force an opportunity to do something “way” outside of our normal duties, but more importantly, affords you the time to go to school, be actively involved in private orgs and best thing of all, family time...for more info contact your boom leadership.

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621 AMOS



MSgt John Brooks – Flight Chief, Plans and Contingency AR Planner. “Brooksy,” the cheapest person around. He is always looking for the best deal even if it means eating out at an IKEA, or avoiding restaurants where you should “tip.” Known for saying “hey man I got a coupon.” He also likes to ask his co-workers for receipts so he can fill out the survey in hopes that he scores a free meal. Brooksy is the “master of opinions” and he spends most of his time in other people’s office instead of his of his.

TSgt Joseph S. Clawson – NCOIC Training and Contingency AR Planner. Dropped his retirement papers and now heading back to Alaska to enjoy the snow and 6 months of darkness out of the year. His flight suits will be happy now that they can relax and not have to stretch out so far, anymore.

TSgt Javier Mendoza – NCOIC AOC Training and Contingency AR Planner. Always looking for warm locations. If it’s “too cold”, he somehow has leave planned during those trips. In addition, he somehow managed to only go on one deployment exercise last year. All of his other TDYs were Tanker Software Testing at great locations with full per diem. On another note, we all thought Mendoza was cheap until MSgt Brooks PCS’d in.

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621 MSOS



TSgt Jason Mellein – NCOIC Ops Center/Affiliation Instructor. If you are looking for advice on finding the best deals and still being the bees-knees, look no further. Jason went from his cushy job as the OSS, where he shined, to here, where he quickly identified himself as a perfect fit for the Ops Desk NCOIC. You can be assured, this was no accident. While he has not really flown much in the past couple years, and went again for another three, he still is doing great things, and everyone hears about it. This includes the new app he is working on, such an entrepreneur.

TSgt Adam Sochia – NCOIC UDM/Affiliation Instructor. Adam claims to be doing many things. He has an application for OTS, hopefully not to be a tanker pilot, and is running Safety and the UDM shop. He still looks for the best TDYs and finds his way out of less desirable ones. His two week TDY to New Zealand proves this. He also just finished his Masters, and thinks that the Man Card his wife took can be replaced with a Master's Degree card. He has yet to realize that doesn't work.

TSgt Michael Marquez – Stan/Eval/Affiliation Instructor. – How does one go from NCOIC of Training in a flying unit, to Stan/Eval in a job they have never performed? Simple, be Michael Marquez. Having never taught Affiliation, he made it clear he knew how Stan/Eval should look and run. He does do a great job in the shop, and has advanced it greatly. However, we all know how much Stan/Eval really has to work and as they say "if the glove fits."

TSgt Curtis Clawson – UTM/Affiliation Instructor. Curt's family grew this year, and he is loving the life, as a father. He makes sure everyone knows how much he loves being a father when he turns down TDY-after-TDY. Then again, he is a Basic Instructor, not a trainer, working in the training shop. So he really is a SELE. He and Marquez did both come from the 2 ARS and we are seeing a trend.

TSgt Josiah Harris – UDM/Affiliation Instructor. If looking how to work hard and be appreciated little, look no further than Josiah. Before he was even qualified in Affil, he was working in the front office. Rotating with two Captains, he always had a plateful. He has finally moved out and into the UDM shop. Now that he has time, he has refocused on those gains, healthy eating and informing everyone on his progress. By the way, in January 2019 he started Army NCOA....HOOAH.

SSgt Kyle Jackson – UTM/Affiliation Trainer. The veteran boom of Affiliation is Kyle. He was the MSOS' initial exposure to Boom Operators. While those that know him know he is outstanding, the Affiliation program is all about teaching cargo to the Army. If you didn't know Kyle is a 135 bubba. So, how does that sound; a 135 boom teaching cargo to the Army. Though he was set up for failure, Kyle has been an invaluable member in the MSOS. He also is at Army NCOA, and again will exceed expectations.

SSgt Taylor Gaughf – Ops Desk/Affiliation Instructor. The newest boom to the squadron is Tyler. While he gained his qualification quickly, he has reinforced the stereotype of 135 booms and cargo. It took some time to ensure him that cargo can have axles and can be built up higher than 65 inches weighing more than 6000 lbs. On top of this, a base dietician was pulled in to counsel him that carbs are ok, no matter what the Keto diet says.

SSgt Deandra Draft – UDM/Affiliation Instructor. Shay also added to her family just over a year ago. Like most new parents, she took advantage of this to remain local and away from TDY's, unless they went back home. Even still, she is about to go on her check ride, making her the second female in the MSOS, the other one being the Superintendent, to be a qualified Affiliation Instructor. She will make sure you know both of these things by flooding your FB feed with updates and holding you hostage until you look at new pictures of her girl.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

321 CRS



MSgt Jeremiah “Blue” Ibarra – Blue is so bad at fantasy football that even with a stacked team, he was crushed by a Girl! In all honesty, she whooped everyone’s a\$@ in the league. Blue finally upgraded to CRT chief AND made MSgt all in the same year. He wants to change things around here (for the better of course) but he is almost halfway done with his tour and running out of time. Oh yea, he loves the snow...so much that his squadron made him the snow removal guy when he first got here. (Blue has never lived in a place where it actually had a proper snowy winter and the one time it snowed in Wichita, he got into a car accident! HA!) Blue is making sure things are going well in his tactics shop even though he is the least tactical person in the squadron. He also loves to play tactical football with Army Generals during their big exercise down in Louisiana, but that’s a story for a later time.

TSgt Nicholas Gidaly – Nick is finally moving on from his beloved east coast and is on his way to that friendly little town in Kansas. When Nick arrived here he entered into the “Robo-Boom” program, with promises of being broken down and rebuilt as a super-solder. Unfortunately, being that his surgeries were performed by military doctors he only made it through the first phase of qual-training here at McGuire, and soon will be skating off to the Kansas sunsets.

TSgt Travis McGarrell – Drew is 2 years in to his McGuire AFB sentence and New Jersey is finally starting to grow on him (#FakeNews), after all between the not flying, crap weather, the suicide-bomber deer on the roads what’s not to like. However, being here has allowed him time to train in the art of Jujitsu for a post military career in bum fighting, supposedly it pays \$750 a fight (#RealNews).

MSgt Joseph Royer – PCS’d to Altus

TSgt Steven Mertens – Inbound Mildenhall

SSgt Bria White – Inbound from Scott

SrA Miles Humphries – Inbound from McConnell

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

621 CRS



TSgt Kenny Arcibal - While Kenny will always long for the sunny beaches of Southern California, he has taken his banishment to McGuire AFB in stride. He has officially gone Full Jason-Duckett: He spends about 8 hours in the Gym a day (2 at work), consumes no less than 4,000 calories a meal, while at the same time he hasn't had single carb in 3 months. Blue tried to tell him, "NEVER GO FULL-DUCKETT."

SSgt Casey Lackie - Casey is still very "not so special forces" Lackie. One day he will get another chance at being a battlefield Airman. Lackie came to the CRW after some Chief told him about how tactical the mission is out here. Now Lackie spends his time making sure scales are calibrated and doing inventories for 3 UTCs. That Chief lied to his a\$@! Lackie loves NJ and all their gun laws. Casey is a hard worker and is good to have around.

MSgt Jeremy Hall – PCS'd to Fairchild

MSgt John Hester – Inbound from MacDill

SSgt Kasey Miller – Inbound from MacDill

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST,

621 CRSS



SSgt Miguel Perez – After skating for 2+ yrs in the CRG, Miguel finally became a certified RAMPCO. He works in the CRSS as the UTM and while he is not busy tracking down everyone's training (except his own), he can be found at Donkey's Place Too downing some bomb a\$@ cheesesteaks. What a fatty! Perez is a hard worker, except in the gym. He tried to hang with Arcibal, but ended up injuring himself. LOL! Miguel has earned his parole and is headed to sunny Florida in July. He just reenlisted, #zoneBmoney...

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 recently completed TAPS and is well on his way to becoming a Mr. again. That's right, the -135 was the straw that broke the camel's back – literally! Gucci has spent lots of time being swamped with admin work at his desk, but once a week logs that token sortie. Ever the mentor, he strives to professionally develop the Airmen and NCO tiers so they don't become one-trick ponies. "Sir, the Whole Airman Concept sounds great, but is my mustache in regs?"

Ops Supt/Chief Boom

MSgt Joseph "1A?X1" VonDohlen (IB): Load-Gunner-Boom Trifecta! This guy can't decide where he wants to settle down. VD hit the ground running two years ago as a new boom, and recently took over the Chief Boom job. Turns out, when you're one of three MSgts, it isn't that hard to land a sweet gig. Never ready to settle, he is already planning his next airframe move. KC-46? 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.

DTRA Coordinator

MSgt Gabe "Oki for Life" Ourso (EB): When he's not advertising for Maruki's Pizza or making DTRA deals, Gabe logs contacts with a bottle and his new baby girl. Having been at Kadena for a decade now, 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.

Wing IG

SMSgt 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? Just lift weights faster." In all seriousness, now Senior Master Sergeant Swole, looking like Ving Rhames in a flight suit, must've been doing something right. Or did he just intimidate the board members into a promotion?

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.

OGV

TSgt Jacob "A10" Aufderheide (EB): With a smile a mile wide, and sharp haircut to match, A10 fills our halls with the harrowing tales of his last eval. Jake did a lot "back in the day", but has focused his sights on becoming a butter bar. With a new baby girl, I'd try to climb up the tax bracket as well! You can't help but root for the guy – or, I mean, sir.

Tanker Scheduling

TSgt Chance "Mambo" Italiano (EB): First he makes TSgt on the initial go, now he trades in the IB duty title for EB and a Group position. When he's not schmoozing it up with the JASDF brass and Wing King he pays us a visit from time to time. Now, if we could only get him to use that crew position more often...

"A" Flight Chief

MSgt Kevin Toney (IB): Fresh from the CRG, Tone has stopped hiding in the vineyards of Napa and come back to tanker life. Now a Flight Chief, we aren't sure what his day-to-day duties entail, but he definitely brings an old school mentality to the shop.

Stan/Eval

SSgt Matt "Matty Ice" Sadler (EB): Our lone in-squadron evaluator. How would you know? He'll tell you! Along with being the hardest working boom in the squadron (his words), he's been good at maintaining the standard for our boom force. If it isn't Diego or Hickam, it isn't a TDY for him unless you want an ear full. 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.

Scheduling

TSgt Jason "Viper Vapor" Grant (MB): Jason has endured the rigors and trials that is the NCOIC of squadron scheduling. But don't let that youthful-looking, cocoa-buttered face fool you: middle age is just being kind to him. Due to being in career limbo for the last year+, he'll be leaving us in the near future to pursue life as a nonner – but we won't hold that against him.

SSgt Darian Edwards (MB): Fresh from his vacay at MacDill, Edwards has been able to fit right in by crushing the hopes and dreams of the boom force. We still don't know who he pissed off to leave Florida but at least he got an Oki assignment. Explaining the difference between a beach and a shore has been a challenge.

SSgt Brandon Harmon (MB): One of our newer booms, Brandon comes to us as former maintainer and attempted linguist. That's a good thing because as it turns out, speaking Farsi is harder than remembering to remove the ground downlock. Or maybe it isn't. The debate rages on.

SSgt Stephon Sharief (MB): Next stop: CFIC. We're not all successful our first time out. Maybe a second shot at IB school is the charm? Otherwise, Stephon is loving the Oki life when he's not in Eielson for a month at a time.

SrA 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 on the road, signing autographs, or being showcased on AFN, Luke spends his free time hitting those dank waves off the seawall. Only a matter of time before this Story closes his boom chapter and begins civilian life this summer.

"B" Flight Chief

TSgt Neil "Doogie Howser" Patras (IB): After getting "re-blued" at NCOA and PCA'ing back to the squadron, Neil is taking over as a Flight Chief. Now Neil Patras Harris has all the time to debate 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.

Mobility/Readiness

SSgt Jesse Lee (MB): Another recent Fairchild transplant. His better half works in our SARM shop, so you'd think he'd have no problems getting his beans done. If he could just keep out of trouble, he might just be able to start pre-CFIC.

SSgt Daniel Zopfi (MB): Joining us from McConnell, and currently at CFIC. When Dan isn't busy fishing, he can be found napping under his desk or Smashing pre-teens in online game tournaments.

A1C Christopher "Thunder Lungs" Young (MB): Young is hanging out in mobility when he can. It's been quite the year for this guy. He went from crushing the schedule as a line boom to bothering everyone for their ADLS printout. Even crazy bird flu-like symptoms can't stop this kid from showing up.

"C" Flight Chief

MSgt Evangeline Evanzia (IB): A year at Kadena and this girl has already filled in for the superintendent, chief boom, and first sergeant. Flight Chief is only her side hustle. Her new duty title should "Super Chief Boom Shirt". Step your game up boys!

Training

SSgt Jason "I'd rather be golfing" Markham (IB): As NCOIC of training, Jason has been cracking his AFSSO-21 whip all over the training shop and streamlining 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 Cameron "Bayou Billy" Bilyeu (IB): When he's actually at work, 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. Cam can be a bit of a social butterfly. If he isn't in the squadron, then he is probably on the road again, or living it up in Bali.

SSgt Charlton "Guamptown" 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, Hampton is headed to a prime location to raise a family. Let's just hope they don't deploy him too much.

SSgt Michael "Family Mart" Lawson (IB): Our newest boom acquisition from Fairchild. He's technically a SSgt because that's what his nametape reads, but only if he completes ALS pretty soon. You can still count on him saying "Yeah man" in any conversation...multiple times. Mike reminds us all of someone else, we just can't place his doppelganger yet. If it's you, IDENT.

SrA Payten "Olson-san" Olson (IB): Someone thought this kid was good enough to become an instructor. God help us. Maybe it was the mustache (assuming it was within regs). No matter the duty title, Olson-san is still "That Guy". From love letters written on KC-135 panels, to kissy face photos on the 'gram, Payten has lots of love to give.

Tactics

SSgt Frank "Italian Stallion" Pappalardo (IB): Always on the lookout for the next opportunity, Frankie can't seem to become a civilian fast enough. That dream is now only weeks away folks. Mr. Pappalardo is returning to the Fairchild area soon. Always the hard worker, you can count on Pap to volunteer as tribute up until his last as a SSgt. Godspeed sir!

Line Boom(s)

A1C Aaron "French Kiss" Frerichs (MB): Fresh out of MCT, Frerichs is one of our baby booms. In the last few months he's grown a lot: no more showing up to his first TDY without a packed bag and GTC for this kid! He's now made a name for himself as the songbird of our generation. Kind of like a combination of Fergie and Jesus, but with more mustache.

A1C Brooke Griffin (MB): Griffin is one of our baby booms who jumped straight from MCT into the thick of daily ops. In fact, Brooke's spent more time on the road than she has in her apartment. She may have had a few name changes this year but don't let that fool you. She's one tough boom operator akin to the "Super Chief Boom Shirt".

Coming Soon

SSgt Andrew Liddane, retrainee from Grand Forks AFB

SSgt Lucas Balcarce, retrainee from Maxwell AFB

SrA Taylor Manz, from MacDill AFB

SrA Reinaldo Brown, from McConnell AFB

SrA James Kennedy, from Fairchild AFB

SrA Dmitri McIntosh, from MacDill AFB

SrA A.J. Gac, from Seymour-Johnson AFB

SrA Jesse Cutright, from Fairchild

A1C Zyrie Gravilis-Palmer, baby boom

A1C Liam Kilbane, baby boom

A1C Jacob Wilhelm, baby boom

A1C Dillon Neal, baby boom

Amn Race Cockrell, baby boom

MacDill AFB, Florida

50 ARS

“Red Devils”



Greetings from the “*Fightin’ 5-0*”! We survived our first full year as a newly appointed ARS and thrived. We couldn’t have asked for a better group of people to pioneer the startup of the 50th!

SUPERINTENDENT

SMSgt Kenneth Harwood – PCS’d from the 22nd OG at McConnell AFB to us. He hadn’t been with us but just a few short months and was already taken from us to be sent off to SNCOA! Lastly, he is the second superintendent to be lacking in the hair department...I really hope that’s not a pre-req!

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Myron Somero – This guy has had more titles than John Cena. He has done every job but a boom lately. One day he is a flight chief, the next he is the ops sup to acting squadron sup. One day he will be an IB, someone give this man a raise!

STAN/EVAL

MSgt Mathew Ohle – Finally has the rank to go with the title. Can I get a deployment too? Sure, you can go to Guam. One week in calls back to squadron to see if he can stay in place for a double deployment...Welcome to Eielson!

SSgt Jessie Barber – Putting that instructor badge to work! When he’s not traveling through Asia you can find him in OGT now days gaining that experience.

SrA Bryan Ramirez – This guy owns a bunny...enough said.

A-FLIGHT CHIEF

MSgt Odnial Gonzalez – We need a flight chief, “Who’s this person’s rater? Wait he’s the rater? Who is he??” Fresh retrain from the intelligence community, PCS’d from Hickam. Currently spending his time at Altus trying to become a boom...almost there!

TRAINING

TSgt Logan Berry – PCS’d from Altus, welcome to the 50th! Now run to the COAC, EXXON is calling!

SSgt Ryan Seiler – Depends on what day you ask him but he might PCS to Altus or not...either way he is an instructor workhorse.

A1C Shuntravia McCullough – Has “deployed” twice but somehow hasn’t done the “Dirty Deid!”

A1C Teresa Minardi – Deployed to the Deid, combat proven boom, still waiting for that first AOR contact...I hear the Navy's recruiting!

SCHEDULING

(T)Sgt Aaron Hall – Has mastered the, “Oh no, the Wing Commander saw my Deid mustache disappearing mustache trick.”

A1C Cade Stinson – The squadron “backpack kid.”

A1C Seth Amriott – Must have been hard getting your marshalling experience from the Wacky Waving Inflatable Tube Guy! Where's your battle rattle bro!?

B-FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Dustin Sheldon – He makes Booming look easy. **Disclaimer, I am the author so I am little bias!

MOBILITY

SSgt Jamar Campbell – In CFIC, Goodbye Mobility...hello OGT!

SrA Brendan Smith – Only man I know who is not afraid to rock an ugly Christmas sweater in July! Congrats on BTZ! Hopefully you fly again soon since you're holding down Mobility solo!

A1C Greg Casey – The man with the dragon tattoo. This is the guy that is still convinced that an armored up Humvee can fit into the cargo bay of the 135...

A1C Collin Gourd – Baby Huey doesn't like to share his ruddevator.

A1C Ashley Upton – Hey you're deploying to Turkey! Oh wait, you're not MCT complete? Just kidding! We got this cool place called Al Udeid, hope you like it!

READINESS

TSgt Victor Boyd – He “crushed” his first solo combat sortie!

SSgt Cory Drummond Jr. – PCS'd from 909 ARS, newest member of the team. Hope he is ready to put that IB title to work!

SAFETY

SrA Nick Hart – Our resident career staff deployment boom, will be a great addition to Wing scheduling!

RESOURCE ADVISOR

SSgt Jeff Michal – Squadron “Sugar Daddy.” Congratulations on becoming a father!

A1C Jordan Webber – Mr. Webber is going to be missed!

ATTACHED

MSgt Justin Poteet – Formally the Squadron Superintendent, poor guy got farmed out to the Wing IG office. Luckily he is already bald because he would probably pull out all his hair with his new job anyway!

MSgt Roger Vula – PCS'd from Scott AFB as a desk jockey, currently in MCT. One day he will get used to being a Boom again!

TSgt Kris Echols – PCS'd from Altus, currently assigned in OGT.

SSgt Darren Clever – Currently in Tactics, he is counting down the days until he is Mr. Clever again.

SSgt Bet Davis – Another FNG, currently at Altus becoming a Boom.

SSgt Andrew Piggott – Currently in MCT, Retrain from the 1A3 career field on E-8C, Robins AFB, GA. The mustache game is strong with this one! Likes to hold hands with Sieff.

SSgt Jeffrey Sieff – Currently in MCT, Retrain Instructor 1A3 career field on E-8C, Robins AFB, GA. He plays mustache March year round! Likes to hold hands with Piggott.

A1C Greg Pruitt – The hardest working desk boom in the Air Force! I would say he is the youngest Commander Exec but that is purely by rank!

PCS/SEPERATIONS

SSgt Michael Fagan – PCS'd to Altus Reserves. His contributions to the 50th Stan/Eval shop are greatly missed!

SSgt Kasey Miller – PCS'd to McGuire CRW. She was our scheduling guru, good luck!

SSgt Brian Flory – Separated, worked for Wing scheduling before his separation. We thank him for his service and wish him the best!

MCCONNELL AFB, KS
22 ARW



Greetings from the “Keeper’s of the Plains” at the mighty 22nd Air Refueling Wing. This past year has been nothing short of amazing. We have anxiously awaited the arrival of the KC-46 and it has FINALLY arrived. Our 344th crews led by SMSgt Lindsay Moon and MSgt Devin Kay will no doubtedly ensure the KC-46 will build upon the traditions set by the Mighty KC-135 and the Gucci KC-10. Not to be outdone the 349th came home with the Carl Spaatz trophy, this couldn’t be done without the leaders in that Squadron like SSgt Collin Green (’17 AMC IB OTY!), SrA Brandon Divins, and SSgt Nick Brod! The true workhorse of AMC, the Red Falcons, continue to set the standard for Sq’s to follow. They work their asses off and definitely know how to enjoy their time off (just look at my 0300 missed calls list from Big Mike Lawson and Jeff Jaskela). There has been a lot of movement from our team here focusing on Boom Operator development, building experience through our OST Cargo missions, Aero-Medical school house training, and building upon our 801X and SOAR missions not to mention the large muscle movement on KC-46 acceptance and IOT&E. If you are ever in Wichita stop on by, I’ll get the first round. -Cobb

Group Superintendent

CMSgt Derrick Grant: D-Rock somehow found his way to a Chief Boom deployment downrange. He is living the typical deployment groundhog day (Eat, Gym, Fly, Gym, Eat, Sleep, repeat). We thought he could kick our ass before the deployment, just wait till he gets back.

Operations Superintendent

CMSgt Ben Cobb: Known as “Yeti” for his hiking trips...Easily convinced to hike 17 miles in a day for a celebratory cold beer...His only allergy is mediocrity.

OGT

MSgt Jeremy Pratt: Cargo expert trying to wiggle into the KC-46 program so he can fly a third Boom in his career.

MSgt Chris Yontz: Does not like to be cold, on his 32 mile backpacking trip he attempted to heat his feet only to burn his socks. Also is definitely not afraid to open his sleeping bag to a grown man knocking at his tent at night asking to keep warm (right Dustin?)

SrA Tim Beck: Tim has successfully recouped his finger loss and has moved into OGT. He is doing great things managing the OG Simulator/TDY schedule.

22 ARW Plans & Programs

MSgt Drew Sottovia: Decided he will stow the boom for the last time this Spring. Drew has had an amazing impact on the Boom Operator career field and we wish him the best of luck as he retires. His future looks bright as he plans to tip back a cold one overlooking a beautiful lake in Michigan.

Mr. Steve Yavornitzki (IB Retired): The guy that makes McConnell run, rumor has it, the city fire department is on standby for his 4th of July party!

OGV

MSgt Edward “Roach” Soto: When he isn't busy crushing soles as the 1st Sergeant, he is mentoring and developing the force as a responsible SNCO. Roach is still smooth as silk and as laid back as slow poke but with cut you like a razor. He is holding down both KC-135 and KC-46 OGV Ops until we can reintegrate him into the Squadron – we look forward to exploring the world in the new whip soon.

SMSgt Jerod “Nordo” Norden: The guy you can thank for ensuring you got your Air Medal points for promotion. Nordo recently returned from the Deid where he not only demolished some years long backlog of Air Medals, he also validated the crew and staff requirement ensuring all KC-135 crews more time at home.

SOAR

MSgt Justin Sheffield: Recently took over the SOAR shop that was desperately in need of leadership and has made vast improvements. He genuinely cares for his people and they work their ass off for him.

SrA Christian Bande: Moving back to the 350th soon where he can fly more often and is projected for CFIC this year.

Recent Losses

MSgt Kenny “Pretty Boy” Harwood: When Kenny wasn't overemphasizing hilarious stories he was getting spun up about 56 KC-135 configurations. All the SNCO's sit around on thirsty Thursday reminiscing about Kenny stories wishing we could have just one more. But.....Kenny was too fancy for McConnell, so he left us for sandier beaches.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS
344 ARS
“*ANYTIME – ANYWHERE, RAVENS RULE THE AIR*”



SMSgt Lindsay “Goldilocks” Moon: Somehow was able to slip into the Raven Superintendent position in the 11th hour, just in time for the KC-46 to come online. Having come from Boeing Field, WA, He swears the aircraft delays were not his fault. So far he has moved three people out of their offices searching for *just* the right fit. We are just waiting for him to redecorate the auditorium and claim it as his own.

MSgt Devin “Eagle Scout” Kay: Always follows the scout moto to *Be Prepared*. Not even Merry Poppins could pull more random gear out of a flight bag. When not choking out squadron members for poorly taking care of his facility, he can be found rebuilding a Jeep transmission, or Wagoneer engine. If not building a car, he is finding ridiculous deals to purchase European vehicles so small, they can double as a small coffin with wheels.

TSgt Andy “Ricky” Keiser: From Crew Chief to Flight Chief, Ricky is always using his career experience to make sure we get things right. Turns out that he is a closet LARPer who loves to role-play. We haven’t seen his magic Pegasus costume yet, but we hope it will make an appearance on his first local KC-46 sortie this year.

TSgt Christopher “Bambi Killer” Plunkett: Lives by the old adage of, *if you don’t have anything nice to say, don’t say anything at all*. So far he hasn’t said anything since he moved to the 344th three months ago. We are hoping that doesn’t mean what we think it means. When not at work, Chris can be found in the woods, searching for that ever elusive, record breaking, Boone and Crockett buck. He will be off to KC-46 Type-1 training in the coming month, and is hoping he will be an early enough adopter that he can influence them to add a rifle rack on the bulkhead.

SSgt Cody “Big Texas” Naylor: Finally decided to stop hiding out with the officers in the front office and get back to work with the rest of the Sweaty’s in Training. He broke the KC-46 boom when refueling a C-17 on his very first actual flight training sortie. Boeing gave him a \$3.6 billion dollar bill to try and catch up on program delays. He is currently washing dishes to pay it off.

SSgt DeVaughn “Showtime” Granger: Sole remaining KC-135 IB/EB in a KC-46 squadron. With that said, he is our BEST KC-135 instructor of the year. When not hooking people on evals (aka Captain Hook), he can routinely be found busting out his smile in front of the camera, stealing as many public affairs and media interviews as he can get his hands on.

SSgt Micheal “Excalibur” Pezoldt: When he isn’t busy teaching his kids some sweet Fortnite dances, he is actively practicing his swordsmanship (that may or may not have claimed some ligaments in his hand recently). If Slingblade isn’t off hackin’ the mish, he is stacking oversized QT cups on the scheduling desks.

SSgt Nicholas “John Denver” Snyder: Known for his superior honor guard skills as well as his bowling skills. He is the co-founder of the Wichita, Kansas bowling team “Wichita Wizards”. His technique starts to dwindle as he sips on his homemade bootleg moonshine however. He thinks he is special snowflake being one of the first KC-46 boom operators.

SSgt Padraic “Large Human” Condon: Infamous for being one of the few boom operators to shove his foot through the floor of the KC-135. Due to being previous B-1 maintenance, he has trouble reading and doing simple math, unless that math comes in 45lb increments. Usually mistaken as an ex-convict outside of work due to his body being covered in jailhouse ink. A.K.A the future 1st Sergeant in training can quote and reference the 36-2903 like an Air Force poet.

SrA Haley “TBD mother” Webb: Unfortunately she cannot drink her fancy red wine with a pinky up anymore, due to a new development... She is an expected mother! But she thinks palace chasing to Grissom AFB is a good idea (Peru, Indiana has a population of about 8 people). She never will get to fly on the KC-46 as a Raven though, what a loss.

SrA Jared “Baby Face” Evans: Jared is one of the youngest to be initially selected for KC-46 Initial Operational Test and Evaluation. As with everyone else, he is just hoping his career isn’t over by the time operational test actually gets completed. A welcome addition to the Raven family.

SrA Ryan “Show Me Your Guns” Edsall: Ryan can’t be slowed down. What do you do after returning from a deployment, joining a chem/bio exercise, and sucking rubber for 12 hours? Apparently if you’re Ryan, you add a fitness test and score near perfect. When not pumping iron to keep his guns in shape, he is firing his arsenal at the local shooting range.

AIC Jonathan “Le Cordon Bleu” Vermont: He loves to deploy as much as he loves to cook...using an easy bake oven and microwave. At his first role call/naming ceremony, he elegantly spilled his beer in front of the whole squadron, committing the ultimate party foul. Still claims to have never been to the state of Vermont.

AIC Nicholas “Benny” Benson: He is a proud MC of the underground Wichita rap movement, who goes by the rap name “Mayor Naze”. You can follow him, along with his 42 other followers, on his SoundCloud account. He’ll be on the front of COMPLEX magazine shortly. He absolutely loves taking the role of a navigator on deployments, claiming to be the “Ferdinand Magellan” of the AOR.

AIC Trevor “A Little Country – A Rock and Roll” Mateleska: Decided to save some of the Airmen dollars by purchasing a brand new car but left out the spare. I mean...what are the odds that you would blow a tire 600 miles into a drive across the country? Apparently 100 percent. When not making meme’s in the scheduling shop, Trevor can be found challenging instructor booms to cargo competitions. He ain’t scared.

SrA Dustin “mocking bird” Curran: The true meaning of a quiet professional – crushes any task he is assigned but is a ghost throughout the day. Sometimes you just see the lights go on and off – great addition to the Squadron but we are finally getting him to communicate verbally. Currently, holding down the exec position due to his attention to details.

Recent Losses

TSgt Jason “Hometown” Coffey: is still just a good ol’ hometown boy. That is, until he elected not to stick around town anymore. He was picked up to PCS to Seattle to help with the KC-46 program (after the work was all done). To help fit in, he is still eating nothing but granola and drinking overpriced coffee. We look forward to having him back in town as he oversees our operation testing this year.

SSgt Danielle “The Smart One?” Warren: Found the challenges of being KC-46 Initial Cadre and working for the Chief too easy, so she decided to move on to greener pastures in civies. She is still in the local area and can be found sneaking into squadron and boom functions from time to time. Of course she is always welcome.

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“BANDITS”



349th ARS Boom Leadership

SMSgt Bartek “Bach” Bachleda: Squadron Superintendent. First Air Force Spark Tank winner! Recently promoted to SMSgt and Squadron Superintendent. When he is not TDY, writing EPRs, doing 46 training or heading up a DV visit he sits in office and puts out fires. He’s doing great and we are glad to have him in the role.

MSgt Aaron Tessmann: Operations Superintendent. Just a GOOD DUDE.....!!! Came over from OGT after making everyone’s life a training hell. He’s just glad not to be staring at a wall all day and loves being around people again. He is excited to be back in his hometown. **Yes, Aaron... The answer is yes, it is *** if you accomplish that feat with 3 gloves on**

MSgt Jacob “Juggernaut” Jewell: D-Flight Chief. For 3 easy installments of \$19.99 (reoccurring every month of course), you can partake in MSgt Jewell’s crossfit home gym course, which just consists of hitting a tire with a sledge hammer for hours on end. If you don’t throw out your back like him, you’re not working hard enough. Will be sponsored by Reebok™

MSgt Vernon Foster: The dude. Counting the days to retirement. Has had more AFSCs than most MBs have had deployments.

MSgt Jeff Sparks: A-Flight Chief. Jeff came to us from Mildenhall and is glad to be back at McConnell. He has tons of stories of how it was back in 1992 when he was an Airman. He is doing well here and looking to stay for as long as possible.

MSgt Cleigh Robbins: 350th trader. He came here from the 509th, deployed then switched Squadrons. He is not dead to us, but we don’t care about him anymore. Kidding.....Truth is we miss him and are jealous, but the breakup was mutual.

A-Flight

SSgt James “Evil Knievel” Walker: Training NCOIC. Swore off motorcycle riding on Monday, rode in on Friday. McConnell’s longest running boom on station. We just convinced him to reenlist...I see a place with lots of students in my crystal ball.

(S)Sgt Nick “Ouchie” Brod: Training Assistant. Currently DNIF with the random injury of the week. He’s sure to be healed by the time you read this, and have a new injury. Doing great work in training flight getting us ready for the UEI.

(S)Sgt Madison “Grumpy” Dolata: Training Assistant. I was going to add a funny comment here, but Madison pissed and moaned about it. A newly minted IB flying his A\$\$ off for the squadron but complaining about it all the time.

SrA Brandon “Smiley” Divins: Always running around with a goofy smile on his face, an encouraging word to go with it. Hates the desk and flies more than anyone I know, 22 OG IBO of the year! Recently moved to the SOAR shop.

SrA Josh “Gone” Granados: TDY so much I hardly know what he looks like. Just started upgrade training, doing well so far.

SrA Joshua Shopp: Training Assistant. Still pretty new to the squadron. Enjoys the deployed/TDY life. Always willing to go the extra mile and help the Sq in any way he can.

AIC Meghan “Professor” McGonigal: Minerva recently finished MCT and is a hardened warrior after her two week combat deployment. Learning the ropes in training flight as she works hard to be a “bright and shiny” in everything else.

AIC Parker “Clark Kent” Blanchard: Well, he’s good in the jet. Currently finishing up MCT, hope to have him on the road soon.

AIC Benjamin “Mr. Flight Simulator” Kuhman: A relatively quiet new guy. Plugging his way through MCT. Adding a dependent to the family soon, congrats!

SSgt Owen “Tactical” Derksen: NCOIC Tactics. Worked in the tactics shop long enough he can be found talking with his hands and pointing at things with his elbows. Starting the upgrade process now, then heading to an Altus near you!

B-Flight

SSgt Megan Esquibel: Prior AGE troop currently at BIQ. Working to join her husband in the best career field in the Air Force.

SSgt John Levario: Prior A-10 Crew Chief who finally saw the light. Recently completed MCT and currently on his first deployment.

SSgt Lacy Pickett: Recently retrained from B-52 maintenance. Has air force wings but the mouth of a sailor.

SrA Creston Awari: He has the voice of an angel and the body of a greek demigod. When he is not pumping iron he can be found in the mobility office.

SrA Reinaldo Brown: Yet another boom that gets beat by his wife in the gym. Spent a good portion of the year hacking the mish in the Deid.

AIC Arielle Williams: Air Force Brat from Clovis New Mexico...one of the only booms that didn’t complain about the Altus area.

AIC Austin Blodgett: One of our new booms. He can be seen at the gym getting out benched by his wife.

AIC Russel Molina: Recent recipient of BTZ! Always ready to deploy and one of the nicest guys you'll ever meet.

AIC Zackery "Sweet Potato" Yamigishi: Just EQ'd his super-check (Cargo + Qual)! Set the record for most time spent in MCT awaiting security clearance. Also set the record for amount of times vomited while in MCT.

AIC Jonathan Sanders: Another one of our new booms still in MCT. Hasn't had his first periodical eval yet but is already getting downgraded for judgement due to buying a mustang with 35% APR.

AIC Isaac Carney: Homeschooled, but it really is hard to tell. About to deploy on his first deployment and can't wait. He got through MCT in about 10 months (thanks security clearance....) but flies like he's been doing it for years.

AIC Spencer Vick: One of our "new guys", doesn't know it yet but he recently volunteered for the KC-46. Congrats! Outstanding guy and we're lucky to have him.

SrA Madison Sibinski: Came to us from tower, newest boom to the squadron

C-Flight

(S)Sgt Charisse Laughery: One of our newest instructors. She not only kills it at work, she also did down at Altus. Driven, smart and personable she sets the example everyday she comes to work.

SrA Cody Shumate: Got up to fly, got re-current then went non-current again. One of the nicest guys you'll meet.

SrA Hannah Clarke: Literally deployed constantly. When she is home she walks around smiling and asking everyone questions. Great to have around as she knows a ton of random stuff.

D-Flight

TSgt Lucas Treat: Our resident leprechaun holding down the fort Wg Tactics.

SSgt Collin Green: Never seen without his vape pen, works in stan/eval and is counting the days until he makes civilian below the zone to become an air traffic controller.

(S)Sgt Miles Humphries: RockBand skills that make you think he still lives in his Mom's basement.

SrA Luke Emery: Loves hockey as much as flying did good at preCFIC this year but has taken some hits to the head and has started to deteriorate his overall GK...ready for FTU. Sports a "Bird Box" haircut on the reg.

SrA Joseph Galeaz: One of the hardest working Booms in the Sq (doesn't say much, but true). He has dreams of leaving this life behind and be a college student. We will miss him a ton!

Recent Losses

SSgt Carrie Williams: Carrie loved her time here at McConnell, so much she hit the button to Altus. She is now one of the only “probably” KC-46 women. While her time here was short she made great strides in DOT. She is missed, and will do great at Altus.

MSgt Aaron Leal: Aaron recently departed to Scott AFB, we will miss him at Thirsty Thursdays but not as much as we will miss his nanny cam or his realtor.

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“RED FALCONS”



Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Dave Lang: SMSgt Lang grew up in the KC-10 world so I think everyone has pretty low expectations. So far so good though. Thanks for the work sir.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Davie Hobbs: Davie loves long sophisticated walks around the squadron during the most inconvenient times to talk about everything...except for what matters.

Alpha Flight

TSgt Philip Stacey: Previous C2 who swears he has everything together. With a line number for MSgt, we definitely hope so.

TSgt Blake Landry: Jack of all trades. This dude can write an outstanding EPR, Golf after a bottle of wild turkey, and cook you a great pot of gumbo

SSgt Alex Esquibel: Alex encourages everyone to call him by his nickname “Squibs.” Sounds to me like you should avoid this guy at all costs cause that’s about as weird as it gets. But it is 2019 so why not?

SSgt Carter Russell: I don’t think there is anyone in the squadron that doesn’t know everything there is to know about Carter because all he talks about is himself. Good guy though.

SSgt Maxwell Smesny: When Max isn’t deployed he’s usually playing catch up with all of his on and off girlfriends. No wonder we don’t see him in the squadron....

AIC Daquane Spikes: Rumor has it he has a pretty serious military girlfriend. We will check back in 10 years on his wellbeing when half of his money is being taken away from him.

AIC Kelsey Tillotson: Thought flying was too easy, so made her a staff boom for her first deployment.

AIC Kael Smith: Vocabulary larger than Shakespeare.

Bravo Flight

SSgt Eric Lucio: Couldn't quite cut it at his other Air Force job so for some reason they made him a Boom Operator. Welcome!

SrA Anthony Hornbuckle: Always flying...which makes for a great excuse for never doing anything.

SrA Jordan McDonald: Distinguished gentleman...has the most refined taste in music, arts, and finer things in life.

AIC Ian Lutzenberger: Was the designated driver for his 21st birthday bash.

AIC Dylan Maynard: Thought it would be funny to tell the security investigator he was a terrorist conspiring against the government...Now he has to fly with a Nav because he can't check-out secrets.

AIC Jamie Policky: Taught High School before enlisting...now he critiques all instructors during debriefs.

Charlie Flight

TSgt Martinez: Fought and kicked his way out of the CRW and is now the most experienced MCT student.

SSgt Brandon Johnson: Don't let his six pack and his intimidation fool you. Deep down Brandon is just a warm hearted teddy bear that likes to wear taco tee shirts to the local bars. On second thought don't mess with that guy....

SSgt Andrew Mays: Tacticool Tactician Tracking Transition...

SrA Samuel Mills: Sam will soon be transitioning back into the normal world with life outside the military. We all wonder if out there he will have an excuse for everything also....

SrA Jason Ortiz: Will only see this signal if he can find it on his cell phone because that's what scheduling does.

SrA Matthew Mossing: Our tenured line boom, headed off to MacDill for some sunshine.

SrA Kalif Richardson: Loves cold weather so much he refuses to heat with the APU.

SrA Ryan Thayer: Currently enjoying his first ever deployment...We think... Maybe he's lost?

AIC Al Gore: Looking for solitude at FL200 in the Boom Pod after an unsuccessful presidential campaign...Effecting environmental policy one fuel tracker input at a time.

AIC Patrick Napolitano: He comes from a filthy rich family and he does this gig only because he thinks flight suits get girls. If he spent as much time in the books as he does posting shirtless photos on his Instagram he would probably be an evaluator by now...

AIC Moises Orozco: Works so hard on the ground so he can catch some zzz's in the air.

Standards & Evaluations

TSgt Bobby Jones: Quiet guy...quietly plotting on your life, senior evaluator of the squadron so I suppose this behavior is fitting.

SSgt Jeffrey Jaskela: Jeffrey used to be the life of the party but as of late he became an evaluator, bought a dog, started drinking water, and has become quite the family man. We will keep you in our prayers sir.

SrA Joshua Leatherwood: Ask him about his big toe.

Command Section

SSgt Clarissa Taylor: Hydro Brief “Don’t play me like I’m dumb”.

SSgt Alexandra Dorsch: Wedding, promotion, Instructor upgrade, orders to TACC...what’s next? Oh yeah, that’s right LEVITOW!

SrA Avemaoe Liaiga: Halloween dressed up in a Space Jam jersey and wore a donut floaty ring and said she was “Dunkin Donuts”.

AIC Derek Voller: Airman First Class in Charge of knowing everything.

Elsewhere

SSgt Erica Mann/Jorden/Lawson/Jorden/Lawson?: The squadron no longer has money to supply name patches to anyone anymore because Erica has ran that fund dry.

SSgt Lane Nunier: Told the AF he was too good to be a Boom Operator so the AF cut him orders to commission as an Air Battle Manager...Decide he was too good for that as well so he showed up to Columbus to fly T-6s.

TSgt Chris Plunkett: Somehow ended up in the KC-46 program...we think he just started showing up at the 344th on his own initiative...no one seems to know what happened with this guy.

Recent Losses

MSgt Dustin “GOOD DUDE!!!!” Clark: Dustin was here for like 7 months, in that time he built friendships that would last a lifetime. Well...until he got the sweetest job in the AF at Ramstein, then everyone wanted to inflict great pain on him. While we do miss him, we know he is having a blast in Germany.

SSgt Michael “Big Mike” Lawson: If you don’t follow Mike on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat, YouTube, or any other means of social media you are missing out on life! Big Mike was too big for McConnell, so he shipped out to Kadena. We all miss Mike, but we miss his social media posts even more.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

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: The Chief has left the building. Chief Lowman recently retired from her ART position and will be greatly missed. Kathy has provided top cover for the Booms of the 18th for longer than most people can remember. She is returning to her roots in Oklahoma where she will be working at the KC-46 depot, If anyone steps out of line we will pay mileage to send them to her for an adjustment.

SSgt William Baker: Still Crew Chiefing in Altus and Booming in the 18th. Bakers knowledge is dreaded by maintainers trying to pull a fast one because he would never let his jet even go on the flying schedule with a write up.

MSgt "Bear" Bearup: Bear is still just as mean as Michigan is bad at football. Bearup is working on standing up OST or can be found making jokes about Chad Rose being short. He loves his new boat and he hates new guys, we wouldn't have it any other way.

SSgt Dustin Confer: We think he lives in Kansas City again? Or maybe Nashville? This prior Altus instructor can't figure out a Form F but makes some great metal signs.

TSgt Sara "Angry" Jo Danis: Completed her college degree only to continue trouthing because the thought of working with people makes her angrier than fetching her pilots lunch from the chow hall or putting ice in the water jug. Sarajo's house was burglarized recently, the would be criminals felt so bad they left a few bucks behind to fix the door and buy some furniture.

MSgt Clay Dotson: Clay's high blood pressure hasn't blown a foot off yet but it's coming. He is currently acting as the 18th CSS yet again. If you fly on a local with DECAS installed traffic avoidance increases by 100% he can spot a fly on a Cessna 172 from 10 miles.

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 twice a week. Ray surpassed 80,000 flying hours and shows no sign of slowing down.

MSgt John Mellvoy: No, that isn't the crew bus, its moldy house Mac in his 2018 Ford Transit - 350 a van with more seats than there are people in the 924th. If this boom thing falls out Frito Lay is always hiring drivers.

MSgt Aaron McLaughlin: Reliable traditional reservist Aaron is good people who occasionally helps out when scheduling gets in a pinch. He works at Scott as a contractor and is a real asset to the unit.

MSgt Chris Norris: The inaugural head of 18th Stan/Eval, Norris has been known to go easy on people during their check if his fantasy football team will benefit, you want an EQ, he needs Patrick Mahomes.

SMSgt Mike Stahl: Mike moved to Nebraska must have been the years of listening to Wallman talk about the old country or an amazing job offer. We miss seeing him on Thursday night flights but he still visits on the UTA.

MSgt Dave "VOG" (Van Old Guy), "VOB" (Van Old Blues), "Ray's older brother" "Park's Dad" VanNostrand: Dave has been the 18th UTAP's monitor, scheduler, and worst orders clerk. Dave is an 18 year old trapped in the body of a 300 year old man, we will miss him when he retires in March. Fair winds and clear skies...

MSgt Jim Yokom: Jim was told he was moving into the UDM office but his roots in training are too deep to be moved, we appreciate his expertise. He is living proof that if you are stubborn long enough you won't have to move offices.

MSgt Waino "Y+9" Yrjanainen: President of the local Scandinavian Society and purveyor of fine Polka. If you need a quality peanut gallery for a briefing, Waino's your man. He's working in Training and was recently hired as an ART. He's beating down the door to be our first AGR.

SSgt Aaron Cuadra: Ole odd job Cuadra is one of our hardest working trougers, all the new tile in the pilot day care center is a testament to his hard work. Aaron can be found around the squadron reluctantly hanging out with his sister Warren.

SSgt Wyatt "Billy" "Shocker" Witt: Came from command post won't stop saying "How copy, I copy". Hopefully we never get an alert line because he moved to Pretty Prairie in Far East Colorado and would never meet the response time.

SRA Daniel Winkler: Daniel is growing up. He went to instructor school and purchased a house. His basement keeps flooding and his foster cats won't stop peeing on the carpet.

SSgt Giani "Giuseppe" Dossman: Giani came over from Active Duty and is now learning the ropes in the scheduling shop and is in the never ending process of becoming an ART. He made a name for himself while deployed by making 30 pounds of spaghetti for 5 people.

TSgt Justin Walsh: Another new add from Active Duty this year, Justin likes to give himself fancy new titles for whatever job he is temping around the squadron. He has been the Chief Enlisted Tactics Boom and Acting NCOIC of OG Stan/Eval. This guy will be the first boom to officially earn a weapons school patch.

SRA Kelsey Warren: Kelsey came to us from Forbes and we have been trying to send her back ever since. Kelsey's paperwork skills are keeping training employed.

SRA David Brink: Baby Brink is officially the only Brink left in the 931st with his father's retirement. We couldn't be happier. Brink is currently teaching an old folks water polo class to fulfill his last degree requirement.

SRA Sam "I Am Sam" Aguirre: Another Forbes transplant. This new guy seems kinda shady, time will tell.

Boom Stowed

CMSgt Darren Demel: This is the final time we include you Demel. Demel has departed the 931st back to his old stomping grounds in Barksdale to be their Command Chief. We put a Miller Lite in a pentagram last week to bring him back but nothing happened, I think this means he is gone for good.

Lt Matthew "World's Tallest Boy" Tener: Gone to pilot training, will always be our baby boy. Ask him about the time Waino showed him how Patrick Swayze instructs AR.

SMSgt Brad Beyer: Brad is still working for the 22nd Long Range as a civilian, but decided it was time to retire from the booming gig. I heard he can be found hanging out nude in the gym locker room corning Airmen to talk about the "glory days".

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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"



CMSgt John Wallman: Wallman made his ascension to Chief this year and the power corrupted him immediately. His minions were dispatched to acquire an industrial size popcorn machine, hopefully it doesn't melt the peel and stick tile in their fancy KC-46 snack bar.

SMSgt Jay "Shiny Penny" Guldjord: If we ever get the KC-46 you can blame or thank Jay, he has been the only boom continuity over the years ensuring the delivery of the Air Forces least capable Air Refueling platform. Jay has worked overtime filling the 924th and now the 905th with ARTs. He is currently moving to the 18th ARS to be the interim Superintendent.

MSgt Travis "Pony Boy" Swinson: Travis went back to school, he was accepted into a DOT civilian pilot training program! We can't wait until his training is done so he can take Meadows hunting again, the stories are priceless.

MSgt Aaron Meadows: Aaron loves working in the reserve detachment of the 344th. Since Swinson went back to school he has become the program manager for everything in the 924th. He gets excited on Friday when they let him wear his flight suit.

MSgt Bryan Fehrenbach: Bryan left the guard but we still can't figure out why because if you talk to him it was the best thing since the invention of The Cowboys, Bryan moved to the 924th recently but forgot his Jerry Jones poster.

MSgt Brian "Hey Big" Olson: Olson is around sometimes when the fire department isn't keeping him busy. I don't know if he loves us anymore.

SSgt Ben Sedlacek: Ben is a recent addition from active duty. He's our most recent ART hire in the 924th.

SSgt Patrick Bartosavage: Sling blade Bartosavage got a big boy job and moved out of the Fam Camp. He's working for Atlas and travelling the world.

SRA Robert Richey: New guy working on MCT and becoming an adult. Richey was late for a few flights because the roads were "icy". He knows we also drove to work right? When he isn't avoiding that dreaded hot ice Richey can be found polishing his promise ring.

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KS 905 ARS

"We don't have a jet or people"



Giant Stolen Rhino Head: Eventually the 905th will have people but until then they are just a Rhino head stolen from a Buffalo wings restaurant somewhere in North Dakota and a giant crate of squadron memorabilia. 2019 should start the process of people flowing into our newest squadron and a hostile takeover of the 349th ARS.

PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

157 ARW/64 ARS



“WE GOT 8 BOSSES BUD”

MSgt Somkit Chittakone (SP?) – We’re pretty sure we spelled that right. Kit is our Ops sup, a former Gucci Boy and a recent convert to the ways of the -135. He dual hats in the mission development office planning all the TDYs we never get to go on. Kit decided that the zone E bonus was worth a couple more years in the AF and is currently pursuing any assignment that doesn’t involve flying.

MSgt Terrell Frideger- Digger was our former Ops Sup and chose to move to Altus rather than stay here with us. He had a knack of finding any “deployment” that didn’t include in-processing CENTCOM. Korea doesn’t count Digger! When he’s not being towed down the slopes by the ski patrol he’s hard at work taking grammar classes. He was very close to learning the difference between past, present, and future tense before he left. Proof read this email? Nah. SEND IT!

TSgt Charlie Adams – Charlie is our newest addition to Stan/Eval (he’s not an evaluator or anything, he just sits here once in a while.) When Charlie isn’t calling every golf course on the Seacoast looking for the rest of the Stan/Eval office he’s prepared to volunteer for anything. He will not be staying with us for the transition to the KC-46 so we wish him the best of luck in his never-ending search for a bullet.

TSgt Matt Machala – Matt just came back from the desert where he got to trade his flying job for a sweet superintendent gig. One of our MSgt selects and our NCO of the year, there isn’t much he can’t do. Unless we’re talking about hitting a driver into the fairway or winning a hand of poker. Matt is outbound for Fairchild this summer where he can lose money on and off the course to a fresh set of Booms. Enjoy!

TSgt Nate Bahr - Everyone’s favorite Evaluator Boom to lose an argument to. Nate lives alone in Kyle’s house, which is big enough to sleep the Brady bunch. He also spends more time golfing than working and still can’t find the fairway with that \$500 driver. Nate is slated to convert over to the C-46 which really stinks because apparently they didn’t teach him how to load Cargo at Altus. Just ask Charlie. Maybe he can spend his conversion down days working on his coordination because he rides a paddle board about as well as Digger downhill skis. Enjoy that line number to Master Nate, it’s a one way ticket back to the hell known as Altus, OK!

GS-10 Michael Culver – Mike is one of our Stan/Eval Booms, currently the 4th member of the Mike, Mike, Mike & Mike in the morning show. Mike will email you about an unsigned form 8 twenty minutes before you even land

from the sortie. He just left us and joined our brethren in the 133rd ARS where he discovered he needs to fly 4 nights a week to eat hot food. He also brings his rich Minnesota culture to the northeast with great games like “Stump”. Mike is committed to the long term here in NH, he recently bought a house and leased a dog.....yea.....its weird.

TSgt Jon Britton – Jon lives his life like he has an endorsement deal with Monster and Big Tobacco. A half empty can (or half full you nay-sayers) is never out of reach and if he’s not at his desk he is definitely out at the smoke pit getting some “fresh air”. Jon separated from the active duty last fall and is currently working at GE (though how he survives actual regulated smoke breaks is beyond us).

SSgt Shane McDonald – (T)Sgt or Lt (S) maybe? McDonald is our Sq submission for OTS. He came to us from MacDill and couldn’t be happier permanently chained to the execution desk in the mission planning room. This gives him all the time he needs to play in 19 different fantasy football leagues, and win exactly 0 of them. At least he doesn’t have a new tattoo...yet?

SSgt Hector “Avocado” Acevedo – Hector is getting out of the Air Force in the spring, I mean re-enlisting, I mean joining the ANG, I mean getting out....what day is it again? Hector works in the pubs shop harassing Jet Blue pilots about their out of date iPads. If you have a question about a cigar, he’s your man. If you have a question about the importance of submitting Air Medals, he’s also your man. If you have a question about the -135, he can point you to someone else.

SrA Ashton “Brony” Rood – Ashton works in our pubs shop but spends most of his time telling us how awesome his assignment to Kadena was. Ashton will be separating from the active duty this spring and heading back to Texas to pursue his college education. We’re not sure what he plans on studying, but we’re pretty sure that his extensive knowledge of “My Little Pony” won’t net him any elective credits.

SrA Charles Huggins – Who? Chuck is the quietest Boom we’ve ever met. He has the ability to turn any question into a one word answer. Unless that question has anything to do with Training Day, in which case, prepare yourself for a full rendition of the entire script of the movie. King Kong and all. Chuck has also helped propel the Boom trivia team to several second place finishes with his obscure knowledge of Indiana sports and Beyonce lyrics.

**PEASE ANGB, NEW
HAMPSHIRE 157 ARW/133ARS**



Greetings from New Hampshire - the future home of the "K" C-46A. The Air Force has finally accepted the new tanker! We are really looking forward to attending air shows and pushing the PR mission for a while. This year was very busy for the squadron, we flew our tails off all over the world. Our last KC-135 local mission is scheduled for 14 Feb 2019. Our first new KC-46 will be on the ramp this fall. There was massive disappointment from our instructor core when they figured out that they were heading back to Altus for conversion.

TSgt Sean Avery- Has anybody actually seen Sean in the past year? We're told that he's working on KC-46 stuff in the vault but we're not 100% sold on that story yet. If the general lets him out of the vault you'll hear him before you'll see him. If you do find him, don't piss him off because there's no chance of calming him down anytime soon. But seriously, is he alive?

TSgt Jason Barron- When Jason isn't out hiking all over New England or shooting his bow in his basement, you can usually find this grandpa sitting at his desk in scheduling, with a bag of Werther's Originals, yelling at kids to get off his lawn. It's really awkward because there's no kids or grass...except Alex who gets him going. He also brings excitement to our MICT program; the poor bastard.

MSgt Al Beaulieu- Still holding down the UDM job which is listed in AFH-36-2618 (Al's favorite book) as a special enlisted position. With the 46 coming, Al has enjoyed the slowdown in deployment tempo and has been able to focus more time on his boat, hot rod and recently retired wife. Don't let the slowdown fool you though, he still gets spun up like no other. Just ask him how the Massif jackets turned out. Al has completed his CCAF degree and you can now find him at drills serving blue Kool-Aid to the airmen.

TSgt Natalie Belongie- One of the newest booms hired to the unit. She came to us from Milwaukee seeking hills to bring back her Appalachian Trail memories. She has been a valuable instructor boom on temp tech working in Mission D. She spends her free time buying over-priced produce at Whole Foods and slowly but surely learning the ways of a Mass-hole.

SrA Alex Bettcher- Helping out in scheduling on a temp tech tour. Finally working towards his college degree to help fulfill his dream of becoming a pilot with the unit. To this day it still doesn't make sense that he's in college since he's looks like he's in the 11th grade! Chief sends him home with a progress report safety-pinned to his back for his parents to read. Our youngest but also our most mature boom.

TSgt Mark Brophy- Broph is easily the calmest and least stressed person in the building. Always smiling as if he knows something we all don't but should. Perhaps it is because of all the hours he spends sailing around the coast of New England? Whatever the case, Mark has found the key to serenity and manages to smile and wave

while we all seem to flounder... Smile and wave boys... smile and wave.

TSgt Diana Carr- Our newest Instructor boom, “Deandra” is just one big ball of mystery. When she’s not down in the UDM office working on whatever a UTM does, she’s...well none of us really knows what she does when she leaves the Ops building. She is our top recycler and is adept at strong-arming folks to contribute when we have a fundraiser. We are likely to lose her to the Red Cross or another major fundraising organization in the future.

TSgt Mike Culver- Mike [MJG1] Spent a good chunk of the year in Korea and is our latest payment from active duty of the TFI tax. Welcome to the Guard Mike, you don’t even get to move your desk or locker. The guard pay system is a little challenging to navigate for him. I’m sure he’ll figure it out someday...can anyone [MJG2]? When he’s home you can find him at a different bar every night of the week for trivia, just because you show up doesn’t mean you learn anything.

SSgt Matt Currie- Drago is yet another maintenance guy that jumped ship for the Ops life. We all know that SERE is tough but man, it really broke this guy. He had to come home for his knee surgery and finished up MCT all before he was able to get another SERE date. In his free time he’s playing with his new dog, planning a wedding and fighting Rocky Balboa.

TSgt Brandon Derry- Every day of the week is casual day for Brandon. You can usually find him rocking sweats and a t-shirt in Scheduling or helping his kids out with one of their 45 extra-curriculars. He is apparently unsure of how many hours a day he is authorized for gym time, but Brandon uses all of them...and then maybe some more. He still has some of the best and barely regulation hair in the Air Force.

TSgt Eric Diaz- Eric experienced an injury at the Fire Dept which limited our quality time with him. We usually see him more during the winter months because in the summer he is wearing a badge and keeping us all safe on NH waterways. Eric takes the fun out of drinking while boating but they give him a gun and he makes a lot of noise approaching guardsman’s boats so we can dump our beer before the cuffs come out.

SMSgt Jim Doyle- The man, the myth, the legend. Ladies and gentlemen, Jimmy! And uhh...Miller Lite.

CMSgt Mike George- Every email from the Chief contains sage advice, wit and usually something to accomplish. Those of us that have been around awhile know that the best line of the email is at the bottom and that there are no fluff emails. Some of his favorite past times are correcting wrongs, providing feedback, ensuring uniforms are serviceable and assigning garbage detail. If Chief sees you with your feet up and on your phone you have just won an Ops trash emptying tour. With all of our recent hiring, Chief is now responsible for 5% of the manpower at Pease and spends his free time defending us from the rest of the base; 50 booms can ruffle some ground pounders feathers. This year the wing selected him as the Holiday Chief. Ho, ho, ho.

SMSgt Mike “Hei Hei” Girouard- Finally managed getting out of being the RA for the Group, but nobody else knows that, so over 50% of his emails are still money related. We should build him an office in every hockey rink in New England so he doesn’t have to telecommute for OGV from the stands anymore. He is also known as the master of the deal. We are waiting patiently for him to publish something so we can all take advantage of his plethora of life hacks.

SSgt Kendrick Guerrier- The quiet young boom with the Jimmy Neutron haircut. He works in the pubs shop keeping the old guy’s iPad’s unlocked and current. He spent time on the road with LIMA, a deployment and some work up in Alaska this past year. He has a trained guard dog... yeah, a guard dog.

SSgt Daren Hayes- The Founder and Chairman of the “You Will Hear Me Before You See Me” club. He got the awesome chance to drink from the Devil Dog fountain while he was TDY to GK. While showing off all of his snowboarding skills that he learned on the steep slopes of Oklahoma he ended up in a sling. Safe to say he’s DNIF. But that’s fine, he can’t ever fly anyways since he’s basically attached to the Ops Sup desk. Married one of our pilot’s sisters in the last year and has a spaceship for his cats litter box. Worth the story if you see him.

TSgt Jay Inglis- After coming to us from maintenance he has proudly built his cocoon at the SOF desk with his twenty coffees. He's also an avid Instagram poster and follower, pretty much every post on his story is a slow motion shot of something, this includes his many posts from his tree stand where he watches deer walk by. Proud to be a technician for life.

TSgt Kevin Johnson- Goes to St Croix for an MRA conference to buy us trips...even though we're getting rid of our airplanes. I bet he wouldn't have gone if the conference was not on a Caribbean island, but then again Savannah will be nice! His dream of bringing an MRA conference to Portsmouth is short final to fruition. The Air Guard will be doing the serious work of trip bidding and imbibing in Portsmouth this spring thanks to his vision and hard work. KJ has a new boat and holds the AF record for telecommuting.

TSgt John Lennon- John's company went on strike so we have had the lovely pleasure of Johnny hanging around the unit more often. He must be having withdrawal symptoms from not going to the Deid for more than half the year. With John being a 135 boom longer than most of us have been alive (1978) he is sad to see her go but sure enough we will always hear about the good old SAC days. John has continued to provide honesty to any group discussion and still makes the AD uncomfortable when he channels the truth. Turns 60 this year but with any luck we will be writing about him in the next addition.

SSgt Shenna Londoff- Made the transition from our CSS to the boom world, she's currently finishing up MCT and should be ready just in time for us to lose 135's for conversion. She is studying something important at UNH; we guess the CCAF degree wasn't good enough for her.

SMSgt Dan Luter- So...we're all convinced of 2 things, Dan is one of the smartest people we know and Boeing is paying him VERY well to be a KC-46 advocate in the unit. He is currently making us proud as well as look good while in the KC-46 IOT&E program. Did we say he is wicked smaht?

SSgt Ravi "Aroma Joe" Madahar- Chief's favorite person to tell to get a haircut. From September to December you can find Ravi stressing out about at least 1 of his 25 fantasy football leagues. They finally pried him from the UDM office and stuck him in training to continue out his temp tech tour. His wife is currently in Vet school; different kind of vet than we are used to.

MSgt Jamie Marier- Shrek is the chief assistant to the assistant chief boom and also the Chief Boom of Training. (Huh?) He is also an additional duty first shirt. He spends most of his time mentoring our young booms on how to be successful in the military or planning his next golf outing. No matter how much money he loses on the links, he just keeps coming back for more.

SSgt Sam Mason- Proudly fighting the LIMA fight. If you are ever looking for Sam in the office, just look for his giant green lunch box and wait there, he'll show up in no later than 15 minutes. In his free time he is in the gym, enjoying the outdoors, or spending multiple hours meal prepping. Just bought a house; we are convinced he has a garden of sweet potatoes which he constantly snacks on.

TSgt Daryl McPhee- Managed to escape Scheduling and move to Training. He also gets a break from the office to be a part of the snow removal team for the base. When he's not at work you can find him shoulder deep in the hood of one of his many automobile projects. He will help you with cars or anything else all day long.

Amn Jordan Moore- Yes that is E-2. We didn't know that the Guard recognized anything under A1C either. Jordan is one of our newest booms and finished up MCT just in time for the unit to stop flying KC-135.

TSgt Brett Peterson- Please stay away from Brett when we are out of Nitro Cold Brew! We need to just go ahead and buy him an IV drip for that stuff. Once he gets his coffee, he has plenty of work in Training to focus that energy on.

SSgt Matt Pongrace- So Matt finally made the leap and said "I do". He's enjoying time with his new wife in

between random TACC assigned vacations.

TSgt Keith Prochaska- Our newest evaluator boom, this grumpy cat is always upset about something. Most recently, he's upset about losing a bet that netted him the lead on the unit's 847 program. We've never been more inspired to submit changes to his beloved pubs program...he just couldn't leave well enough alone. When he's not unlocking every iPad in the unit Keith is complaining about unlocking every iPad in the unit.

SSgt Wayne Reid- Got a new full time job at Pratt and Whitney as a supervisor. Uh oh... our new engines are made by them! Currently enjoying the traditional gig here at the base but I'm sure if you ask him nice enough (or have enough money in hand) he will still help fix whatever issue you have going on with your car that you "refuse to pay the shop prices!" for. In his spare time he has a new baby daughter that got her own Instagram account before she left the hospital.

SSgt Matt Rogers- Former Navy. He made the great choice of switching over to the guard as one of our fuel cell technicians before making the transition over to the boom world. He's currently finishing up MCT and should also be ready for his first solo contact in a plane without a boom window.

SSgt Devon Skerry- Devon is harder to spot than an airline pilot at a non-mandatory drill. He's working hard as a full time firefighter and totally embracing the traditional life. He is also planning a wedding post 135 timeframe.

MSgt Glen Starkweather- Still haven't figured out exactly how and when Starky ever sleeps. Between his busy life in TTF and recently becoming a plow driver for the base snow clean up team, he manages to find time to spend with his grandbabies, his youngest child who is 24 years younger than his oldest child and mentoring our baby booms, that's just too many diapers for one man to handle. Glen is also collecting properties now because he didn't have enough going on.

TSgt Chris Storm- This is where we wanted to insert a trite and overused cop in a donut shop comment but the last editor removed it in favor of serious praise for this outstanding NCO and Airman... who never balks at the free Venti Loco Mocha Choca coffee he receives every morning at the Starbucks drive through in Dover. Still in charge of the aviation department for the state troopers, Storm is embracing the line traditional instructor role with a nap on the troop seats. He also can be seen somewhere on YouTube interacting professionally with a grateful citizen.

TSgt Nate Tarleton- Working in Training as an instructor boom is the perfect place for Nate to continue his growing Instagram presence. You'll probably find him mastering the art of fishing for stripers off of the seacoast. They make for some pretty great fish stories. When he's not fishing you'll probably find him flipping houses during the year.

MSgt Christie Tetley- Pretty sure she spends more time on the road than actually at home. Christie recently was hired as a flight attendant for Jet Blue and like every good airline employee immediately dropped orders. It should also be noted that she has a higher combat and combat support sortie count than anyone in our organization.

TSgt Sam Yeanish- Helping out getting our new "K"C-46 simulator up and running while bailing out the water from the leak in the sim building. But at least the fire alarms kept her awake so she didn't drown. We'd have to imagine its tough setting up a new sim for such an elusive airplane. So far very little sim stuff, it is all water and dealing with the rest of the bases BS.

Future Booms awaiting School Dates:

The bench is deep and options for schools are minimal. We are rounding out our shop with nepotism and insiders instead of the standard hiring from mx.

AB Robert Alcocer – Brother is a pilot with us.

SSgt Shantelle Berry – FSS insider.
SSgt Nicholas Bertell – KC-10 transfer.
SSgt Leah Gosselin – Cop/Fitness guru.
Bryce Parker – Cousin in the TFI.
Keith Reid – Brother is boom with us.
AMN William Shattuck – Fresh meat.
SSgt Ricky Shaughnessy – ATOC transfer from the reserve.
SrA Daniel Taylor – CSS genius.
TSgt David White – Former Intel and brother in the NHANG.

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100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS**

“THE BLOODY BOOM ASSOCIATION”



351 ARS

(C)MSgt “Buddy” Lee Adkins, Sq Supt – Proved that anything is possible by making Chief. Still 5’7 ¾”. Still cute as a button. Provides the best topcover ever, he needs a stool to do it, but it’s still great topcover. Won the Boom League Fantasy Championship, but really, who cares about that? You do Tony.

SMSgt Jon Adams, Chief Boom – Shaved his glorious mustache and somehow managed to look even creepier. Went 12-1 in Fantasy, then blew it in the 1st round!

TSgt F. Jarvis, Executive Ass. – He’s been moved to the front office so Adkins can keep a close eye on that shaving waiver. He’s also a proud new father!

DOT

MSgt Tony Montani – If you were wondering who wrote this, it was me, I’m awesome. I’m kinda fat too 😞.

SSgt Kevin Satberry – Got those orders to Macdill and has been “outprocessing” for about 5 months now. He performed a glorious rendition of “She’s Your Queen to be” at the Christmas Party this year, we were all deeply moved.

SSgt Casey “Older Peifer” McConnell – Just got MCT finished right on time to move into Pre-CFIC. He is so pale that his internal organs are visible, but he has a great haircut.

(S)Sgt Derek “Teen Wolf” Peifer – Hairiest neck ever, he only needs half a scarf.

SrA Malachai Epps – Hit #2,108,453 on iTunes this year with his fire mixtape, sick beats yo. Really making great strides as a boom.

SrA Justin Pauleon – Likes to cut a solid 2 hours out of the work day to burn one with old man Barker, he's tired of having that Tiger Woods voice I guess, and those squeaky-clean lungs.

DOS

SSgt Juan Upegui – Just moved into scheduling and the power, the POWER went right to his nugget. We never though we'd miss F as a scheduler.

SSgt Ryan Kemp – Think I heard him say “sure” once, but it might have been a sneeze.

AIC Will Schott – Leaving us soon to PCS to somewhere, haven't really bothered to ask yet. We will miss him, he's a hard-working kid for at least 2 months after each time he gets into trouble.

SrA Kaleb Borque – He let Darian put a ring on it, Texas-style! Moved out of CCV and brought his eyebrows to DOS, solid guy!

DOV

MSgt Ryan Clauss – He's headed out of here soon, hopefully Chief Rueckert will let him know before his DEROS.

TSgt Christian Villaneuva – There isn't really anything bad you can say about V, however comma, eventually his AirSoft rifle is going to get him pinched by the bobbys.

SSgt Jordan Gese – Goose is beloved by all, and can typically be found with a cold, crisp Cures Light in his hand during a debrief. He's got a future as a DEA agent if this boom thing doesn't work out.

SSgt Chris Shelton – Hulk smash, hulk make baby, hulk wear flannel shirt to gym. He's a go to IB and literally never says no to a flight or a trip.

SrA Corey Marion – Still trying to crosstrain to be SecOps dude, but in the meantime he's gonna be the new SELE in CCV.

UDM

SSgt Samantha Shelton – Soon to be a proud mama-bear, she's already got the haircut that makes restraint managers cringe, although Gent-Borque says she had it first.

SSgt Jameco Edwards – This guy just got back from CFIC in time to go long-term DNIF, then his wife had baby #3 (a boy finally!) right as he came off DNIF so he still has yet to log a single instructor hour.

(S)Sgt Jordan Barker – Old-man Barker is leaving us soon for the CRW or CRG or whatever we call it now.

FA

SrA Jake Bitter – Finally brought his insta-girl around for us all to meet, and she promptly drank him under the table not once, but twice in a week!

A-Flight

MSgt Mark Smith – Brand new baby boom who was a cop, then an MTL at Altus. We are looking forward to getting him Mission Ready, and then on the road!

TSgt Grant Ringenburg – Ring has been terrorizing the baby booms of A-Flight for almost a year now, so we thought it was time to let him go to Wing Execution to terrorize the receiver units of USAFE.

(S)Sgt Darian Borque – She wanted this job, and so far she’s doing great at it! We get a sick discount on snack bar supplies because she also has the “I’d like to speak to your manager” haircut.

SSgt Blake Soule – Brand new fella with somewhat of a boom pedigree. Have heard nothing but good things about him, look forward to having him in the squadron.

A1C Noah Ford – Looks exactly like Jaiden Smith, and he drinks Smirnoff Ice completely unironically. Took him a while to get Mission Ready because of a pesky peanut allergy, but now that he’s flying the line we never see him.

A1C Alex Bengel – He’s still in MCT but he has fit into the squadron perfectly so far, mainly because he’s a great addition to the intramural hoops team. Seems like he might be an ok boom too.

A1C Noah Rutan – This guy is always in a hurry to get nowhere. Slow down Rutan, the nothing you were going to do will still be there when you get there. Apparently he also plays guitar, but has been keeping that a secret!

100 OG

OG SUPT

CMSgt Cesar Flores – It was great to get Chief back to the Bloody 100th after a 2ish year hiatus. He can often be found running in 28 degree weather at 6AM to train for the Boston Marathon. Personally, I’m not comfortable trying to make jokes about a guy who does that kind of stuff for fun.

OGV

MSgt Heath Tuma – Heath is an expecting father and we’ve never seen the guy smile so much. He may have even given a few Q1’s since finding out the good news!

OGT

TSgt Steve Mertens – Steve is finally leaving us after 5 or 6 or 7 years at RAFM. We will miss him dearly, but every time we look at Rutan, we will remember him.

SSgt Mike Dunn – If he ever gets MCT done with, he’ll be a great asset to OGT.

100 OSS

WING EXECUTION

MSgt Clint Laughman – The Law Dog lays the smack down on a daily on all of USAFE, and our scheduling shop. If you’ve got a few minutes, he’ll tell you a story. If you don’t have a few minutes, he’ll tell you a story.

TSgt Justin Miller – Finally being paroled from OSO to OGT this Spring. He finally finished above .500 in fantasy football.

TACTICS

SSgt Greg Webb – What self-respecting tactics boom doesn't leave the answer key to the annual tactics test "laying around"? This one. So strict!

100 ARW

MSgt Chris King – He's finally getting ready to come back to the 351 after over a year at the IG. We look forward to his sage advice and cowboy stories.

PCS'd/Separated

MSgt Larry Nahalea

MSgt Jeff Sparks

TSgt Augie Marshall

SSgt Kayce Miller

SSgt Alex Esquibel

SrA Steve Rappuhn

SrA Ave Liagia

SrA Eric Acevedo

SrA Thirstan Noel

RAMSTEIN AFB, GERMANY

603d AOC

“WOLFHOUSES!”



For those that were unaware, the 603d Air Operations Center, and more specifically the Air Mobility Division is known as the “TACC” of Europe which plans, and directs tanker missions throughout the EUCOM/AFRICOM’s 32M square mile AOR. In the AOC, we work directly with 50+ U.S. and NATO partners in a joint effort toward the same goal....Deter Russian aggression. If you are tired of the constant color of Al Udeid sand and looking for greener pastures, Germany is the place for you! Traveling Europe is pretty freakin’ sweet and we do have 3 Boom Operators positions (KC-135/KC-10) so keep an eye on AMS for job listings in the future!

MSgt Anthony “Shooter” Erdelac: Tony arrived at Ramstein this year with his family (AKA small clan), and has been doing his best to leave an impact in Europe. So far he’s attempted to hunt all the deer in Germany and coached a baseball team that keeps defeating all the European kids in true American style. He has a bright future here as long as the other partner nations can understand his heartland southern accent.

TSgt David “High Ground” Thoresen: Dave is now our shop’s most experienced guy, so it’s no surprise he keeps getting “volunteered” for everything but his job. When he is here, he likes to spend time shopping for his retirement sail boat that he plans on sailing around the world (Gilligan’s Island style), which we feel strangely comfortable with. His latest conquest includes mastery of the manliest moustache we’ve seen since Tom Selleck.

TSgt Russ Hobbs: Russ is our resident KC-10 ~~Lead~~ Boom and as such still catches endless crap for being a trash hauler. When he’s not busy using his leave traveling to the states (instead of touring Europe) you’ll find him reminiscing about hauling rubber dog sh!t out of Hong Kong. With all that said, his expertise was relied heavily upon the first time we “KC-135 guys” had to plan KC-10 AARs. We all believe that Russ is a no blinker using, BMW driving, spy from Wakanda (which is located somewhere in the country of Africa) but nonetheless, he is OUR Beemer driving, fun loving, ~~Leadmaster~~ Boom Operator....

Departed the fix (dead to us)

MSgt Justin Hunter: Justin departed last summer for the distant shores of Fairchild AFB. He was a legend in the AOC by continually saving the day with Tanker gas, but now is like a fleeting memory, a ghostly aperture. We will, however, miss the joy and affection of his new puppy Zoe.

SCOTT AFB, IL

108 ARS

HOME OF THE MID AMERICA MILITIA



- **Chief Sammy “Is he gone yet” Gerros** – Sadly (or not) Chief will be leaving us in March after 35+ years of Service. Thank you Chief for your dedicated service to the 126 ARW and thank you NGB for the 60yr old age limit.
- **SMSgt Arie “NOT too old for this” Latimer** – This Stan Eval veteran has been eyeing up the CMSgt position and thinks he’s got it in the bag... Time will tell. He also loves kids, and surprises! So when he came home from his deployment and found out he was having a baby he decided to buy a bigger house. Looking forward to many boom related functions a la casa de Latimer and meeting future boomer, baby Lat.
- **SMSgt John Reed** – Usually the only boom actually in Stan Eval. He also thinks the CMSgt position is coming his way soon... At least he finally finished his CCAF! Recently deployed for the first time (since WW Gulf War I) and went on a strict one meal a day workout schedule. If he loses anymore weight mental health might call for an intervention. With his deployment money (and probably a little help from his wife in finance) he decided to invest in a new truck so that he can continue to take his boat out 2 times a year.

- **SMSgt Chris “Z” Zahner** – A true part-timer! Only seen on drill weekends, we have no idea how he stays current. He will unfortunately be leaving us in September for retirement. Thank you Z-Man for your Service to your country and good luck.
- **MSgt Nathan “The Tank” Moore** – Hit his 20yrs of service so he’s one inconvenience away from leaving, starting his Lego business, growing a beard and toking it up for a living.
- **MSgt Paul “Fusebox” Fusek** – He’s still married! After his latest deployment he’s very excited to go back. He’s also willing to go great lengths to ensure he always has his chapstick, the mission can wait. There thankfully haven’t been any fuesbox explosions (that we know of) recently.
- **MSgt Jameson “Real Boy” Liggett** – With degree in hand and UPT dates within reach, Liggett has been getting ready the best way he knows. By taking as many trips as his wife will allow and complaining when he doesn’t get chosen for said trips. At least when he’s home he can jump in the aircraft sim and see why flying a boom is just as easy as flying literally anything else. We all look forward to our boom rights activist making the ultimate sacrifice and giving up his AGR slot in an attempt at becoming 2Lt Liggett (world’s oldest snacko).
- **TSgt Kate “Welcome back... or not” Lowry** – Turns out the WANG didn’t want her, so with welcoming arms we let her back into our family... permitting she never tries to convince us that the KC-46 is somehow better than the 135 at anything besides getting pilots a neat type rating.
- **TSgt Ashley “The fun one” Bradford** – Formerly “Robbs”, now happily married to Rich Bradford. She’s still kicking it over at TACC and getting ready to start instructor upgrade training. Not sure why she doesn’t want to go hang out in the squadron as a full timer... everyone over there is a great bunch! Also she makes THE BEST Moscow mules.
- **TSgt Jamie Castillo-Liceaga** – Morale Santa. He single handedly created our new ANG “FIG” colored MAJCOM patches. There haven’t been any impromptu gun shows either, but still, don’t mess with Castillo... He’s currently our “Bro Deck” replacement in scheduling while Deker is deployed.
- **TSgt Deker “Bro” Lankford** – Local VFW resident, living the high life after a joyous 4 month deployment, just so he could become an AGR. Don’t tell him he was getting it anyways. He went from being the only person in scheduling to never being in scheduling.

- **TSgt Chris “Niko” Nikonovich** – Another one of our TACC residents. He was Deker’s basement dweller but realized he couldn’t handle the bro life.
- **TSgt Nate “NOT SO” Smart** – Finally landed a spot on the sim cert team. He thinks that’s going to make him a better boom.....NOT.....but hey at least now he can stay a little more current and make some extra cash too.
- **TSgt Richard “Baby D” Robbs-Bradford** – Mr. Non-current is temporarily rocking the UDM gig and totally nailing it! Got tired of paying for gas so he sold his truck for a Jetta just so he can say he drives a diesel. Made a big accomplishment by finishing his degree and landed a sweet job at NGA (whenever they let him start working), finally making enough money to afford his expensive tastes. Expect to see a sick Mercedes in the parking lot soon.
- **TSgt Ethan “Learned Man” Wheeler** – Living it up in college, epic start (then end) of a YouTube channel, trying to sell his house, dating (a real girl), attempting to live off the grid and occasionally going the casino, all make up what is EZ Wheels. After his last deployment he developed a strong aversion to lasers. “Eyes inside” must mean something else to him... Pretty sure is was just a ploy to get glaucoma and medicinal substances.
- **TSgt Kevin “Oh Oh Oh” O’Reilly** – Still in school and starting an internship at Purina. Mr. Worldwide is constantly going on trips. Not for the unit but for his own pleasure. Refer to his Facebook or Instagram for a full list of his exploits (come and get him ISIS). Kevin also loves living in the city and biking around. Usually spotted at the grove. Recently won Airman of the Universe proving to everyone you can take the maintainer out of active duty but not the active duty out of the knuckle dragger.
- **SSgt Korbin “Dang ol dang” Hays** – if that ain’t country... Korbina is working in Current Ops and has been permitted to answer the phone and occasionally plan missions, under close supervision. Much like Arnold Schwarzenegger, everyone can do an imitation of Korbina but he can’t say California correctly, along with half the English language. (“How do you spell farrest?”). When he’s not doing his signature move of head-butting stairs he can be found wandering the parking lots of apartment complexes, usually clothed. He’s still our favorite little ‘banya though and somehow puts up with everyone’s crap.

- **SSgt Brandon “Channel 4” Merano** – Did he know he was flying today...? Huh, well he will surely be here on time for the exercise... This news caster pop-idol will make you famous! It’s a good thing he’s decent at golf and leadership likes him.
- **SrA Andrew Fallert** – Way too smart for the rank he is, but still won’t complete ALS to become a SSgt. If you don’t see him around at drill, it’s probably because his car broke down.

Incoming

- **SSgt Alex Castillo** – Cross trained from CE, and is currently at Altus. Excited to return home so that Padre Castillo can show him the ways of the part-time boom.
- **SrA Eric Asevado** – Just arrived from Mildenhall and ready for the guard life... kinda. Learning the guard ways one day at a time. Will eventually be the unit’s next physical therapist. Side note, anyone looking for a roommate??
- **A1C Cole “Boom” Gelfius** – Goofius just graduated from Altus. Good thing too because if he didn’t his license plate would have most likely gone missing... It still might. Have you heard he’s a Boom? If not check out his Snapchat, Instagram, Facebook, voicemail and aforementioned license plate.

Boom Stowed

- **SMSgt Stephen “Little Girl” Butler** – Is he still attached to us?? Butler retired and decided to become a contractor because working all your life is the best. His only job now is to see if the Sim Cert conference is in a good location.
- **SMSgt Keith “Wags” Wagner** – No longer the Air Force’s oldest boom operator! The old man finally retired and is now living the good life at the 126th retirement community (NGA).

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ADAMS, JESSE C SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPC

BENSON, JEFFREY C TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – “Boom dragon” Doesn’t believe in IFEs but if one happens he will delete your flight from GDSS.

CAIN, SEAN P GS-11 USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP

DELTORO, JOSEPH TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPCC – PHIK – you know Africa, right?

ELMORE, JESSICA L MSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPMC

FARMER, JONATHAN L TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOBK - Not a humble bone in his body. Jon is quick to remind anyone that will listen of the “alleged” 93 that he scored on the PFE while testing for TSgt. That was like 8-9 years ago. I’m still waiting for him to apply those same study techniques for testing for MSgt. He is also the resident “expert” at woodworking. He actually has a nice little shop in his garage. Trying to get him to actually work in the shop is a different story. As a barrel master, his skills are unmatched. Every time somebody requests for him to do his job, he’ll say his infamous phrase, “I’ll see what I can do.” Which translates to, “I’m going to ignore you long enough, so Marcus will have to do my job for me.” One day I’ll stop falling for that trick. He is currently at Altus learning how to be a boom in an inferior tanker.

FREED, BRUCE W JR TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOCCG

LANDSBERG, CHALLIS SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOBK - Challis is the newest addition to the tanker barrel. Don’t know too much about her just yet. We do know that she loves unicorn meat. She will be a welcomed addition to the team. I can already tell she will be a better barrel master than Jeremy, which isn’t saying much.

MCANALLY, BRANDON J TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP - A story must have a beginning, middle, and end.

MCCLARD, SANDRA L TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Congratulations on more time off, I mean another boy.

MITCHELL, MARCUS B TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOBK - Marcus is one of the best barrel masters in the history of the tanker barrel. His quick ability to non-support missions and his ability to say “No” to users requesting tankers is pretty amazing. Marcus is one of the best around at planning to do something, but one of the worst at following through with the plan. He loves his job so much that he has burned all of his leave to avoid coming to work. He just learned that he got orders to Travis and he’s been depressed ever since. Marcus is in the process of applying for a restraining order to prevent Jeremy from following him to Travis.

NELSON, MATTHEW A TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – 10% of the work – 90% of the complaining, which is incredible with all the days off he gets.

NGUYEN, ANTOINE TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Our token Frenchman.

RIMAR, PAUL A SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPC - “Cold Brew” - Paul has developed a talent for 3 particular things while here at TACC. 1) A knack for coming to work sometime between 0800 and 1100. He will eventually show up, you just won’t know when. 2) The ability to accumulate a mass amount of “stars” on his Starbucks app, particularly Vanilla Sweet Cream Cold Brew. 3) Finally, planning crews to show up as early as possible with as many min turns as possible. Always working to make others’ lives better...

ROBINSON, JEREMY SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOBK - Jeremy is the fitness guru of the office. He spends so much time in the gym in order to burn off all the calories he eats from his candy addiction. On the weekends he eats a minimum of 2000 calories of candy, in which he is slowly killing his pancreas. I have an intervention planned for him next month. Jeremy has followed Marcus to the Scheduling shop and then the Training shop while at McGuire. Now he has followed him to the tanker barrel at Scott. I think this is because Jeremy loves the way Marcus writes his EPRs. He is ready to move on from the tanker barrel. Jesse won’t let that happen without a fight. Time to use those muscles Jeremy.

SCOTT, MATTHEW T SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP - Spends more time in the sauna at the gym than any other part.

THOMAS, MICHAEL V MSgt USAF AMC A3/618 AOC/XOCCG

VALENCE, ANDREW R TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Most meat smoked in all the Midwest.

WONDERS, CLAY B TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPC

Mr. Douglas Garrett-The Tanker Barrel’s computer expert. It appears that he’s found a new hobby besides computers and flying his drone. Believe it or not, Doug is quite the welder. Don’t let all the burn marks on his arm fool you, he actually knows what he’s doing. If you want to hear him ramble on and on about welding, just ask him what a “6010” is. I won’t make that mistake again. He misses flying so much that he goes home and study his pubs from over 20 years ago. If the Air Force ever needs to recall an old boom operator for WWII, Doug is ready.

Mr. Jesse Meagher-Our newest civilian additions to the tanker barrel. His shrine of Star Wars bobble heads at his desk is a little creepy at first but you get used to it. He says all the politically correct things, for now. I want to see how he acts when he’s not on probation. He’s a big advocate and follower of the Keto diet. You wouldn’t be able to tell by the ridiculous amount of carbs he eats on a daily basis.

Mr. James “Jim” Norris- Jim lost his battle with cancer in Aug 2018. He will truly be missed by the whole AOC.

SCOTT AFB, ILLINOIS

906TH ARS

“SPARTANS, COME TAKE!”



MSgt Jerome “JJ” Jefferson – Operations Superintendent

The change the squadron needed? Some would say MSgt Jerome Jefferson is like the squadron’s third try in the Goldilocks’ story. The first Chief Boom was too soft, the second was too hard, but this one... this one is juuust right. JJ came to us from across the ramp at HQ AMC. It seems he followed his BFF, Greg Bush, back to the flying world. The Air Force has tried, but you just can’t keep those two apart. It’s almost like they’re married. It’s cool, it’s a new Air Force and the Squadron totally accepts them. #Bro-mance.

(M)Sgt Gregory Bush – Stan/Eval

(M)Sgt Greg Bush is the squadron’s walking T.O. with a great personality. While any good Boom should know their amplified, Greg can basically read it all to you verbatim by memory. Somewhat fitting, since he works in Stan/Eval. He likely spends most of his time rereading the regs. It makes sense, given he can’t stay off DNIF long enough to do the Eval part of his job. It must be all the “cheese and rice” upsetting his stomach.

TSgt Michael Fulton – Training

Happy with his next assignment, TSgt Michael Fulton is preparing to take off to MacDill in April. It would be interesting to see how Mike adjusts in Florida, seeing as he’s always decked out in Chicago “swag” whenever he’s not in uniform. Mike is one of those Booms that would rather hang out with pilots instead of the Booms. When he’s not talking to his pilots he likes to ditch them when TDY to go hang out with his AE friends. Hopefully he can make friends with some of the Booms at MacDill. Good Luck Mike!

SSgt Nickolas Eykamp – Training

Nick showed up at the 906th this past May from Fairchild with his girlfriend.....yeah, I think girlfriend is the right title, arriving shortly after. He has been a great addition to the Squadron, taking care of all of the new booms as they trickle in from Altus. We're hoping he makes TSgt this year but in order to do so, he would have to study. Nick's future looks very bright and we're happy to have him here.

SSgt Bria White – Tactics

The "Best Actress" award goes to SSgt Bria White. She used to work in scheduling, and by work, we mean acting like she was busy. Turns out, she doesn't even have to act anymore. She landed herself a nice do-nothing gig in a completely separate building. Not many people there to bother her either. Now, she can actually hear herself not working instead of putting in headphones and ignoring everyone. Bria is also keeping her fingers crossed for orders to Seymour-Johnson this year. TFI unit to TFI unit definitely sounds like sounding she can toast mimosas to.

SSgt Lucas Tisol – Base Operations

"Ooh, Tisol..." is what you'll hear most people say. Every squadron has their "Carl", well SSgt Lucas Tisol just happens to be ours. Currently away from the squadron due to his double deployment, he's probably missing his toys right about meow. When at home, Tisol is either locked away in his room with his computer doing only god knows what, or he's in his Mustang doing... only god knows what! He sure does love that "Stang". However, when Tisol returns from his deployment, he won't be with us much longer. He's hoping to get early separation. He'll return home to Wisconsin, finish up schooling, and then become a cop. If being a Super Trooper isn't all that little Tisol expects it to be, he can always fall back on the WANG, or so he thinks...

SSgt Alberto "AJ" Ayala – Scheduling

AJ earned himself an "extended stay" down at Altus where he made plenty of friends (insert sarcastic look). He's been our go-to mission boom! After his deployment on staff we stuck him in the scheduling shop where he has truly shined. When not at work, he spends his time volunteering at a local fire department, it takes a special person to volunteer to run into burning houses in their spare time. He doesn't have much left with us due to his recent orders to Kadena. He says it's going to be "lit", whatever that means. We'll miss having him around.

A1C Marcus Nims – Scheduling

A1C Nims is one of our mission Booms. Although he arrived here back in March, we're still trying to figure out if he's just playing dumb or if he's actually a little slow. He says he was "Professional" motocross racer, so maybe he hit his head one too many times during all those wipe-outs. Even so, his IQ doesn't stop him from having a smile on his face all day, every day. He's probably thinking about his Security Forces wife, that he met and married while in Tech-School at Lackland. Yeah, one of those Airmen. Another conundrum with Marcus is his flying schedule. Has he been stealing all the flights because he works in scheduling now, or are all the other booms throwing their flight on him because he's still fresh meat? Probably both. When he isn't flying, Marcus is supposedly "making those gainz" in the gym, but no one can actually see any. It's ok Marcus, keep going, we believe in you.

A1C Cierra Carlan – Training

The squadrons newest Baby Boom is A1C Cierra Carlan. She set the parking brake here just a few short weeks ago. Carlan seems to be an average girl from Florida, but there's plenty of time for that to change. Be careful running into her, you're bound to get an ongoing conversation or just multiple random questions.

Scott AFB, IL

AMC/A10N



MSgt Marcus "Ocho", "Marcu" Barnes – (Boom 8) Marcu has been scaring everyone in the office with his attempt at impersonating the infamous Gen Robin Olds...year 'round. He is well educated on mustaches and will gladly tell you how to care for it. We moved him into the policy branch last year and he has been quite busy updating our products. It's fun to watch him mentor those that aren't well versed on this mission. He is truly an asset to our office and we will miss him after he moves on to Fairchild.

SMSgt Jeremiah "Doc" Love – (Boom 9) Doc has been loving life, even if he gets a daily dose of KC-10 jokes. He still has to remind everyone that his first Form 8 was from Altus, so we can't pick on him too much...oh wait, yes we can! He decided to have another kid, retire, and is heading back to sunny Florida. We wish him the best! He said if anyone is ever playing tourist near Mickey, to stop in and say hi.

MSgt David Drain – (Boom 10) He loves talking about his Camaro and this monster power plant it's going to have, but so far it's never moved out of the garage. We hope to see it running soon! We keep him very busy in the training branch where he's doing a great job. Although, he is a little concerned since both Doc and Marcu are departing this summer and he'll be a policy guy soon. We're not worried, he'll continue doing a great job.

SCOTT AFB, IL

HQ AMC/A3TK

“Tanker Training”



SMSgt Mike “Mystical” Russell – Tanker Training Superintendent

The backbone for tanker training, he spends his days applying subtle peer pressure to get you to sign up for a base volunteer opportunity or some crazy race and somehow makes it seem like it was your idea!? When he’s not playing Jedi mind games, you can find this rock jock on the wall preparing for his Matterhorn solo climb. Mike found a loophole out of the KC-46 program, says he missed the old jet smell in the morning. We wish him the best of luck at Fairchild.

MSgt Lamar “Guidance Memorandum” Daniel – Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-135)

“Sergeant Lamar” or “Sergeant Daniels,” if you prefer, is the resident BBQ expert but we don’t know if he still eats it because he be fasting and looking good. Catch Lamar soon at Macdill starting his truck from a website and cruising around, “roooooock you like a hurricaanee.” Lamar spins 4 plates at once, taking care of waivers, GMs, UTCs, GTIMS, and whatever the flavor-of-the-month initiative is coming out of Altus. Units from everywhere call for this “Pilot Whisperer.” Lamar is out the door and will be missed. Best of luck at Macdill!

MSgt Bruce “Battle Staff” Berglund – Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-46)

Bruce a KC-46 boi now. He got that Form 8 and dem 3-D glasses. Bruce was the AMC delivery POC and works hard prepping the Vol 1, RTM, standardizing training, working with the SPO and coordinating with AETC and Altus. In his spare time, this Marine spends his time triathlon training and trying to be the first person to wheelie around the entire Lincoln’s Landing housing complex... “wheel in the skyyy keeps on turnin!” This SNCO OTY bagged a deer but had a deer bag his truck the same night. Bruce: 1 Deer:1

MSgt Daniel “Sous Vide” Falucho - Command Manager Tanker Training (KC-10)

We’re pretty sure Dan has a second job, running “cargo” or delivering Yachts. He often talks about “juicing.” We thought it was vegetable juice, but lately Dan’s hair has been falling out and he’s broken a few keyboards. His back suddenly got better and he spends a lot of time at the gym. Dan is our KC-10 expert and spends his time working on the A3T snack bar, templates, guidance, GMs, UTCs, and whatever occurs on “the high side.” Dan is headed to the Barrel and will surely be missed...unless he is already gone, we are not sure. Best of luck buddy!

Outbound

SMSgt Mike Russell

MSgt Lamar Daniel

MSgt Dan Falucho

Inbound

SMSgt Rick Dorsey

MSgt Chris Pedersen

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HQ AMC/A3VK



SMSgt Dan “Boeing’s Man” Beecher (KC-46) : Ol’ Dirty did his time on this side of the missipeh and worked his way down to Texas as the AETC functional. No more camper down by the Rio, Dan scored a pretty sweet house. When he wasn’t crushing telecons he was helping us keep our sanity on staff. You’ll be missed big guy.

MSgt Ken “<https://youtu.be>” Essick – (KC-46)

Ken is on his 13th year of staff and will probably be here for “one more year” to see what assignments are available. A jack of all trades, Ken keeps Altus, McConnell, AND Boeing on the straight and narrow. Now that the aircraft is delivered, hide ya kids, hide ya wife, cuzthey checkin’ errbody out here.

MSgt Aaron “Property Brothers” Widener (KC-135)

We met a dude named Aaron Widener a while back and once in a while he comes TDY back to Scott. When Aaron isn’t busy holding together A3V, he’s cuttin’ tile, hunting mice, and filming an HGtv special.

MSgt Sean Scott Command Manager (KC-10)

Sean is our new KC-10 guy and, we really don’t know much about him because he’s TDY, all the time. He’s probably deep sea fishing on a yacht right now “giving check rides.” When queried about Sean, another boom said “umm, he likes bowling, motorcycles, and taking care of his house” Where you at Sean!?!?! We got TMTs TO DO!

Inbound

SMSgt Chuck Taylor

SMSgt Pat Martin

Outbound

CMSgt Brett Prothe – he KC-10 boy now

MSgt Jesse Wright – parole from Altus

SCOTT AFB, IL

HQ AMC/IG

“BUZZARDS”



MSgt Greg “Crease” Sanders – Greg stays busy doing the Lord’s work in the IG, making sure the nuke biz is running smoothly. Crews sit at attention in the testing room and listen for the “click clack” of his boot taps. Aside from planning and executing inspections, Crease works with A10N and continues to advance the Nuke enterprise. Congrats on Senior!

MSgt Roger “Dirty” Braun – Roger is currently working in IGI, awaiting parole, hopefully to IGN. We don’t fully know what goes on in there, but are pretty sure he sits in the snake pit, watching Fishing with Luiza and rejecting write-ups. Roger visits Active, Guard, and Reserve units to improve ops and ensure compliance. When not out on the road he pursues his pilot license and spends time with his family.

Outbound

MSgt Randy “SLIM” Stinnett – Rando sits up straight at 3:30 in the morning, drinks three eggs, proceeds to dominate the gym, and still gets to work by 6:45. After a full duty day, he can be seen rocking back and forth on the porch listening to wind chimes... “You kids get off my lawn!” Randy is retiring and we’ll miss him, his wisdom, and the laughs he brings. Congrats buddy!

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

911 ARS

RED EAGLES



OPS SUPERINTENDENT

MSgt Nahalea, Larry “Thumb Thumb” – *Rolls his chair into the room* King of the “At my other bases”, Larry always has a better way to do everything. The only Superintendent to also be in Scheduling, Training, UDM, Transition Flight, Stan/Eval, and the Snack Bar. If you want orders to Altus, talk to this guy. He can get you there.

BOOM SHOP

SSgt Saulnier, Steve “Smeagle” – Can always be found telling someone “How it is supposed to be”, he is the smartest SSgt in the Air Force, just ask him about it. Recently granted the NCOIC Title, he is already figuring out how much paperwork is acceptable for a new supervisor to give.

SrA Carroll, Brayden – Who? Is he deployed? Is he at an appointment? All we know is he sure isn’t at work. Will be separating the Air Force later this year.

SrA Rodriguez, David – Our resident pro at getting out of work. You can count on him coming in at 2 with some type of Haircut/Medical/Dental/MPF/Family appointment. Only SrA to somehow never have a job. Pretty impressive for a guy who qualifies for the senior discount at IHOP.

UDM

SSgt Seale, Austin “BSAL” – He works in UDM? Always insisting that UDM isn’t busy while everyone else in there freaks out. Famous for going DNIF any time that the flight has any pattern work on it. He has single handedly cancelled more lines because he can’t clear his ears than bad maintenance. Hopefully he can make it another year without getting stabbed by a girlfriend.

READINESS

TSgt Simon, Kevin “Ms. B” – Still in the world’s longest MCT program, Kevin goes back and forth between breaking his wrist, breaking his nose, and pretending he is the size of an actual man. Finally went to Altus and became a real “Boom Operator.”

SCHEDULING

SSgt Anderson, Drake “Beanie” – The Air Force is losing its poster boy. After 48 herniated disks in his neck and back, sadly Drake is throwing in the towel. He will have a great time in Oregon doing recreational “things” and not being DJ’s Dad.

SrA Gac, Arturo “LAG” – Our newest instructor, Gac came back eager to give everyone M010s to fix the squadron. Known to throw a fit if he can’t fly with a student, Gac can usually be found in scheduling doing nothing and helping nobody. He could be replaced with a chimpanzee and nobody would know the difference. He will be having his baby girl in February, and all we can say is Good Luck Charlee. PCSing to Kadena later this year.

SrA Shaw, Donald Jr “DUCK” – We have to be careful here. Donnie can be a little sensitive. Loves to give it, but don’t say anything about leg day to this guy. Always one word from a full kicking and screaming temper tantrum at work. Will be separating the Air Force later this year. Something about not enjoying his job and actually flying.

TRAINING

SSgt Austin, Zachariah “Nuke” – Can’t make up his mind on PCSing to Scott or Altus. Been dating Gac’s Mom since Gac got married. Was able to get a kiss at the wedding and even a dance. This relationship has progressed through lots of texts and they even spent Christmas Eve together exchanging gifts. Gac’s sister has been seen walking around calling Zach “DADDY.”

STAN/EVAL

(M)Sgt Coker, Justice – Nobody works harder to get out of work than Justice. Can always be seen finding crafty ways to get around any responsibilities that he has at work. The only gun expert with wrists too weak to shoot his Glocks, but watch out on range day as long as he has a full hour to “warm up”.

CURRENT OPS

SrA McCastle, Timothy “Mamasan” – If he’s not at work, he’s on the football field squatting in his own endzone. He has a new injury every week, which explains why he gets burned by Gac out on the field. Can usually be found convincing people that current ops “needs” him.

TACTICS

MSgt Pellieter, Alan – He has been here for 2 years but is still learning “How you do things here”. He has been relegated to the Vault, so we don’t see too much of him anymore, but when we do, he is always a happy face in the squadron. He might have a hard time recording conversations in the vault.

TINKER AFB, OK

465 ARS “OKIES”



Welcome to the home of the Shit Hot Okies where the Flat Top Mafia rules. We believe in working hard but playing harder. This band of misfits reads like the AMC movie channel slogan “Characters Welcome” We believe in work cards and not time cards and always building memories that we can use against each other later on. However, if you come at one of us you come at us all. This tight knit fraternity takes pride in roasting our fellow brethren. Enjoy!

CMSgt Steve “Bif” Robinson

Bif is still the HMFIC and Kingpin of the Flat Top Mafia. We expect he will outlive the KC-135 itself and be the longest running Chief in Air Force history. Currently deployed to the desert, he devised a plan to deploy while everyone else is staying home so when the rest of the unit is deploys later on in the year all the alert tours will be all his. Apparently, he needs alert orders more than the airmen around him do, in his defense he has two weddings to pay for!! Everything is BIFCON Normal; #livingintheBifFreeZone!

CMSgt Phil “X-Man” Brand

Due to the seemingly immortality of Bif, there is an overwhelming sense of resignation in Phil Brand’s demeanor of late. Buried in a stack of expired pubs and updated iPads, he can be found drowning his sorrows in YouTube videos and internet memes while his Chief Boom aspirations slowly slip away. Oh well, there’s always the alert money-oh wait...

SMSgt Mark “McGoozle” McGougan

This big panda is riding a wave of newfound and unbridled confidence after breaking his 105 year streak as a MSgt. Although it required smoke, mirrors, and a flawless game of bait and switch (a typical Thursday afternoon for McGoo), he was able to “procure” a senior stripe from the 10th Test Flight before making his way back and kicking Brent out of his old office before he got too settled in. Now he’s back to that ART life, selling wheels and tires and maybe doing a little scheduling when he can fit it in.

SMSgt Justin Hopkins

Having somehow achieved boom nirvana, Justin is the proverbial “man on the mountain”; a traditional Reserve line boom that has gracefully weaved his way to SMSgt, while expertly dodging instructor upgrade, and well, all responsibility in general. Teach us your ways, Wise One!

SMSgt Ben “Benny Rooster” Brent:

It has been a roller coaster ride for Ben; promoted to SMSgt before being demoted back to Current Ops and having his wings clipped; Ben is the underboss of the Flat Top Mafia! Strutting around with chest out and invisible lats flared, Ben can be seen around the squadron keeping the hens (the ones he hasn't ran off yet) in line, or at the gym working arms again, but definitely not the flight line...

SMSgt Brian “Donkey” Dillon:

Our newest addition to the Okie team and third member of the Flat Top Mafia. If you don't know him, just ask and I'm sure he will provide you with his own personalized “Donkey” sticker while telling you all about himself. Nobody loves Donkey like Donkey loves Donkey! Often referring to himself in third person, he'll gladly share how his old squadron has gone to hell in a hand basket since he has left. In a few short months we have gathered that he drafted the 135, built the KC 135, invented the cargo roller system, and engineered the MPRS pods. Apparently Donkey is so well known in the AOR that ISIS put him on their hit list and made him the queen of hearts on their deck of cards. If you have 3 hours, ask him about his toothpaste evacuation plan; he would LOVE to tell you all about it.

MSgt Scott “Can I Log IB” Montgomery:

Where do we start? Scott is our resident trougher, traditional or alert whore for short. This guy tries to log IB time like he is trying to land an airline job. You can see him always combing the schedule to see who is on alert and who isn't. When he's not around the squadron you can see Scott driving around town trying to pedal his burner phone business and building up his cell phone empire again. He is on track to corner the Obama phone market in Midwest City. If he's going to fill his closet with the extra small Affliction shirts, bedazzled jeans, and flat billed hats he needs to supplement his income somehow. Rockin' his new GMC truck and back from instructor school, this “kid” is going places!

MSgt Chaz “Shatz” Dalton:

Chaz is our bitter old crusty CMSGT, except he is only a MSgt. He definitely is the biggest C in the squadron though if you know what I mean. Chaz is a boom that pretends he's a pilot. He has an airline pilot “career” right now and is playing in the triple (A) flying for Spirit Airlines hoping that he will get a shot at the majors. When you think of Oklahoma and tornados, Chaz comes to mind. Despite needing an armed escort to visit over half the support agencies on base, he still blows through the squadron like a Tasmanian devil on a warm May's day; make way for the destruction path to follow and hope you're not the one in his path. We love you Chaz!!! And the big C stands for “Charismatic”

MSgt Sean “8-Pack” Gilson:

Roles are reversed at Sean's household; his wife is the real bread winner. He is “busy” breaking new barriers by being our local stay-at-home dad and the perfect resident reservist. Leaving the Air Reserve Technician life for greener pastures, the newly found father of 2 boys can be found teaching a local spin class or gossiping with all the gals in his “book of the month” club. He is a relentless advocate for Daddy's Day Out, as he feels fathers are under-appreciated. The only thing that would make his life more perfect is to add a minivan or a Volvo station wagon to the mix.

MSgt Jeff “350” Bass:

Currently on loan from the 10th Flight Test Squadron, Jeff has yet to make his first flight back in the Okies. We seem to have gotten a “2 for none” trade... Well played 10th Test! Jeff spends his days in the Mobility shop watching “The View” and catching up on the latest news MSNBC has to offer. Jeff's favorite hobbies include promising valuable work to leadership before scheduling a surgery to take him away just in the nick of time. Jeff

inherited Switzers side business of OKC Thunder ticket sales will be a great backup if this whole boom thing doesn't work out.

MSgt Ryan Cornell:

Ryan recently received his SNCO field promotion while serving on the battleground of Mission Development as Chief Cook and Bottle Washer for the erratic, capricious General Benjamin Brent. Having seventeen kids of his own has fully prepared Cornell for this new leadership challenge, however, and he will no doubt remain unfazed while facing the barrage of temper tantrum meltdowns, defiance, and ever present threat of kicking and screaming that his Current Ops co-workers will throw at him.

TSgt Dave "Pee Wee" Brown:

Dave fits in well in the unit, not so much his flight suit. A retrained finance guy we thought would help with vouchers, instead he got a finance job across base and continues to deny vouchers. He spends more time at the skating rink, scouting local talent that parents bring in for birthday parties than he does on the flightline. Unfortunately his high speed skate skills don't correlate to his low speed boom skills. If it wasn't for funding he'd still be in MCT, so he has that going for him.

TSgt Bobby "Slap Ass" Jackson:

Bobby, now living that ART life, is our newest addition to the Mobility shop. He spends his days planning what he is going to eat for lunch and how to appear useful to the unit. Having the biggest balls (figuratively, of course) in the squadron comes with a price, liquid Jackson performed a feat none of us could have dreamed of. It wasn't the Colonel's daughter, but the next best thing. In his defense he believes that it is his God given right to slap that ass. It was good working with you Bobby.

TSgt Michael "Run-N-Gun" Moore:

Ladies and minorities look out! Mike is our resident Oklahoma City police officer. Sporting his new wave euro-metro haircut while starting petitions for a NSYNC reunion tour, Mike is our local pigeon that you have to throw a rock at to make him fly (not a regular rock if you know what I mean). We barely see him around after being recently assigned to the OKC hillbilly gang unit. He always staying busy fighting local crime and staking out minority booms; "Slap Ass" Jackson and Shay Diggs are at the top of his list.

SSgt Shay "Diggs" Ladd:

Shay is one cool cat who rocks to the beat of his own drum. Thirsting for knowledge, Shay has been "Donkeymatized" with all the knowledge that Donkey has to offer. Definitely a bromance going on; Shay is digging what Donkey is throwing down. Donkey playing Mr. Miyagi and Shay as the young impressionable Karate kid. Shay will "wax on/wax off" his way to his shot at instructor school. Donkey is pushing him not to be a currency instructor but to go win the All Valley Tournament. Sweep the leg, Shay! Your best days are ahead of you.

TSgt Daniel "Duh-lton" Williams:

When he is not learning how to survive on the beach from his sister in law he can be found hustling people at fantasy football (Roger Goodell). He's come a long way since Opossum Holler, he can now formulate full sentences and no longer requires subtitles. As a previous train conductor you can still find him in the corner pulling on his chain yelling Choo choo. Oh, sometimes you can find him in the training shop, not working but he can be found there.

Amn Bernard Carlin:

Fresh out of high school we don't know a lot this cat yet; he is still in Initial Qual at Altus. What we do know is that he spent his summers being a ski clown doing some ski clown shit at Busch Gardens for a summer job and he is an avid PlayStation 4 fan running the gamut on Fortnite and blowing off his sim training.

DEPARTED THE FIX

SMSgt Darby Perrin:

Since leaving the Okies, Darby has returned to his Native American roots and rumored to have changed his name to one bestowed on him by a fellow Riverwind tribesman: "Tl'édáá sitl'dén dalání dahicha" which roughly translated means "White Man Who Paints for Free". Although not seen much around the squadron, he has been spotted bartering art for fur pelts and shiny trinkets in the local area.

SMSgt Steve Stanton:

After a hard fought 25 rounds with the AF Fitness Assessment officials are calling it a tie and Steve is taking his conciliatory "Senior" stripe and living out the remainder of his days grazing in the pastures at 10th Test Flight where he can be found tabulating rivet to vortex generator ratios and muttering to himself about Q bellows on the ramp.

SMSgt Ty Taylor

Apparently, 10th Test is passing out "Senior" stripes like candy because Ty also meandered his way across the ramp and into a promotion. Now he's living the good life and working on his, like, 7th bachelor's degree, 5th masters and/or 2nd PhD...

BOOM STOWED AND LATCHED

MSgt Steve Switzer (Retired):

It is now safe to leave your CAC unattended in the computer without fear of an "unintentional" email being sent professing your undying love to the wing king!! Steve Switzer has officially retired!

**A special thanks to Bobby "Slapass" Jackson and Dalton Williams for taking the time to roast our brethren.*

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“VIS EXTENSA”**



CEM

CMSgt Brett Prothe- Came to us from the KC-135 and is now our CEM. Definitely a great addition to the unit!

Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Travis Jones – Getting ready to retire! Flying a lot and making lasting memories. He has his eyes set on million dollar dreams!

Chief Boom

SMSgt Lucero Stockett – She is who most booms look up to. I mean, literally. She's 6 feet tall. Also figuratively. She has won every award the Air Force offers. One of the AF's 12 Outstanding Airmen of the Year and also, you can call her, Lucy the Riveter.

Ops Superintendents

MSgt James Cain – Falling apart everyday but still flying his heart out. Heading over to the FTU, definitely going to miss him.

MSgt Michael Smith – Just recently signed up on Instagram. He posted about 20 pictures in 3 days. It's just pictures of the KC-10 in every angle. Follow him if you want to know what the KC10 looks like.

Evaluators

TSgt Kenneth Cook – He is the founder of @_projectsavage. Be sure to run tipping when he walks in the cargo compartment.

TSgt Jessie Eagles – Back from teaching at COE. He was in the “other” squadron before that. He's happy to be back in the flying world especially when he found out he's going the greatest squadron.

Instructors

TSgt Dave Pingleton - #WEIGHTLOSSGOALS. He lost so much weight, you won't even recognize him. At first glance, you'd think that he is a new boom in our squadron.

SSgt Jared Sanchez- Working hard at Wing Plans! This man does it all.

SSgt Andy Castillo – Fortnite addict. He owns every Fortnite skin available. Rumor says, he has one named after himself.

SSgt Nathaniel Forrider – Incredible Boom Operator, when he isn't flying you can find him on the racetrack on his motorcycle.

SSgt Zachary Ploeger – After all the hard work going through instructor upgrade, he got orders to work at CRW. I guess he'll have more time to go fishing.

SSgt Ralph Fleurant – Not a scheduler but he tries to run the schedule. Hops on every flight he wants but that's only because he is an amazing instructor.

SrA Ryan Bayles – Our only SrA instructor! Helps run the shop daily.

Line Booms

MSgt Lee Crawford - "Mr. Good Deal Crawford". Always gets the best trips. Perks of being scheduling NCOIC. If you want to break on the road, fly with him. Also, takes great drone videos. Look up "drone head" on you tube.

TSgt Glenn Peters – He's been doing a great job as an enlisted exec. Logged thousands of hours flying and on the desk...he is the squadrons NCO of the Year.

SSgt Rodel Ubungen – Somehow managed to stay under the radar for years. Got sent to Current Ops and is heading to instructor upgrade.

(S)Sgt Calvin Kim – Goes missing when he's supposed to be sitting the desk, but that's because he deployed back to back.

(S)Sgt Mason Wells – Hard working scheduler! Anything you need done will get done. We look to this guy whenever we need a Resilience Brief...

(S)Sgt Nicole Buckley – Self-proclaimed Beyonce's BFF! She will definitely talk the talk and walk the walk.

SSgt Mark Hurd – Traded his wrench for some comfortable pajamas. He's excited to be a part of the flying world. Just finished up cargo training... We see a deployment or 8 in his future.

SrA Joel Perez – Working hard in scheduling, waiting for him to commit on re-enlisting.

SrA Peter Piazza – This man is our continuity. Although he has been 9A, he is still one of us and does AMAZING work in mobility.

SrA Andrew Hall – He's an Auburn fan and one of our sharpest Boom Operators.

SrA Neesen Bristow - The squadron celebrity. Her PA videos are on point. Been making the squadron proud since Day 1! Also earned Amn of the Year for the squadron.

SrA Samuel Ralphs– This guy's a hoarder. Says the stuff he buys is for his sister but never sends her anything. Tune in, he soon might be on "Hoarders" TV show. He's a huge part of our scheduling shop.

SrA Patrick Tracy – If you want to know about New York, he is the right guy to ask. But even if your question isn't about New York, somehow, he will find a way to make the question about New York.

SrA Haydn Munn – Works in mobility and is a true addition to the team. You can catch him singing and playing the guitar on his off days.

A1C Jordan Smith – Got almost 500K views on his video making pizza inflight and over 1 million views on his video talking to an F22 pilot discussing how much he misses chick-fil-a. Should probably be used as a Chick-Fil-A commercial... After all, they sent him a box of Chick-Fil-A sauce.

A1C Richard Hudson – Need supplies? He's your guy. I wish he would order himself better eye glasses. Those BCGs are not working!

A1C Austin Hess – He sends the best, well-written email in the squadron. If you need to sign lithos and order patches, he's the guy to talk to. Ask him who Jack and Jill are.

A1C Zackary Lipsey – Knocked out his first deployment and working hard in mission resources.

A1C Kert Key – Based on how many selfies he takes in a day, he could pass as one of the Kardashians. Great addition to the team!

A1C Matthew Rando - May or may not be Ploeger's twin. Currently deployed and doing an outstanding job.

A1C Luis Javier Silva-Gomez – AKA: Ben Stickers (Ben Stiller's twin)! Incredible young man destined for greatness! He may be heading to the AF academy soon.

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9 ARS

“GUCCI PRIDE... WORLDWIDE!”



As the cornerstone unit for Operations FREEDOM'S SENTINEL 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 1,100 combat missions offloading 113.5 million pounds of fuel to 9,424 United States Air Force, Joint and Coalition aircraft over Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and the Horn of Africa.

SMSgt Justin Brundage: Justin is the hammer; when he gets really pissed he just starts using an Australian accent to yell at Airmen. No one has found the courage to tell him that he is no longer an Aussie and hasn't been for over two years now. JB also has this weird obsession with the Squadron push-around cart, no one can figure out why he keeps it in the back of his truck. Unfortunately, he keeps on trying to leave and go to the KC-46 and leave his Booms in the dust.

MSgt Casey Cooper: 90% of Booms in the 9th have never seen Casey in person. No one knows if he is deployed or retired. His face has been on milk cartons for months and he still hasn't shown up. In all seriousness, Casey just spent seven months in Al Dhafra and looks like an Emeriti. We also think he just got "Catfished" by a Brazilian Instagram model so we are all excited to see how his new relationship works out.

MSgt Joseph Johnston: Joe is at OGV and has been DNIF for the entire year. He's never at work when we call and he may have picked up a job at a local brewery, concocting some of his famous beers. Rumor has it he is coming off of DNIF to take some much needed OGV vengeance on the less experienced! Stay tuned for everyone's REQUAL!

MSgt Matthew Metz: Matt is not to be confused with Meitz. Matt is finally feeling comfortable at the 9th as an MB but he will soon be moving off to Scott AFB to work at TACC. You can find him riding his bicycle

around the mean streets of Sacramento in a skin-tight suit which is both appalling and mesmerizing. We are going to miss him and his stories of the good ole' Herc days.

TSgt Adam Sigman: Adam is the only EB working in Stan/Eval, so of course he gets all of the good trips for "an eval". Adam lifts and he will let you know as soon as he meets you. Sadly Adam is getting ready to leave us to go and do bigger and better things down at AFPC. If you want a good assignment you better send him some protein powder and hair care products!

TSgt Michael Meitz: Mike is not to be confused with Metz. We finally got Mike back from the CRW and he definitely has some scars from his three years there. Mike has no idea what he is doing as NCOIC of Boom Training. He constantly tells everyone to file a waiver but he won't listen to anyone when they tell him it's his job. Mike only drinks Budweiser and not that light shit, so you can tell he is super old. He is finally taking the Male over 40 PT Test and gets most of his exercise from watching WWE and demonstrating moves on his kids.

TSgt Dennis Edwards: Dennis is currently going through Cargo Qual at the FTU. He somehow pulled an EQ with Sigman on his AR Checkride so we are thinking he paid him off with protein powder and hair spray. We are excited to get Dennis in the Squadron and to make fun of his rough -135 Boom contacts.

SSgt Matteo Piruzza: Matteo is currently going through Initial Qual at the FTU. We picked him up from SARM at Hickam and word on the street is he plans on screwing up all of his Dot Sheets as payback. We look forward to putting Matteo to work in the 9th.

SSgt Nicholas Bertell: Nick is always up to no good, you can tell by the dirty smile right under his even dirtier mustache. Nick has been deployed for most of the year but he also did fantastic work instructing cargo at the FTU. We are losing Nick this next year to the Pease ANG where he will patiently await the arrival of the KC-46. Good luck!

SSgt Zachary Ruff: Zach is known for his "just-out-of-regs" hair length and his ability to hurt himself when he lifts heavy, which is always. Ruff-stuff use to be in the Boom Mafia but he is now married and owns a house. Ruff currently instructs Booms fresh out of the FTU on how to load cargo. Hopefully Zach steps up to a full fledge FTU Boom in the future.

SSgt Zachary Bieber: Well well well, what can we say about The Biebs. He is our new NCOIC of Boom Operator Scheduling and is keeping the Boom Schedulers in line. He claims he doesn't have a girlfriend but all know he is locked down hard! Biebs is our go-to NCO for all things Instructing and haircare products. He lost his boyfriend Miller to Edwards AFB and had to take leave to get over the emotional scarring.

SSgt Cornelius Frazier: Cornelius is the man, have you ever been serenaded with 90's R&B while also arguing who is better at playing PUBG/Smash Bros? If you are reading this you are not better than Corny at Smash Bros. Cornelius is flying the line while getting ready to go to IB upgrade wishing he was still a SrA. He complains about being a SSgt more than anyone but doesn't mind the money or reenlistment bonus.

SSgt Shane Kinslow: Shane recently got to Travis and found out he wasn't going through Training for a long time. So he's been knocking out ALS and putting on his new shiny stripes. We heard he's been a Loadmaster, Flight Attendant and now Boom Operator. So hopefully he can load cargo, make chicken nuggets and make silky smooth contacts. Welcome to the Team Shane!

(S)Sgt Mallory Cook: Mallory is currently in IB school and taking her sweet time to finish. To be honest, being an MB at the FTU is pretty awesome so you can't blame her. She is getting ready to head to ALS and knife-hand her fellow classmates into submission. Mallory will be joining Training Flight and taking care of our young Booms ones she finished the longest upgrade ever!

(S)Sgt Brandon Nicholds: Brandon is too tall for his own good and he lets everyone know that. In addition to that, he has been voted to have the weirdest middle name in the Squadron, Hamish. Brandon will soon be having several traumatic life events happening to him like ALS, IB upgrade, and getting married. Happy wife, happy life! If you see Brandon around, ask him about the Chicago Bears kicker, he loves that!

(S)Sgt Ben LeClerc: Frenchie just became an IB but after he completed training we didn't see him for about two weeks. Rumor has it he was completing his 10 question survey at FTU and it took a very long time. Ben is currently in ALS telling all of his classmates how aircrew do things and making sure they know that Boom Operators sit atop the AFSC tree. We are looking forward to seeing the great things that Ben will do in Training Flight.

(S)Sgt Jordan Taggart: Jordan sometimes knows what he is doing in the Squadron but most of the time he doesn't. He currently is slacking off over at Current Ops finding excuses not to fly and begging for mercy when he goes overdue for training. Jordan also become a father for the "first" time, he still keeps getting letters from Guam. Get you currencies and beans done Jordan!

SrA Micah Elias: Micah still has not tested for Staff yet and everyone is questioning whether or not he will this year. When you dig yourself that deep into the SrA Mafia it takes a while to get out. He is the King of the SrA Mafia and makes all of the other SrA wash his car and kiss his pinky ring. Micah continues to be our Squadron's most selfless instructor when it comes to those last minute missions and deployments.

SrA Sean Wilson: Sean is moving up in the world since he landed a job at Current Ops in the special missions section, "The best kept secret in the OG". Whenever Sean isn't driving his straight piped V8 Challenger or finding someone to mod it for him, he spends his time flying the line and crashing his Challenger. The next time you see Sean remind him to get a haircut because he most likely needs one.

SrA Christiann Naylor: Christiann has had a very interesting year and has a new style to her fingernails every week. She never likes to follow the rules but hey, who likes a rule follower anyway? When she is not flying, she is most likely trying to look like an Instagram model. Christiann doesn't know how much longer she plans on staying in the Air Force but good luck on your final decision! She is our workhorse and we hope she stays around forever.

SrA Mitchell Lambrecht: Mitchell is another one of those tall kids that enjoys peering down on people. Mitchell is the Squadron good-ol-boy who constantly has a dip in, drives a V4 Mustang, and talks about muddin' and get-r-done stuff. Mitchell won BTZ and is shaping into a damn good Boom Operator. Rumor has it, he gave his girlfriend a promise ring but it was made out of rusted John Deere parts and gave her gangrene, poor girl.

SrA Cade Yandell: Does your Squadron have a super smart guy that does a bunch of cool stuff you would only see on the Discovery Channel? Well Cade is ours and he is proud of his intelligence. He works down in Awards and Decoration so whenever he sees you, he is super happy. Cade does it all from Phoenix Spark to dumping loads of cash into his goofy cars. Cade also got his girlfriend a promise ring but his cots as much as a 2-bedroom apartment in NYC.

SrA Alexis Martinez: Alexis is our newest SrA and his chest is going to be sore for a while. He has been deploying constantly and hiding in Readiness with the door locked. Whenever Alexis is on the road you can expect to find him mindlessly drunk dancing with people he doesn't know.

A1C Ken Grove: Ken is one of our most reliable workers that doesn't complain no matter how shitty the trip is. No one really knows where Ken works in the Squadron, he just shows up at random times asking "do you need anything from me?" and then disappears into the darkness. Ken is more reliable than Mitchell's V4 Mustang and keeps the Squadron moving forward!

A1C Lindsay Collins: Lindsay doesn't fly anymore but she works her butt off to keep continuity in our Squadron's Resources Shop which makes the mission so much smoother. She is soon to separate from the Air Force and find new adventures in the civilian life. We will certainly miss her when she leaves us!

A1C John Anderson: John is a quiet guy that has a very strong wit but he still offers to "do anything" for his evaluator on his checkride. Whenever John isn't deployed he is constantly improving the Mobility Shop. He will be a SrA before long and hopefully he joins the mafia quickly or else Micah will hurt him.

A1C Odeilio Nadela: Nut has had a successful year winning a few awards and has great potential to be an excellent Boom. But he still hasn't figured out why he can't stay at home after lunch or how to pass his dorm room inspections. Pretty soon the Squadron will permanently loan him a vacuum cleaner for his room. Keep the car parts out of the dorms Nut! He recently finished his CCAF and is making all of the other Airmen and NCO's look bad.

A1C Taran Lewis: Have you ever seen the videos of someone chugging multiple beers out of a glass then throwing them back up into the same glass? Well Taran is your man if you haven't. Taran is very new to our community but has quickly mastered his drinking ability (responsibly of course) and eating whole lobsters, shell and all. Taran looks like he has done a few B-rated "films" but is turning out to be a great Boom.

A1C Cameron Carl: Cameron is the newest member of our Squadron and is being sent out on his first deployment in the near future. He has been given the call sign "Hot Carl", if you don't know what it is,

google it, you won't be disappointed. Cameron tried to summit Mt. Shasta this year in slippers and a Burberry scarf. It was an unsuccessful attempt. Good luck in the desert Cameron!

A1C Richard "Dick" Walker: No one calls this guy by his first name, it's been "Dick Walker" since his first day at Travis. Dick is just another good-ole-boy that can be seen with a fat dip and screaming "HELL YEAH BROTHER!" Whenever Dick isn't being questioned about his name he is flying or getting ready for his deployment. Keep us the great work Dick Walker!

A1C Garrett Waltman: Garrett is new to our Squadron and has just started our routine of deployments but he nearly didn't make it back from Guam in time. Like most Airmen working in Resources he has no idea what he is doing but he is becoming a fine Boom Operator.

A1C Cameron Cuff: Cameron got to Travis and decided to get hurt playing basketball! He's now healed up, back on track and getting his Flight Safety Training knocked out! Stay off the court Cameron!

Attached/On Loan:

SMSgt Gerald James: G keeps trying to leave Travis and keeps getting turned down for his Gucci Attaché positions. Give it up G, you can't get out of Alca-Travis! G stays busy as the Chief Boom of the KC-10 FTU where he has to wrangle the IB's and students.

MSgt Corvus Lowry: No one sees or hears from Corvus for months other than when he wants to steal someone's BOT. He is currently living his life in the DET 1 and claims he's never leaving. Come fly Corvus and get your currencies done!

MSgt Sean Scott: Sean keeps threatening to Q-3 everyone when he visits from HQ/AMC A3V but we never see him. He's out living at Scott and complaining about the cold weather on Facebook every day. We miss him and hope he comes back to join us at Travis and ride the KC-10 into the boneyard.

TSgt Adam Ingan: Adam has flown quite a few hours in Big Sexy and is currently working at the FTU. He never wants to take classes to finish his CCAF and apparently is too busy playing video games with Frazier.

TSgt Derrell Vann: Derrell is still a Vegan and he tells everyone constantly. We get it, you like salad and you live with rabbits on a beautiful pasture right outside of the base. Derrell is currently teaching students at the FTU when he is not asleep on flights. We miss him in the Stan/Eval Shop but he's doing great things!

TSgt Ryan Sickle: Yes, Ryan is still in the Air Force and yes we are still trying to figure out how he made TSgt after testing nine times. The most recent news on him is that he is deaf and wears hearing aids...an old, angry, chubby, Sicilian guy that yells and can't hear anything, what a joy! He works in Wing Tactics and complains about it every day. All he has to do is hit 'play' for the VTRAT video but that's a lot for him.

TSgt Justin Newsom: Justin is our newest FTU instructor who recently just returned from the CRW. He is another one that always needs a haircut and wears boots three sizes too big for him. Keep pushing out those students Justin!

SSgt Joshua Gamble: Josh has been long-term DNIF and hasn't flown in a long time. That hasn't stopped his hard work over at Wing Training which needed someone to whip those programs back into shape. Don't worry Josh hasn't lost his sarcasm or wit, he is still the same old Josh (yay).

PCS'd:

TSgt Paul Santos: Currently stuck on the island of Guam with his V4 mustang, dirty New England Patriots jersey, and a crushed soul. When is isn't practicing with his hand for his first kiss with Tom Brady he is complaining about the Island Life. Calm down Paul, at least you aren't maintenance anymore.

SSgt Andrew Miller: Andrew is now a Test Boom down at Edwards which is great for him. He is soon to be married but he just doesn't want to admit it; everyone thinks he is pulling a Villwock. Even though he is hundreds of miles away using his bird calls as his neighbors record him, Andrew has not forgotten his 9th Boom roots or how to party. We miss you up here at Travis!

SSgt Grant Villwock: Grant got married, impregnated a girl, and got orders to the -46 without anyone knowing about it. He's somehow an FTU IB but has never flown on the airplane, weird??? Don't forget where you came from Grant!

SSgt Eric Williams: Nobody is quite sure how, but Eric somehow landed and AOC job at Hickam. Word around the water cooler is that Eric has disappeared into the Oahu mountains since he hasn't been heard from or seen since he left Travis.

Separated:

TSgt Willie Long

SSgt Spencer Ross

SSgt Matt George

SSgt Jared Muzyczka

SrA Sergio Quezada

SrA/A1C/Amn/Mr. Terrance Robinson

Retired:

MSgt Casey Cooper (wait...he's still in...we think)



Travis AFB 60th Operations Support Squadron “Gatekeepers” – KC-10 Formal Training Unit

Greetings from the Golden State! Yes, the reining Warriors are still in first place and yes craft beers are always in season - chilled to perfection might I add. Nonetheless, business is thriving and the FTU is doing some heavy lifting. Last summer we married the initial qualification AAR training with the initial cargo load training. The one of one KC-10 Cargo Load Trainer is a certified “Full Send” training grinder that spits out perfectly seasoned Boom Operators! No kidding, ask our East Coast brethren, they’ll tell you the same. In fact, our newest recruits graduate and arrive to the 6th, 9th, 70th, 79th ARS beyond qualified, with the swag of instructors and evaluators.

Gerald “G” James: Be ready to talk when you have the talking stick and to show up to meetings with an empty stomach cause “G” brings the recipes to solve problems. Congrats on making Senior!

Steve Garbett: Reservist mooching on active orders to assist at the FTU. When he isn’t dragging the office to karaoke night, he is hitting golf balls and playing ping pong.

Christopher Villanueva: The most out spoken boom operator in the history of FTU. Never fails to miss a chance to tell the pilots they are selfish assholes. Congrats on Master.

Daniel Flenniken: Trying to get his 30 day sobriety chip, but every day is day 1. He will either get accepted to be an officer or he will get redlined and lose his MSgt stripe. Good luck Dan!

Justin “New guy” Newsom: Newest addition to the FTU instructor core from the CRW. Winning at ping pong is just something to do on his downtime. Otherwise, Justin is taking cell phones away from students and crushing morale.

Derrell Vann: Only speaks when spoken too. He secretly hates all of us. The smartest person in the FTU. Need financial advice, he’s your guy.

Adam Ingan: When he isn’t playing videos games or sleeping, he’s scheduling all the instructors on flights without students. A real FTU ringer.

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

70th ARS "ART FORCE"

SMSgt Don Davis (Chief Boom)

SMSgt Matt Fisher (Training)

MSgt Corbet Cadwell (Scheduling)

MSgt A.J. Baxter (Stan Eval)

70TH ARS TRADITIONAL RESERVESTS

MSgt Mike Hinton – Mike can be found over at Flight Safety instructing new booms refreshing old ones.

MSgt Ernie "El Guapo" Valles –El Guapo splits his time in the squadron and commuting for sunny San Diego.....what a hard life.

MSgt Robert Rossman – If you need a new set of tires, Robert is your guy.

MSgt Michael Bob – The Boom with two first names

TSgt Alan Green – Alan was recently hired by Jet Blue. He's currently down in Orlando for QT training.

TSgt Ryan "Fred" Phillips- The 70th's resident FTU instructor.

TSgt Brandon Heyman – The 70th's locksmith. Brandon spends most of his time with his growing family.

TSgt James "The Screw" Whittaker – Still keeping parolees in line.

TSgt Daniel "Bones" Fortier – While Danny might not have had twins, he and his wife just welcomed their second child.

TSgt Jon “Pretty Boy” Pratte –John flies for SkyWest. He’s been documenting his travels one Instagram photo at a time.

TSgt Eric Esquerra – When not on the road, Eric works as a corrections officer in Sacramento. Not sure if he is watching over the inmates or if they’re watching over him.

TSgt Jeremy “Soft Hands” Rigg- Jeremy was recently promoted to TSgt. He will be attending Instructor Upgrade training later this year.

TSgt Terryl Fenton- Terryl is our latest Boom to be promoted to TSGT.

SSgt – Daniel Rufkhar- Dan has returned to the 70th! He is currently going through requal training and will be back in the Boom seat shortly.

SSgt Abraham Velasco- Our “Bluest” boom. Abe has settled in nicely to the 70th.

SSgt Adam Stickney – Adam is our newest import. All the way from England to McGuire to Travis. He is currently attending college in San Francisco.

SrA Dan King – Dan has joined the Palo Alto Police Department. You can find him patrolling the streets of Palo Alto hassling Stanford students and the next generation of tech entrepreneurs.

SrA Callie Flood- Another college student. Callie splits her time between flying and attending Chico State.

SrA Jared Breaux- Our MPA boom. Makes one hell of a Gumbo.

SrA Nikhel Sylvain – Best hair in the Boom section.

A1C Taylor Dickson- Taylor is our newest MB. He spends his time between flying with the squadron and attending college in Stockton.

A1C Eric Fowler- Eric is the newest addition to the squadron. He is currently in his cargo phase of training.

70TH ARS ATTACHED PERSONNEL

MSgt Jessie Eagles- Jessie recently made MSgt. She’s currently the Superintendent of Current Ops.

70TH ARS OFFICIALLY RETIRED

CMSgt Joseph Lambertus

**Florida Air National Guard
Tyndall AFB, Florida**

**101st Air Operations Group
“America’s AOC”**



Greetings from “America’s AOC” in hurricane ravaged Panama City, Florida!

Whelp, we’re still here, despite hurricane Michael’s best effort to wipe the Redneck Riviera off the map. Pretty much every building on Tyndall AFB was destroyed or damaged beyond repair, except for “America’s AOC”! Our compound stood strong, and within weeks, we started returning to work at Tyndall, and achieved 100% FMC at homestation by 19 December.

In the community, there is much rebuilding to be done. Many of our people lost homes or have significant repairs to be made to their homes, and are displaced. But their dedication to our no-fail homeland defense mission in spite of significant personal loss is extremely inspiring. **WE ARE 850 STRONG!**

Rewinding the clock to January, we have been quite busy planning and executing the Operation Noble Eagle mission. Our two Booms not only plan all the ONE missions, but they also regularly work execution, at the Tanker/Airlift Duty Officer position on the Ops floor. The POTUS kept us busy during campaign season with plenty of trips around the country. We also supported all the CONUS National Security Special Events; State of the Union Address, Superbowl, UN General Assembly, etc.

The current players are;

601 AOC – No T10 RegAF types currently assigned. There have been discussions about adding a RegAF Tanker planner position to the AOC, but so far nothing has materialized.

**101 AOG (T32, FL Guard) - Active Guard/Reserve (AGR) - 2
Drill Status Guardsman (DSG) - None at this time**

MSgt Luke Mullins: The “Old Man” is still here. That bastard is so rooted in this place, not even a Cat 4.9 hurricane could rid this place of him. He was one of the few that stayed to welcome Michael’s landfall, had a beer in the eye of the storm, and nearly died two weeks later from bacterial and viral infections (don’t drink the water!)...nobody said he was smart.

Farewell: MSgt Ryan Seifert: Ryan is now Mr. Seifert. He finished his computer degree last year, and when the Base PFPS manager position became available, Ryan jumped at the opportunity. He also decided that since he was resigning AGR, it was a good time to crosstrain to a Communications AFSC, and remain a traditional Guardsman (DSG). So he’s now a “1-weekender” with our 101 ACOMS unit in addition to PFPS manager. Thank you Ryan, for your years of dedication to our Homeland Defense mission. Salute!

Hail: MSgt Austin Arnold: Austin was a RegAF KC-135 Boom instructor at the schoolhouse in Altus before joining our ANG team. He was supposed to PCS here in November, but that weather event foiled the best laid plans. We expect to have him gain first of the year in 2019. Hell of a deal, getting one of those coveted AGR positions,

only to have the community you were planning to move to, decimated weeks before his PCS. He had the opportunity to pull his Palace Chase package when USAF stop-moved all PCS's to Tyndall, but he's sticking with his decision to join our team, and we couldn't be happier to have him coming onboard.

And until the next edition of the Signal, fly safe and never forget...9/11

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

KC-135 SRATOTANKER

27-Jun-58 MSGT DONALD H. GABBARD
 25-Nov-58 TSGT RONALD L. CHAMPION
 31-Mar-59 TSGT HERMAN A. CLARK
 15-Oct-59 SSGT PAUL R. THOMASSON
 3-Feb-60 SSGT GEORGE W. SHORT
 9-May-62 SSGT WALLACE R. ADAMS
 10-Sep-62 TSGT JOHN L. DUNCAN
 10-Sep-62 TSGT KENNETH A. QUINN
 27-Feb-63 TSGT DANIEL C. CAMERON
 21-Jun-63 MSGT DANIEL F. DONAHUE
 28-Aug-63 MSGT CARL H. BURRIS
 28-Aug-63 TSGT RAY L. FISH
 8-Jul-64 SSGT ROBERT L. GRAVES
 4-Jan-65 SSGT JIMMY TARDIE
 16-Jan-65 SSGT REGINALD R. WENT
 26-Feb-65 MSGT CAREY W. ADDISON JR.
 3-Jun-65 TSGT LESTER M. ALLSOP
 17-Jan-66 MSGT LLOYD POTOLICCHIO
 17-May-66 TSGT HARRY L. ALEXANDER
 19-May-66 SSGT CHARLES E. STUART
 19-Jan-67 MSGT ORVILLE MONTGOMERY
 17-Jan-68 TSGT CHARLES C. CHAPLIN
 30-Jul-68 SGT CHARLES A. OLVIS JR.
 30-Jul-68 SSGT HURSCHEL D. PRIDDY
 2-Oct-68 TSGT EARL B. ESTEP JR.
 22-Oct-68 SMSGT HOWARD B. 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

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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