

THE BOOM SIGNAL

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Boom Operators Worldwide,

Greetings from the Pentagon! It is my privilege to pen this letter to In-Flight Refuelers around the world, whether you are part of our Active Duty, Guard, or Reserve Forces. During my career I had the opportunity to serve alongside Boom Operators at multiple locations. While assigned to Kadena AB, Japan, I saw tankers support stability in the Pacific and execute Aeromedical Evacuation operations. While Command Chief at McConnell AFB, Kansas, tankers made global reach and mobility possible. During my tenure at USAFE, Boom Operators fueled Air Power at the forefront, this time over AFRICOM.

Congratulations on the 40th Anniversary of the first Boom Signal; a career field journal which has evolved to cover personal updates on the total force family of Boom Operators. I am happy to see inclusive, traditional events such as these still going strong.

To this day, your career field has never strayed far from my mind. I appreciate your efforts in bringing the Air Force's next generation tanker, the KC-46, to operational capability. Meanwhile, Boom Operators aboard the KC-135 and KC-10 continue to lead the fight worldwide.

Thank you for your continued service to our great nation and know that truly, Nobody Kicks Ass Without Tanker Gas....Nobody!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kaleth O. Wright', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

KALETH O. WRIGHT
Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force

Boom Operators Worldwide,

Greetings from the Gateway Booms at Scott AFB. Gateway Booms are assigned to Headquarters Air Mobility Command, USTRANSCOM (Combatant Command), 18th AF, the AOC, the 126th ARW and the 906th ARS. Most of these units are integrated with retired Boom Operators, Pilots, and Navigators creating policy, guidance, and accomplishing mission execution for Tankers and Boom Operators worldwide.

During 2019, Boom Operators and the Tanker community achieved several milestones. The Air Force delivered the first KC-46 and continued to pursue system and program improvements while beginning to convert units. We also tested a new deployment construct, relying on entire squadrons rather than overlapping enablers. This upcoming year is already challenging with the KC-10 beginning divestiture. This says nothing of the COVID obstacles in early 2020, but I know that Boom Operators everywhere will continue to execute the mission despite setbacks.

Thank you to all active duty and reserve component Boom Operators and their families, for your dedication and sacrifice. The deploy-to-dwell ratio for Boom Operators has not decreased, as virtually every conflict and humanitarian operation requires tanker support. Our way of life is fortified by our career field. It goes without saying, Nobody kicks ass without tanker gas...Nobody!

BRETT A. PROTHE, CMSgt, USAF
HQ AMC 1A0 Functional Manager

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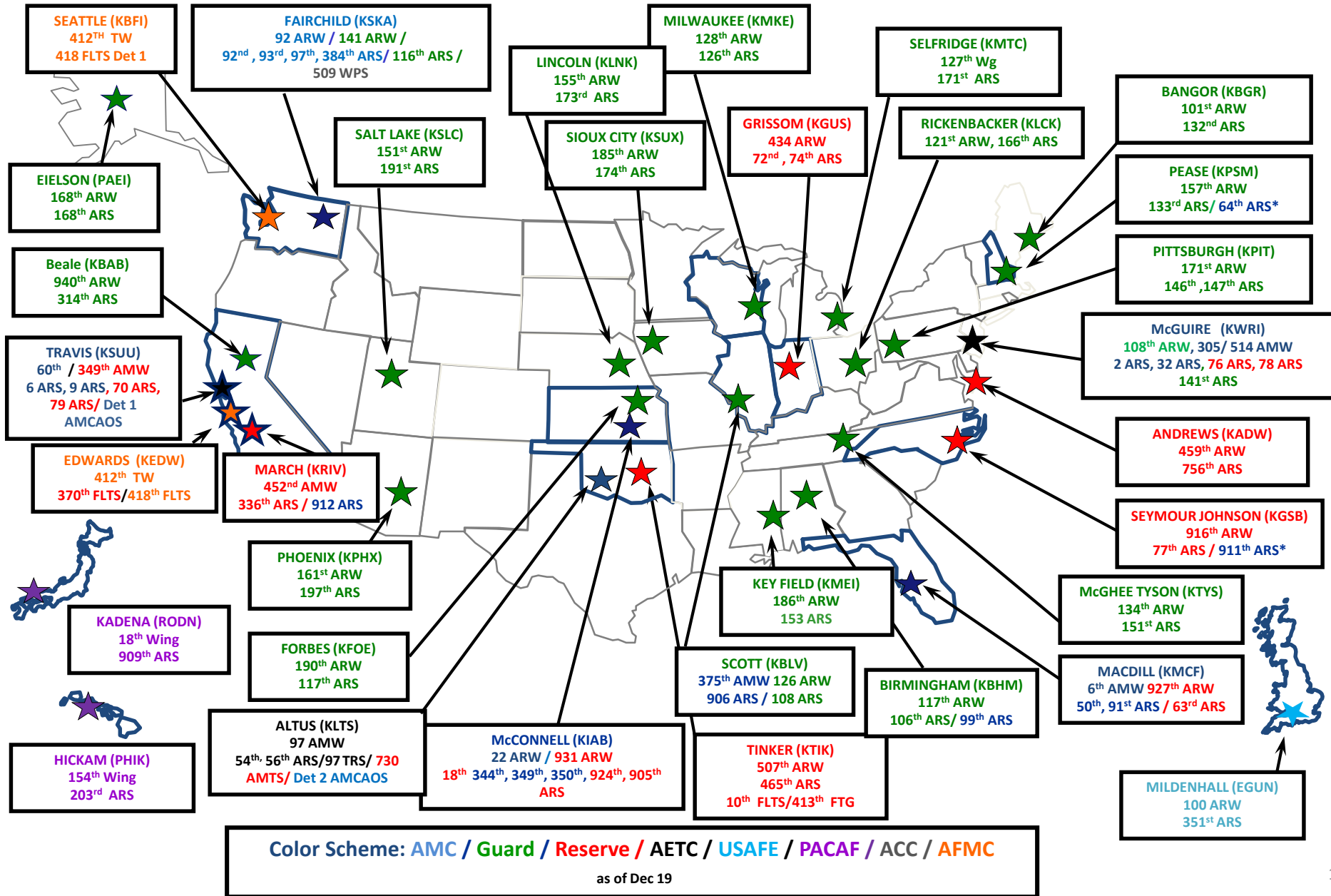
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The Boom Signal Editor

ALTUS AFB, OK

54 ARS

“Jesters”



Greetings on behalf of the Air Force's premier Formal Training Unit, located at Altus AFB, the hometown of Air Mobility. This past year we produced more Boom Operator Initial Qualification students than ever before, besting last year's all-time high. Simultaneously, we've grown many Instructor Boom Operators for the community despite COVID-19. I couldn't be more proud of the Men and Women in this unit, as well as our unified efforts with the 730 AMTS, 97 TRS, AMC DET 2, 97 OSS, and 97 OG. They have not skipped a beat during this pandemic.

Under the operational leadership of SMSgt Dieter and SMSgt Haas, the Jesters have gone from eight days behind the production timeline to an astounding two days ahead! This past year, they enabled our team to earn the coveted 97th Air Mobility Wing Flaming Spear Award... a first in Altus AFB history! All this despite geographically separated locations, Squadron organizational restructuring, class size restructuring, and drastic syllabus changes. Quality training to grow replacements continues...

The town also grew this year, with the opening of a Hobby Lobby and Harbor Freight; we're thankful for the increase in convenience and quality of life. Comradery is high and we've maintained a tight group which takes care of one another. Altus remains a stable, family-friendly place to serve, grow personally, and enable our nation's business. One final thought...if you receive a non-voluntary assignment, or are considering "clicking the button" for an Altus assignment, know that it is now a three-year assignment. I encourage you to contact any of the professionals below, or anyone else who's served here previously. Let us help you make an informed decision. I personally believe it has exceeded their expectations and has helped them grow in their careers, personal development, and family life. Don't take my word for it, reach out! - CMSgt Calisi

54 ARS Boom Leadership

CMSgt Matt Calisi: New arrival to Altus, we don't have anything on him yet.

SMSgt Jonathan Haas: Our Operations Superintendent, led us ahead of the student timeline, despite COVID-19. Goes hunting at least once a week, but never finds any big game. Just like on the foosball table.

(S)MSgt Jamie Almquist: Our new Additional Duty First Sergeant fresh in from Guam. Who does this guy think he is, smiling all the time? Ousted Ol' Pauly Boy as out dirty under-shirt, and got a line number for Senior in the same week!

TSgt Anthonie Owens: New to CSS, after a not too shabby #7 high time flyer of the year. His hair is always out of regs but always high-speed. Sped himself right into the Exec shop. Great instructor, Next stop, CHIEF!

Operations Flight

MSgt Jason Duckett: Put on Master after what felt like days of waiting. Always DNIF, but an excellent crossfit competitor. No correlation.

TSgt Andrew Lavender: The artist formerly known as Scheduling shop's nightmare has now become Scheduling shop's Savior. Is Budweiser vegan? He's gonna need that.

TSgt Jake Sarno: Our resident motocross champion. He got to Altus, and he was so excited to start teaching students, he made TSgt and volunteered to jump straight into scheduling.

SSgt Owen Derksen: Relative newbie. He's been here a while, but we couldn't dig much up since he's chained to the radiator with Cadwallader.

SSgt Carter Russell: Wait, what's your first name? Never trust a man with two first names. Except for maybe this guy. He's a hell of an instructor.

SSgt Jon Garcia: He's leaving us for greener pastures and coastal fires. Look him up if you're ever at March. We are losing a great instructor! Cheers to him, he got out of his AAC 50 early.

Standardization and Evaluations

TSgt Kat Owens: Replaced her morning coffee with a big cup of student tears. BIQs are scared when she shows up to work!

TSgt Travis Burnett: So happy to be out of the pubs shop. Welcome to Stan/Eval! By the way, pubs are coming to Stan/Eval! Looks like we have a SME if he ever finishes NCOA distance learning course...

SSgt Dalton Bray: Some say that the 54 ARS is haunted. If you've ever seen Bray around, you know that it is because he's our resident ghost. Maybe that's because he's our #8 high time flyer of the year, somehow he still manages to rack up a bunch of awards!

TSgt Don-de-Don: He's going to be mad at Kat for listing him last, but that's what turncoats get. Seduced by "The Darkside", extending his Altus tour by volunteering for 46. We don't want you round these parts. Actually, we will miss this student producing machine (#6 high time flyer of the year) and "voice of reason".

Training Flight

MSgt Joe Royer: Disc Golf World Champion. Has landed a Frisbee on almost every roof in base housing. Security Forces can't figure out where they are coming from even though Joe he has three frisbee baskets on his front lawn and 200 Frisbees scattered around his house. Just moved to Faculty Training all the way from Student Training.

TSgt Paul McIntyre: He just wants to be a part of things, but no one invites Ol' Pauly Boy. Maybe people will start to love him once his front bumper gets leveled. Best of luck at MacDill to our #10 high time flyer of the year, that somehow never missed a First Sergeant meeting.

TSgt Michael Voorhees: He is the Fluff Assassin. The Scrutinizer of Bullets. Liberated from the exec shop to bring a certain set of skills to his teaching styles. If anyone gets promoted this year they can thank Mike for making sure their EPR was tight.

TSgt Fernando Brome: Ask him about his sandal preferences, and you'll understand why he's the meme of the squadron. All he needs is the pair of knee-high white tube socks to complete the look. #5 High time flyer of the year.

TSgt Michael Dmytriw: Our resident comrade is so averse to change, he keeps bouncing around different variations of training shops. In fact, he's awaiting his orders back to Fairchild. Change is hard.

TSgt Alexander Orr: Semper Volare. This is Orr's morning mantra if he isn't giving PT tests on Sunday. Everyone keeps telling him to change it to, "ORR, SAY NO." #1 high time flyer of the year, again! Enjoy MacDill.

TSgt Stephen Doswell: Stiffler's twin brother, and #9 high time flyer of the year. If he's not fishing, he's giving Cargo Checks. Stephen was recently casted for the leading role in A River Runs Through Altus.

TSgt Antoine Nguven: Wait. Who is this guy? NCOA erased our first memories of him. We're trying to build up more memories, but no one can get him to stop teaching and come chill.

TSgt Matt (Michael) Scott: He's always talking about his backwoods moonshine distillery, but everyone's afraid of his blue-skin kin to go lookin' for it.

TSgt Neil Patras: *BIG SIGH* Well...fresh from Kadena and annihilating the student timeline.

SSgt Jan Perez-Fontanez: If you ask Perez a yes or no question, be prepared for an earful. Our newest CFIC instructors and recently liberated from scheduling. Will be starring in, The Scheduling Redemption.

SSgt Jeff Jaskela: Jeff thought he could put Tom Cruise to shame with his volleyball game, but his ankles were too weak to carry him through the big game. Maybe it's because he was wearing a shirt.

SSgt Jacob Magda: He'll help ya fix your car if it's smoking. A technical expert he can brief a student till their heads spin-off.

SSgt Ryan Dillingham: He's the first NCO to buy an Airman car to pick up chicks. No one warned him against picking up the locals.

SSgt Nick Brod: Not like a wide range of topics; or the longer side of the barn. Brod, pronounce like A-Broham Lincoln. He's so new here he's practically still in the womb. Savior of a C-17, guided one back to Altus with a complete radio failure.

Safety

TSgt Logan Lord: Yes, you read that right. TSgt Lord. Don't worry about briefing your own students if Logan's around. Your student will be able to hear him from six rooms down. A solid softball player, but we all miss his signature mustache!

Support and Readiness Flight

TSgt Andrew Valence: He's our resident Vol 7 expert, just in from TACC. In fact, he was so good, he moved out of Student Training before his 6th month on station..."The Force is strong with this one".

TSgt Darrin LaFever: The artist formerly known as Scheduling shop's nightmare--no wait, that's LAVENDER...crap! Unique in his own right, LaFever will detail your car, and can buff-out even the worst hail, or animals in the woods damage...in Altus, business is Boomin'.

SSgt Scotti Smith: Scotti is the sole proprietor of the ginger gene. If an aircraft calls in an emergency landing, how many souls do you say are onboard? Scotti doesn't know.

Tactics

TSgt Spencer Balcom: He showed up with grey hair and an Audi, but one year on station turned his hair black and he bought a corvette. Mid-life crisis? What's that? We don't care he's our #4 High time flyer of the year.

SSgt Joe "Cad" Cadwallader: You might be inclined to call him Edgar Allen Poe because he doesn't discriminate with his cousins. By blood or by marriage seems to make a difference in his book. Recently selected for the OG's innovation shop to figure out how to take training to the next level.

Attached/On-Loan

MSgt Samantha Converse: Our OGV Boom, and top of the Altus Pyramid. Her skills started slipping when she slid to #2 in the rankings for the number of students she's made cry. Once she departs the fix, we'll reinstate the rule that everyone is required to carry an EPOS.

MSgt Terrell Frideger: Recent addition to Wing IG, after being our #2 high time flyer of the year and only SNCO charted on the Top 10 list (Except for Dieter who cheated his way off). He's a man of many mysteries and nicknames: Digger, Fridge, Maytag Man. Our favorite one is a little more spontaneous. Ask him what you call cat pictures on the internet with word captions...Mimi. A walking Vol 1 and workhorse, please don't be a stranger.

TSgt Lihana Childs: Don't do anything in front of LeeLee that you don't want filmed. Her snapchat stories WILL haunt you. Ask Dedon and Brome about that one.

TSgt Brian Huls: Our sole AIC grad, and first to graduate the new course. It's tough to play Marco, Polo without a partner. If you play with Brian, don't be the guy yelling Marco because you'll drown waiting on a response from BOAT.

MSgt Lauren "Pow Pow" Powell: (AMC Det 2) Spouse, Dogs, Dirt Bike, Side-by-Side, and White picket fence with a big yard. She will be paroled back to Team Fairchild before the end of the year. Thank you for keeping our BOWSTs in check.

TSgt Andrew Abney: (AMC Det 2) This guy was quarantining before it was cool. Have a great time in Germany, I guess...

TSgt Serjey Ficeli: (AMC Det 2) The squadron sommelier elected to go try a different brand of flying on the other side of the hall. We'll miss him as our #2 high time flyer of the year, but not really...because he's never leaving this place. Good luck at AMC Det 2!

Honorable Mention/Recent PCS

SMSgt Jake Dieter: A "Boom's Boom", and unofficial high time flyer. He quit logging flight time so he could sneak in more flights. Recently PCS'd to AMC HQ, and will be sorely missed by all Altus Boom Operators.

SSgt Jake Dunsmore: Broke the record for new arrival to CFIC instructor, then transferred to the Wisconsin Air National Guard. If you waved at him, his hair waved back. We miss you and enjoyed having you on the team!

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

56TH ARS

“Mad Hatters”



Greetings from the “Mad Hatters” at the KC-46 school house. It does exist!!! We finally got air planes this past year. The KC-46 is real. We have been working out the kinks in the Air Force’s newest tanker and started student production. Unfortunately, our BOT has been having some issues and our students are getting back logged on the ATS side waiting to get to the flight line. As of this writing we are waiting (again) on three classes. Meanwhile, our IPs are augmenting FSSC, for no pay, to run the WST and ensure we keep our pilot flow going. We are looking forward to another good year as we get our ninth aircraft and finally get all our FTU instructors fully spun up.

56th ARS Boom Leadership

CMSgt Kevin Wilson: Chief has been running the 56 ARS for a year and a half, and just got orders to be the Group Superintendent for the 18 OG at Kadena. Sad to see you leave Chief, but good luck with your new assignment. Sorry you have to go back to the KC-135 and back issues. You will be missed.

SMSgt Kurt “POKER FACE” Hinson: Kurt is having such a great time at Altus. Seriously, this place is awesome. Everyone should volunteer for it now. In fact, he loves it so much he was just non-vol’d to stay longer as the Sq Supt until the next chief comes in, which should be soon because they’re all volunteering for it since it’s a great place to live and work.

SMSgt Brad “NAM” Gavin: Brad has been running ops and trying to keep up with all the cargo changes. When the KC-46 fleet gets Method 3, thank Brad. He was able to get us more capability that we had. Sorry, he’s not sorry you have to actually do math now, though.

TSgt Brian “MATER” Mould: Brian is our illustrious acting First Sergeant. While he’s not spending time caring for our Airmen, he’s testing the extreme limits of his truck at Animals in the Woods. Did you know it costs \$800 for a tow from the middle of nowhere...and it still doesn’t run.

Training Flight

TSgt Jacob “NEMO” Nenneman: Nemo moved over from the 54 ARS. He spent a couple of months running our support flight and then went to BTX and IB upgrade to learn about the mighty Pegasus. After he completed training at

the top of his class of 2, he took over our training flight. In between working hard to get our programs straight, he's becoming a George Michael impersonator and started a fan club with Mater.

Faculty Training (FTM)

(T)Sgt Ian "NAPS" Sweaney: Naps has worked very hard for his call sign. He didn't like the first one we gave him, so he bought another. In all seriousness, though, Ian is our work horse when it comes to morale events for the squadron. He plans all of our BBQs and even put on a legit Christmas party this year.

SSgt Grant "VILWALK" Villwock: Hey, I actually spelled Grant's last name right this year. Sorry for last year's mistake Grant. I should have used an alpha roster. Anyhow, like many of our other booms, Grant has been busy trying to get through BTX and IB upgrade so we can let him teach students. I'm not sure how, but he throws his back out a lot. That could just be code for "I'm not coming to work today, see you tomorrow."

Student Training (STM)

SSgt Amy James: Amy just got here last summer from McGuire. We don't have much on her yet, other than we kept pushing her orders back so that she only had to wait two weeks to start training. More to come next year. Welcome to the Squadron, Amy!

SSgt Carrie Williams: Carrie just got trained up in the -46 and then went down for knee surgery...again. It turns out that rugby is a very violent sport. She is healing up and will hopefully be back on the roster again soon.

Stan/Eval

TSgt Alex Pugh: We just noticed that Alex is assigned to us—we thought he was still at McGuire, but they thought he was already with us. So we "fixed the glitch," and now he's the new flight chief of Stan/Eval.

SSgt Richard "JIMBO" Jimenez: Jimmy has been busy. He spends a lot of time at McConnell lately, augmenting the AFOTEC guys doing IOT&E. For a guy trying to avoid PCSing to McConnell, he sure spends a lot of time there. He even got to "deploy" to MacDill. Really, he's working hard to fix the issues that the KC-46 has and Jimbo is definitely the right guy for the job.

Readiness Flight

(M)Sgt Keith "GOOSE" McLaughlin: Keith is finally up and running as a KC-46 boom(ish). When he's not trying to get qualified, he has the uncanny ability to make Chief Hall drop whatever he is doing to ask Keith the most personal questions that come to his mind mid-conversation. So personal, I can't even write them on a government computer.

TSgt Cody "Not Gonna Put His Self-given Call Sign Here" Naylor: Cody just came to us from the 344 ARS at McConnell. When he showed up, he put on one helluva promotion ceremony for us. He did feed us and give us free beer, though, so we'll forgive him for the pomp and circumstance. On a completely unrelated topic, Cody is now in charge of all promotion ceremonies for the squadron. Welcome to Altus Cody; we're glad you're here!

Operations Flight

MSgt Joshua Mullen: Josh also just came to us from McGuire. Fortunately he was a quick spin-up because he just had to do re-qual in the -46 instead of going through full BTX. Turns out he was actually the Air Force's very 1st KC-46 boom "back in the day." Welcome to the -46 FTU!

Support Flight

MSgt Nate “CASPER” Gibbs: Nate, and his wife, just had another little one and then, shocker of shockers, max performed his baby leave for the full 42 days (good for him). When he’s not at home with the kids, he’s working hard to be the high time flyer every month. But, now he has another excuse to “Go pick up the kids”. Seriously though, Congrats Nate!

SSgt Michael “BRUCE” Buchanan: After a very long SGTO for the BTX syllabi, Mike was very tired so he decided to leave us for McGuire—not to fly, tho. He will be joining the CRW there this summer, and will be sorely missed here. Good luck on the next assignment, Mike. Hope to see you again real soon!

ALTUS AFB, OK

97 TRS

“EAGLES...ALWAYS OUT FRONT”



SMSgt Christopher Joyce: Still sitting pretty as the Squadron Superintendent. About to roll into his fifth year at Altus on this assignment, which is his second assignment here. This will be more than half of his military service at the Air Mobility Training Center. He claims he loves the KC-46, even with all its issues. Not sure so much now that it will only be used as a last resort (damn too soon?).

MSgt Shonna Calisi: Shonna has done everything possible here at Altus, but has spent the last year in the Student Admin office where she has been able to mold the next generation of Career Enlisted Aviators. She enjoys camping, running and taking care of her three kids, although one should already be self-sufficient.

MSgt Eric Flanders: Well, Eric spent most of the year at the gym again and you could occasionally catch him at work in the QA office. He managed to get so swole that he could no longer where his blues uniform as they don't make neck sizes to fit his. Let's be honest, his neck is bigger than most people's waist. He is heading off to McConnell for his dream assignment and happy to be leaving Altus.

MSgt Jon Lauterbach: Jon is our resident expert in anything he does and is one of the most selfless guys you will ever meet. He is currently working to put the KC-46 ATS program back together, tackling one dumpster fire after another as our quality assurance SME. Rest assured our future KC-46 Booms are in good hands.

TSgt Ezekiel Brito: Recently arrived to the TRS after his year sentence in the 54th scheduling office. His year consisted of some up's and down's; most notably his freak running accident which left him with a torn ACL and hurt pride. Lucky for him it happened while on-duty so now he has a little more to add to his disability claim when it's time for him to pull chocks. As for the up side, his parole was finally granted and he now works in the less stressful Faculty Development section in the TRS.

TSgt Christian McPeak: Recently arrived from the 56th ARS and placed in charge of the KC-46 side of Faculty Development. Wait a minute, how can the KC-46 have a faculty development section if it can't do the one job; wait two jobs it was designed to do? Other than that he is still all smiles when you talk to him, especially when he is asked what his call sign stands for...T.I.G.E.R. The person who came up with this definitely deserves a certificate or medal for creativity.

TSgt Mike Eiland: Not long after arriving in the TRS he decided it would be a good idea to break his foot playing intermural sports or so he says. He was seen either with crutches or his little wheelie scooter sliding around doing awesome tricks in the hallway. On the plus side his wife made Master and now out ranks him, so now he has a sugar mama. In the end win win for him. Also he is still with the fabulous KC-46 eager to take that bad boy operational, but of course we all know how that has turned out in recent days.

TSgt Corey Targos: Corey has been working ATS quality assurance for the KC-135, you can thank him for the Blk 45 changes even if it was out of his control. Not long after arriving to the TRS he had his second child, so when you see him say congrats. He also became a casualty to chronic back pain which most booms know all too well and required a little back surgery. The KC-46 could fix this, I am just saying.

TSgt Greg Albers: Greg can be found flying the friendly skies of Altus and the surrounding areas in his little puddle jumper. When at work he fills in as the additional duty first sergeant on top of his quality assurance duties. On top of that he is still the sole person keeping the local Applebee's in business. With that said, I highly recommend you not go there without him or you will not be served or your service will take hours longer than they should.

SSgt Dan Childress: Recently assigned to the TRS, he can be seen nerding out with all the other techno dudes in the pub's shop. In his spare time he enjoys rebuilding his old 19 something or other Ford Thunderbird. If you ever have the chance to parley with him he always has a story about something. Also you would all be glad to know...he finally got his CCAF complete.

BOEING FIELD SEATTLE, WA

AFOTEC/DET 5



SMSgt John Rickenbach – JR is doing great things in Seattle and has spent the majority of his time in Wichita, KS working Operational Test for the KC-46. JR's role has been vital and has the most expertise and knowledge during his time working DT/OT, and he has been able to successfully pass along that wisdom to the people in our office. JR is currently awaiting his next assignment and will be a big loss for the team when he leaves.

AMC TES/OL-C



MSgt Jason Coffey – Jason arrived in Seattle the summer of 2018 and has been hitting the ground running. He has also spent the majority of his time in his old stomping grounds of the 344th ARS in Wichita, KS working Operational Test for the KC-46. Jason has enjoyed his time in Seattle and all the things Washington State activities has to offer. He and his wife Emily will be welcoming their first baby this summer and are looking forward to becoming parents to a baby boy.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

92 ARS

“BLACKHAWKS”



SMSgt Robert Miller (Sherriff)

All Hail the Supreme Leader, SMSgt Miller, he has returned. Miller spent six months in Turkey, fixing all the problems that Turkey had. He trusted the Squadron to Hunter and Yow, under strict orders “Do not burn down my *%\$# Squadron”. Miller was able to fix years of back logged Air Medals and the cargo problem at Turkey. Since his return, no assassination attempts have occurred and has established dominance for the Fairchild Boom Operators.

MSgt Justin Hunter (Spare)

Good Ole Hunter, he is like the old John Deer tractor in the back of the barn that always starts up. He has been through it all, surviving the six-month absence of our Supreme leader (SMSgt Miller), he kept the 92nd afloat, while everyone else was taking credit for the work our squadron did. But this doesn't deter Hunter, he can always wear his brothers flight suit to be a Major, just don't let him fly.

MSgt Tyler Yow (Crimson Chin V.0156)

Man on a mission, the chin is still angry! Yow helped hold down the Squadron while Miller was gone. He is as soft as a plush teddy bear. He had to fight all the aggression that the other squadrons tried to bestow upon the 92nd. Despite his better judgement, he deployed as Chief Boom to Moron AB. There he became the “War Monger” ready for any conflict that mother Air Force threw his way. Now, returned from his deployment, he is ready to drop kick anyone who gets in his way.

MSgt Anne Engebretson (MOAB)

Anne's first year as a Boom Operator was a tough one. She was finally able to deploy for the first time in the Tanker and completed a task that few booms have done before, Pressure AR. She brought AE training to the Wing, while other Squadrons were trying to take credit for it, especially something in the shape as a square, but none the less, she succeeded in cementing the training for the wing. When she is not busy doing boom stuff, she is babysitting all the hooligans in the Squadron, earning her the call sign MOAB (Mother of all Booms).

MSgt Evan Vandermay

Man... Evan eat a steak for once. In the past year, he has been broken as many days as he deployed in 2019. Broken this, broken that. It's ok brother, you'll be a great First Sergeant for the next couple of months. Besides all that, Evan has been a valuable asset to the 92nd as an Instructor and SNCO. He loves writing bullets as much as he loves being a vegan. Remember, a meat diet can go a long way, brother!

MSgt Patrick Flaherty

Flaherty had to escape the AFSOC life and become a Boom Operator. He fit in just nice with the 92nd Booms. Flaherty has a promising future and will do good things for the 92d ARS and all Boom Operators.

(M)Sgt Bobby Cash

Trash can Bob, fat slop Bob, or just plain ole ugly Bob! God, we love him. He makes the Fairchild Boom Operator's complete. He has the answer to all your questions. He is the first person in at work and the last person to leave. Bobby is on a fast track to make it to his ultimate goal in life, Chief Master Sergeant of the

Air Force. There is no doubt that he will make it, just don't let him go to anymore bottomless mimosas events. He just can't keep.....!!!

TSgt Jenny Cook

Cook is in charge of our Awards and Dec shop, while serving as the Commander's enlisted exec. She has been doing great things in the squadron and is becoming a great Boom. If you ever want to break somewhere great, fly with Cook. Sowder and Cook broke the Jet, so they can hangout in Greece for a couple of weeks.

TSgt Daniel Hernandez (Houdini) Also, known as Patient Zero

Where, do we begin with Dan? Well, for starters he still disappears at the moment's notice (Now you see him, now you don't). When Dan is not hiding in the bushes, he is out and about planning some type of adventure. Dan's house parties are usually the site of some good ole fashion Boom fun, especially his Mullan Idaho party, ground zero for COVID-19. He's gearing up for Instructor upgrade with Guinto. Man, let's just hope he can hold it together during that time...

TSgt Killian Stone

Killian is the instructor that OGT needed. She holds down the training program and does a great job. She takes pride in tormenting the MCT and CFIC students, while sipping on Gin. Hopefully, she comes back to the Squadron soon.

SSgt Nathan Perry

Altus is calling buddy!!! Give it time and it will come! Perry is one of the 92nd brightest new Instructors. He upgraded faster than any other Booms has before, that means he is smart. He is so smart, he saw COVID-19 coming before anyone else did, two years ago he bought enough toilet paper to fill up a hanger. No waiting in line for this guy! Perry was busy keeping Flt C together while Yow was gone, mainly keeping Straka in check!

SSgt Nick Sowder (PATR)

PATR is apparently the best of the best since he was in the initial AIS course. He is Fairchild's first Weapons Boom Operator. After completing the "rigorous" weapons school course, the only thing he came out of Vegas with was the call sign "PATR," and a kick in the nether-region. Now, he is the 92nd Tactics NCO, its just a fancy way of saying that he is forever Fairchild!

SSgt Terry Pittman

Ole Sleepy Terry, this man can sleep on the dime. Whether it's in the back of rental car while being towed or at the Spanish impound lot, he can sleep through anything! But when he is awake, this boy can work! Terry just got back from his first Moron deployment and it was a doozy! He quickly learned how to be a full spectrum Boom operator, dealing with cargo, AR, Chief Boom duties, forward deployments, dancing with the blue balloon, etc.... Yes the blue balloon, he carries balloons to all the Spanish clubs to dance with it, since nobody else will. One thing to rest assure about Terry is his navigation skills, no matter the state, he can navigate through foreign cities like its his home town, especially on the search for Doug!

SSgt Harley Izaguirre

Izzy missed his best friend (Fontenot) so much, he had to cross train to be a Boom. Now, finished with MCT he is ready to go fight the War. He has taken on the noble task of supervising Flores. Good luck buddy!

SSgt Kyle Hunt

Who the hell is this guy? Who knows?

SSgt Cam Miller

Cam is primed and ready to go for his first Boom deployment. Hopefully, he doesn't see any F-35's out there. Cam has the best radio communication skills of any Booms coming out of MCT, just ask the OG Commander. When Pittman deployed, Cam missed him so much that he had to stay busy and keep squirrely Dan at bay. He seems to be good at moderating Boom Operators, definitely what the 92nd needs.

SSgt Gage Fontenot

If WWII ever comes to the homeland, Gage will be prepared with vast knowledge of weapons. He has an arsenal like no other and he knows how to use them. He's been holding down the Safety shop. Despite him being a dirty LSU fan, he's not a bad guy to have a beer with.

SSgt Christopher Vilmont

Vilmont can grow the craziest mustache. He displayed his manliness in Spain with that handle bar mustache and wasn't allowed around the school on base. He is a true ping pong champion and MX sings songs of his praises. The first week the 92nd took over Spain, the Marines were lined up in formation getting yelled at for a missing chair. The missing chair finally appeared in Vilmont's room during the room inspection. Wonder how it got there?

SrA Nick Selly (TUBBS)

It's been a busy year for Tubbs. He has been controlling the young MCT booms with an iron fist and his whip (cool whip). Now Tubbs has complete dominance of the MCT students and they finally listen to him. Killian lets him gets to get out of the office a bit to go on TDY's. On his free time, he usually keeps Houdini in-check and narrowly missed becoming patient zero of COVID-19.

SrA Payton Olson

Olson came to us from Kadena, after following his brother in law in the 384th to Fairchild. He's been hitting it hard in the 92nd since he got to the Squadron. You couldn't tell by looking at him, but this boy can play some basketball, just like the movie "White man can't jump" Scary Terry finally has a friend to play with.

SrA Edwin Mensah (Eeyore)

Eeyore is finally happy. Mensah is finally going on good TDY's. Some would say, he even cracked a smile in Spain. Every year, Mensah is getting stronger in the Boom career field, priming up for IB upgrade. He escaped the upgrade bullet by getting orders to Scott, but he doesn't realize that he has upgrade orders en-route to Scott. We are going to get you buddy!

SrA Jeremiah Guinto (Cocktail)

Cocktail is all grown up now. After all that time flying around the flag pole, his first deployment is in the books. He is now prepping for Instructor upgrade while making his famous cocktails. SMSgt Miller is most likely not going to let Guinto deploy again after the fire incident on his last day in Turkey. Word of advice friend, stay away from couches.

SrA Justin Schaeffer (Dirty) aka Mr. Hall

Dirty got even dirtier, he is in the 97th now. Miller had to break up the love triangle. You won't be forgotten.

SrA Tristen Noel (Darkness)

O Darkness has now found the light. Noel has departed the Boom career field to become a sensor operator. He keeps saying more money that way?????

A1C Lyndsey Sheil

Well, she got married. Sheil hasn't tried to assassinate Miller again, so that's good. She has been holding the training flight down, knocking out all those GTIMS products. Sheil has a lot of hobbies, including working on her big yellow car, collecting small animals, and plotting her next move to Kadena.

A1C Kyler Lacer

If you see Lacer, the first thing that will come to mind is "OMG" look at this kid. He looks like he is starting the 6th grade. But don't be fooled, the Air Force recruiter found young lacer as a black jack dealer in a South Carolina Casino. He joined the Air Force to get money to go to school to be an auctioneer. Now, he has completed his first deployment still without a driver license. He can refuel planes in the desert but can't drive a car. In his defense, he has been trying to learn. His only problem with the driver's test is backing up, he can't do it without a back-up cam, just as the F-150 in March ARB.

A1C Jordan Watson

Young Jordan finally got his feet wet. He finally deployed and experience life for the first time. He may get the callsign "Beetlejuice". You never see him until his name is repeated 3x.. Jordan, Jordan, Jordan, and he appears. The Spaniards call him "Señoras hombre" after his Spanish conquest. Jordan had a learning experience about using Boom Interphone with A-10's on a coronet to Lajes. It was his first-time using Boom Interphone and had no idea that the pilot can hear him talk about her, just remember to turn it off. He's a great addition to the 92nd.

A1C Dylan Vu

Fairchild's Finest, this shiny boy has got it all. Hanging out with his best friend Filoteo in his speedster "Hyundai". The 3rd VU of the Squadron is "rollin down the street Sippin on sprite and juice, laid back with my mind on my money and my money on my mind" playing on repeat since he got to Fairchild. This boy is in love, his promise ring tells it all, just like the Jonas brothers. We expect great things from him on his upcoming deployment. Go Vu³!

A1C Torian Mather

Mather, is one of those Booms that looks like he should be working on an AWACS. But in his generous nature he condescended to our level and now wears a Boom shield. Mather is eager to deploy, to plug some holes and earn that tax free that we long for. Mather will wait for the squadron deployment this fall but had better not complain about how long he was in MCT. If you were not in longer than a year, you don't have anything to complain about.

A1C Victor Menchaca

Menchaca came to the 92nd last year with big opened eyes! He's new and learning very quickly on how to be a good Boom Operator, once we got him to come to work. PATR has been a great influence on him and we know that Menchaca will be great!

A1C Abrena Irons

So, Irons is new to the Squadron and can't wait to deploy. After OGT took their sweet time in completing her training, she finally got her first flight. Jeff Bezos would be so proud of her. Irons had to make a choice, join the Boom Career field or became the heir of Amazon after winning her golden ticket in that Butterfinger.

A1C Ryan Flores

Everyone stop flying, we got Flores! Send him out and he can single handily win the war. Who cares if he only knows how to refuel C-17s, when he's not making sparks when hitting the slipway, he can do it! Wait..... O, the mind of a young Boom operator. Flores got a lot going for him, like learning his amplified and talking on the radios. But he'll learn soon. We are all sure he will be a good Boom Operator, if he stops interrupting the instructors and finish MCT

A1C Genny Hall

Genny O. Genny. Well, she is still broken. Since last year after the notorious bee attack and epi-pen situation, she has broken her back on her honeymoon ski trip with her man Justin Hall. She is great at arts and crafts, while planning squadron events, when she is not at appointments. Hopefully, one day she can get up in the air again. But we shall see. Hang in there Genny, Mr. Hall is there waiting for you.

A1C Josephus Straka (Suits V.011)

Its been a big year for Suits. He finally deployed, got his driving privileges back, got his stripe back, and got married. Yes, he got married! No one saw this one coming. But he is MAN now and doing MAN things, like not wearing suits all the time. He's been holding the scheduling shop and studying hard for Mr. Bailey's job. Let's see how much married life changes him but he still drinks old fashions like its water.

A1C Matthew Baxter

Baxter lost the heirship to MARS candy company over a border dispute. He is the guy to have on your side. Especially, in England when he is sporting his BMT sweatshirt all throughout London. No, worries he can drop kick his way out of any situation. After his first deployment, he is a hardened warrior, just ask Baghdadi..... GO BAXTER.....

Mr. Jermiah "DOC" Docken /SMSgt Ret.

DOC still holding down STAN/EVAL and becoming a master of GTIMS. The 92nd is glad DOC stayed after his Holly War with the contract change, he couldn't leave the Booms even for less money. DOC's alcohol collection seems to keep growing on his desk. He still lives an exciting life outside of work, he always seems to get himself into something.

Mr. Richard "Reaper" Bailey/SrA Sep.

The heart and soul of the scheduling shop. Mr. Bailey can look you straight in the eyes and tell you that you are short noticed tasked without showing any remorse. Reaper is not allowed to take any leave or personal days, when he does the World falls apart and the DO freaks out. Please don't leave us Bailey!

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“MASTERS OF THE ART”



SUPERINTENDENT

SMSgt Ryan Clauss- PCS'd to Fairchild from Mildenhall in June '19 and jumped right in as the Superintendent. 5 months later the entire squadron deployed on the first squadron deployment. He used to be known as "Santa Clauss" because when he would give checkrides, Q-1s were literally a gift. Now ever since he made SMSgt, you can find him knife-handing Amn in the hallways or tearing people apart in emails over poorly written bullets. Also, the guy's love for 1206's and meetings is a little weird.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT

MSGT Christopher Glen Wallace Staton- Deployed as the Superintendent for the 22nd EARS and recently found out he made SMSgt. Due to Covid-19 he has the privilege of finding out how hard it is to tell people they're not going home. Has been doing great work for the Squadron but rumor has it that he's a compulsive gambler.

A-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Jonathan "Flat Daddy" Rogers- A-Flight Chief. He's the only flight chief around after the squadron deployment and has been the go-to POC for any and everything that gets tasked to the squadron. Recently a new father again. Always has a big smile on his face when he's around the squadron and loves writing 1206's so much, he decided he needed to come in to work as much as possible during COVID-19 to knock them out. Will be on his way to Altus soon (he clicked the button....) and will be a great addition to our schoolhouse cadre.

TRAINING NCOIC

TSgt Ian Southerland - The Training NCOIC. Probably the nicest guy I know. I've literally never seen him angry which worries me because I get the impression that there's some anger boiling up inside waiting to be released... he's the human version of the Yellowstone Volcano.

TRAINING BOOMS

SRA Rocco "CHAD" Yannucci - Has held a position in the Training shop for the last 2 years and spends most of his time asking everyone in the squadron about BOP and if he can go to Macdill. Also earned the nickname "CHAD" which means Can't Hold A Dump because this guy is literally always dropping off Copilots at the pond while inflight if you know what I mean.

TACTICS BOOMS

N/A.

B-FLIGHT

FLIGHT CHIEF

TSgt Nathaniel Scheffel - A new cross-trainee to the boom field and has been a great addition to the 93d. Trying to figure out how to complete MCT during COVID-19 and de-conflicting his baby leave. Looking forward to getting him fully trained up in the squadron and running B-Flt as the Chief.

READINESS NCOIC

TSgt Andrew Cohea – Just got back from deployment. Escaped from the COVID-19 Quarantine in Turkey by conveniently confusing the Flu and Coronavirus. Awesome instructor and excellent Boom Operator. When he's not actively influencing the leaders of tomorrow with his brilliant teachings, you can find him submitting himself for a Quarterly Award every quarter. Also, an advent St Louis Cardinals fan and joining the TACC team this summer.

READINESS BOOMS

SSgt Chris "Innovation" Fitzgerald- Currently in the Readiness shop where he finally decided to do some work once the civilian contractor left. He's been trying to innovate his way to success. He designed a game changing readiness tracker right before the squadron's first deployment which saved the day and has been swimming in awards since.

SSgt Brendan Herberts- Currently hiding away in the Readiness shop. Just had a baby and is now quarantined at home. I hear that he's using the baby as excuse to fill the pantry up with snacks and juice even though the baby doesn't even have teeth yet. (Also, I don't think babies eat Peach Rings)

SrA Devin "Wobbles" Battle - You may be wondering how he's earned that nickname and it's actually quite simple. Once he's a couple White Claws and Natty Lights in, he becomes one of those air inflatable, air dancing, Tube Men that you see at car dealerships. He's been killing in for the squadron and is currently deployed.

A1C Dominic Dunham- This is big swole now, when he's not stiff arming Russians from entering the boom pod, he can be found getting jacked in the gym. Not much else is known about him due to the fact that he never leaves the gym to get to know people.

B-FLIGHT BOOMS

A1C Riley "Giggles" Noel- Quiet guy until he has a couple of beers or White Claws and then he cannot stop laughing and giggling. Literally everything becomes hilarious and you can't help but join in with the continuous laughter. Some people get drunken strength, he just gets a sense of humor.

A1C Nathan Vasquez- He has a shaving waiver we swear! At least we assume so due to the untreated carpet growing from his face. He's working hard and is killing it on his deployment right now and we continue to expect big things from him.

A1C Austin "Disarray" Buller- Great addition to the squadron and just finished up MCT. You can identify him by the fact that his hair looks like it's never been brushed in his life. It's actually quite impressive how no matter what time of day it is, he looks like he just rolled out of bed. Currently on his first deployment stuck until COVID goes away.

A1C Riley "Strike a Pose" Shin- Talks more to her plants and cats than her coworkers. New to the squadron and currently on her first deployment where you can find her holding photo shoots in the boom pod instead of refueling. Also, after seeing her participating in an escape room, you better hope you never end up in a real life Saw moment with Jigsaw holding you captive and you need her to figure out the clues. (Spoiler Alert... you're not going to make it)

A1C Dalton "Shoot Your Shot" Eggleston- The ultimate one-upper and not short on confidence even though he is short in stature. Just finished up MCT but if you're looking for him, you can find him at Buffalo Wild Wings shooting his shot with waitresses that are out of his league. At some point he needs to realize that he's Seth Curry not Steph.

A1C Jacob "Just Wanna Get Married" Ellis - This guy thinks of himself as the #1 bachelor of the younger group of booms. When he's not showing off his superior boom control while refueling F-15s, he's constantly browsing Tinder looking for his next wife which he doesn't shy away from telling you. He literally always talks about marrying someone every week and it's a different girl every time. Last I heard, it was a barista from Devil's Brew which he can't stop bragging about going on a date with.

A1C Dalton "8 Mile" Moody - When he's not in the boom pod you can find him in a studio working on his true passion which is pursuing a rap career. At this time his rapping sessions aren't bad, but I don't think he should expect a deal anytime soon. I heard he once tried to rhyme the word "orange" with the made up word "morange". He still hasn't

MSgt Orlando Infante- Currently the Chief of Stan Evil. When he's not arguing about Lebron James being better than Michael Jordan (which is not true) you can find him in the Ops Sup office mastering the art of pretending to look busy. SN: It's weird seeing him in that office with pictures of MSgt Staton still on the desk which I constantly catch him

staring at for inspiration. Will be headed to Altus soon where he will earn \$15 in BAH and racing TSgt Rogers to see who can get to base housing first.

STAN/EVAL BOOMS

SrA Patrick Choy- Airmen of the Year, Boom of the Year, BTZ, I meant this guy has racked up every accolade. He can also be described by this simple statement: "I want to reenlist, I don't want to reenlist, okay I want to reenlist again, actually no I don't, *signs reenlistment contract* Ooookayyyy I don't want to reenlist. Currently on his way to Birmingham to keep up the good work and become an instructor in the near future.

TSgt Chance Italiano- Just got here from Kadena and he misses it already. Simply ask him and he'll let you know how awesome it was. Still fairly new to the squadron.

SAFETY

NCOIC

SSgt Joshua Lawson - No longer in his safe haven of Wg scheduling, he's now our Safety extraordinaire and once he finally stopped shaking in his boots about going to Altus for CFIC he went down there and crushed it. Also if you're ever looking for a volunteer for something, look no further than this guy.

SAFETY BOOMS

None at the moment

EXEC

SSgt Daniel Collier- Literally has his hands into everything at the squadron. He hit the ground running and really got the squadron booster club hitting another gear. Also, he thinks very highly of himself so make sure that whenever he enters a room, that you assume the Stand-By position or there could be trouble.

ATTACHED/ON LOAN

Brendan Balko- OGT Superintendent, claims to have the highest student load ever and keeps asking for IBs to backfill (I think he's just trying to get out of work). Just had a little boy for a total of 2 kids now which would explain him trying to skip out of work.

TSgt Andrew "Take a Shot" Keepers- This guy has nerves of steel, or should I say Steel Reserve or whatever other alcohol you can think of because once he gets to drinking common logic goes out the window as shown by his infamous moment of demanding the Sq Commander to take a shot. You can find him at OST instructing the future leaders of tomorrow. Also, just made TSgt and didn't know his line number release date so he went off second hand info and sported the wrong rank a month before he pinned on.

SrA Connor O'Connell-Keleghen- Went from Stan Evil to OGV. He found out that he pinned on SSgt before his separation date so he got a spot and graduated ALS before he out-processed and separated.

SrA Zach "Goleaden Boy" Pennington- Flew with Chief Inmon and after that she and Chief Rueckert pulled him up to the Group to be an exec. We were able to get him on a deployment where he is now stuck until COVID ends.

INBOUND

MSgt Steven Saunders Cross-Trainee

SSgt Darian Edwards from Kadena

Amn Tasia Rias pipeline BO

SSgt Stephon Sharief Kadena

A1C Rachel Berndt Pipeline BO

MSgt Lauren Powell inbound from Altus

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Superintendent – MSgt "FL" Matthew "I'm still in" Hunsinger – Our fearless leader is off always out of the office doing something. He always says it's important things, but we all think he's either buying a new toy at Best Buy or trying to convince the world the flattop is back. Only active duty member to also have an AARP membership.

Operations Superintendent – MSgt "FL" Dillon "It's pronounced Poorshaaa" Poole – Dillon is the only Boom Operator in the world with more evaluator hours than primary. Is either doing all of Matty's work or reminding every Chief in sight how great Mildenhall orders would be. Will probably end up at Altus.

CSS Section Chief – TSgt Sharon "Med Tech" Miller – Sharon has spent so much time at the Med Clinic that we have decided to PCA her there. Before she goes though, she will have to Rochambeau our SARM superintended for the coveted title of "Squadron Mom"

A-Flight/Training –

(M)Sgt Derek "Weather sucks up here" Green – Just when our young Booms thought that they were finished being terrorized by Derek after continuing on from Lackland, he decides to follow them up to Fairchild! You'll typically find Derek in Poole's office fantasizing what it's going to be like as a "grown up" MSgt while all the other MSgts are trying to convince him it's not too late to stay a Tech.

TSgt Jake "RBF" Spencer – Only person in the history of the 97th to come from the 384th and not instantly hook a check. Most of the time you see Jake lurking around the Squadron finding any reason to go home.

SSgt Seth "No carbs" Corliss – Don't bring up the Advanced Instructor Course around Seth unless you have two hours of your life to lose. He really really really wants to go. In the meantime, you'll either find Seth chasing down a lost baby boom or scarfing down a naked burrito at the food court.

SrA Justin "You want to open what" Schaeffer – Will jump on every TDY possible then ask Dillon what configuration he needs. Dreams of living in a van down by the river by pigs.

A1C Alexander "Where is he" Danclar – His Union declared that he won't show up to work before 1000. We still haven't been able to find that agreement, but Alex maintains it exists.

A1C Andrew "I hate finance" Kline – Kline holds the record for most time in a finance office here at Fairchild. Due to the likelihood hood of him burning that place down, we are pretty positive our possible Squadron OSI agent is watching every move Kline makes.

A1C Courtney "What Squadron am I in" Reimann – Attempted to set the record for longest MCT at Fairchild by convincing every night fighter to cancel on her. Finally made it through and had enough with "square patchers." Decided to join up with us and schooled us all on perfectly times memes.

A1C Jonathan "Not the Disney" Gaston – Made the mistake of telling everyone how to "properly" pronounce his last name. Likes to say he will go to lunch, then skips it to sit on his couch in the dorms. Spent his first hour on Fairchild at security forces explaining how he lost CAC.

Amn Jensen “Anything to live downtown” Kokou – Jensen heard about Ramey’s ability to make students cry during flights. His solution, copy the entire dash one onto his checklist. While his plan was foiled on the flight, wait until he tells you how he got out of the dorms.

B-Flight/Readiness –

(T)Sgt Andrew “Volleyball is better than flying” DeCrosta – Andrew’s favorite hobbies include attempting to organize a booster club, attempting to organize a Squadron sports team, attempting to get a reenlistment bonus, or cornering you in the Squadron with a quick five hour chat about entirely too much info.

C-Flight/Scheduling –

MSgt Joseph “Ek” Ekker - You’ll find the “Assistant to the Superintendents” running around the Squadron at a pace that would make Usain Bolt look like a turtle. In between his speed and smashing every keyboard in sight, you’ll find him breaking on every available BE we have to offer.

TSgt Matthew “Ying” Henry – Matt is one of our quieter guys in the Squadron, still thinks he is CE and tried to get scheduled to shoot the M4. His refusal to wear the one piece flight suit makes most of us think he’s an OSI agent making the case of his career.

A1C Demain “Tweedle dumb” Solis – Came from the square Squadron with Sean, also thinks you don’t need to run weight and balance on a cargo load. Otherwise you’ll find Demain studying cargo procedures or huddled up in a corner panicking about filling a schedule... Assuming he didn’t drown in a flooded house.

Stan Eval –

TSgt Chris “Yang” Ramey – Fairchild’s instructor candidates breathed a sigh of relief when Chris moved from OGT to the 97th. Rumor has it he has a tracker of every candidate he has made cry. Chris is “running” the Stan/Eval shop in between 5 hour lunches and Marvel Strikeforce. Feels personally attacked Henry refuses to wear the one piece suit.

SrA Sean “Tweeple dee” Ellis – Sean moved over from that square Squadron and shared his sage wisdom on aircraft loading procedures. Apparently you don’t need weight and balance for cargo. Sean spends most of his time at the gym or telling the BX workers how “clean” Ray Band aviators look on his bone structure.

Safety –

SSgt Bobby “N2” Kniveton – Holds the record for longest time on track without getting one contact with a B-52. Just the aircraft we were built to refuel, no big deal. We keep trying to get his night fighter cert, but at this point he might as well just stay in MCT forever.

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“Ducemus In Umbra”



Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Mike Russell - When he isn't busy hacking out award packages for his peeps and setting booms on the path to success, Senior enjoys long walks on the beach, 5K's and a good ol' veggie bowl with blue Kool-Aid.

Ops Superintendent

MSgt Chad Holloway - When he is not busy coordinating the squadron deployment MSgt Holloway can be found teaching booms, taking the Corona Virus head on one case at a time, and shredding the "Nar Nar" at the local slopes

Stan Eval

MSgt Mathew Machala - Also known has the hammer in the Sq, makes us sing Jody's during boom runs. Has no issues telling folks how it's supposed to be done and when you're screwing up. Can usually be found yelling at LT's that don't read their FCIFs and fixing EFB's.

TSgt Johnathan Nigl - When he isn't busy being a new dad or briefing BERP, Nigel is likely in his basement preparing for the Boogaloo reloading ammo for his arsenal.

SrA Tristen Lang - He is constantly TDY or sitting Alert. Just got finished holding down the fort while the 903 ARS while Beale was deployed. Despite multiple court orders, still refuses to shave his weak mustache. He is still no Kurt Herbert.

(Ret) SMSgt Eric Apelskog – Skoggs retired from the WANG but missed AFIs and TOs too much so he took a job as a stan eval contractor. Apparently contract duties include making sludge coffee, processing folders, and oiling your beard.

Training

MSgt Michael Garcia – Guy Smiley is new to the training flight. He is getting short noticed deployed. Next in line for instructor upgrade, gotta get that AWACS stink off of him.

TSgt James Shaffer - After blowing off his thumb in a shooting accident he sold all guns to donate the proceeds to Nancy Palosi. Decided to keep his Trump Truck though. Recent AIC select, the Wg/CV has him on speed dial.

SSgt Dan Daley - BERP extraordinaire, pwns newbs in GK. Our most used line instructor boom operator. Still notoriously thicc

A1C Dustin Bechtold - Can usually be found riding his radical mongoose with pegs around base. He finally got his drivers permit!

A1C Ben Hawley - recently married his high school sweetheart. One of our best new airmen.

Readiness Flight

TSgt Nicholas Hauck - Currently at Altus for the fourth time, contemplating career decisions... prepping for trip 5. Tries to keep the airmen in readiness ready for full spectrum readiness for mobility for mobilization.

SrA Rae Robinson – Self-proclaimed “readiness princess”. This go-to mission boom is still celebrating her birthday from a month ago and prepping for Iron Chef.

A1C Zach Reynolds - A1CIC of readiness. Wing nominated Red Irwin Winner. Does an outstanding job getting bullets for his supervisor. Also has an awful ‘stache.

SrA Thorne Fritts - newest BTZ winner. The only 32 year old airman in the squadron trying to catch up to his wife’s salary.

Scheduling Flight

SSgt Chris Cicogna - Just started working in scheduling as the only smoker in the squadron had to up his smoke breaks from 1 to 5. Did he tell you he was Air Traffic control... He will

SrA Dylan Gordan - Slight mix up when we had his name tag ordered don’t know if we should call him Gorgan or Chutes he learned the hard way you have to lift up the grate in the jet to remove the ladder

Lettered Flights

MSgt Thomas Carrell – Tom! Tom! He’s our Mom! Yaaay Tom! On his 3rd AFSC in the Air Force when he is not busy prepping for his next cross-train, he can be found in scheduling getting a good deal

TSgt Jose Fonseca-Cruz – Proud new owner of two middle-aged cats, Sergeant Fonseca-Cruz pity’s the fool who don’t print their ITS and check it against the RTM. Good dude new to the career field who hit the ground running, can’t wait to get him out on the road.

TSgt Josh McClanathan - Old McClanathan had a farm Ee I ee I oh and on this farm he had 15 kids ee I ee I oh.

TSgt Brandon Wright - instead of stocking toilet paper amid the corona crisis he has stocked up on hair care products.

SSgt Jacob Zahn - After 6 months at the Deid the squadron is trying to find a way to send him back. Spent all his money on truck part he still hasn’t gotten around to installing.

SSgt Kurt Herbert - Despite numerous requests the Air Force keeps denying Herbies petition for a flannel flight suit being the hipster that he is.

SrA Morgan Hendley - Newest instructor to the squadron refuses to hang out with the other booms as we don’t drive BMW’s or trade bitcoin.

SSgt Jonny Mayer - Newish been with us for over a year, J-MAY is still not MCT complete. Working his application for Starfleet Academy.

A1C Nick Guerrieri - He is quiet but his profile picture in his blues wearing his helmet speaks volumes.

A1C Daniel Harris - Typical Airman who lives above his means driving a jacked up new truck.

A1C Jose Rodriguez-Roman – Smart guy, rocked MCT, quiet...not much is revealed about this mysterious gentleman.

A1C Travis Coultune - “Patient Zero” Has had more DNIF days that not was the first quarantined Boom during the Corona scare.

A1C Dave Gabriel – The man with the Shaggin Wagon... We mean he drives his mom’s minivan with a Air Force Mom Sticker on it. Also...he thirsty.

Amn Joe Espinosa – Joe deployed this year and must have hit the weights there because he started sprinting to the front of every PT run to make us regular Joes look bad.

Amn KC Boerboom – Just arrived and her name has “KC” and “Boom” in it, how can she not do great? Already crushing it.

Attached & On-loan

CMSgt Andrea Inmon – Group Operations Superintendent. Taking care of us from the front office she continues to train daily for American Ninja Warrior.

MSgt Marcus Barnes – Nuclear Expert. Just came back to us from A10N and STILL works in a vault. Starting a petition to get him a job/office with a window.

SMSgt Larry Nahalea – New to Fairchild just got done running the show at Seymour. Working OGV Q3ing baby booms and critiquing regual boom’s horrible contacts.

SSgt Mark Harnish- After being stationed in Washington for two years he still drives his mustang that he has had since McConnell. Currently dominates in OGX

SSgt Alex Yount – Currently works in the vault. Had his first kid...as stressful as that is Flight Doc keeps denying his request for a Rogaine prescription. Currently transitioning to civilian life.

MSgt Pedersen – Visits us from the Ivory Tower in Scott, we only get to see Chris quarterly, but he’s like a prison guard who can slip your note to another prisoner. Watch out for the knife hand!

Inbounds

TSgt Michael Dmytriw

A1C Arianna Jupiter

A1C Dakota Griffis

A1C Todd “Joey” Svoboda

Amn Jonathan Nevarez

Amn Tyler Jones

Amn Sage Ledet

FAIRCHILD AFB, WA

509 WPS



Superintendent

(S)MSgt Ben “Cougar” Davis –

2019 has been the year of the Cougar according to the Chinese zodiac. Cougar has no doubt won 2019; promoted to SMSgt, first class of student BUGs through the Advanced Instructor Course, blonde bombshell girlfriend...things have been good. Surely after this much winning, Cougar would surely take a knee, right? Nope, Cougar prefers to keep a perpetual foot planted into his nether region, taking on an expansion of the Advanced Instructor Course. You can find him peddling his wares (AIC) to any and all that will listen. Growing long in the tooth at the 509th, Cougar is actively getting headhunted by all.

Advanced Instructor Course Superintendent

MSgt Jeremy “Radio” Hall

Radio has the gift of creating an exquisite plan weeks after it's due. Running the Advanced Instructor Course syllabus is no small feat, and Radio can be found at all hours making loving touches to the courseware for the BUGs sake. In the little spare time he affords himself, he has remodeled a SpoKompton shack into a very nice home. Now to find someone to buy it.

Stan/Eval NCOIC

TSgt Travis “PacMan” Peirce –

PacMan was recently promoted to TSgt, and is our beloved FCIF hammer in the 509th. Preferring to let FCIFs pile up and releasing them just prior to step, PacMan has been a huge impact to the squadron. Good or bad is still TBD. He recently acquired a baby, and the transition to dad life has

never been easier. Whenever PacMan is not stinking up whatever room he is in with his concoctions, he can be found running in the crackhead ditches of Roswell, NM. Also, as soon as he found out someone in the squadron had COVID-19...he bolted for safety. We should probably check on him.

Training NCOIC

(T)Sgt Robert “Buck” Medeiros –

Buck has officially transitioned from being a sleeper in the Advanced Instructor Course, to being fully recognized as a top instructor. In the first student Advanced Instructor Course class, Buck was selected as “Overall Outstanding Instructor,” an award for both flying and lecture greatness. As soon as he was selected for promotion to TSgt, Buck returned to his Airman roots and bought a top of the line gaming computer and a new Audi S5. Time will tell if he can finally land a girlfriend...but until then, you can find him on Tinder, Bumble, Plenty of Fish, Hinge, Grinder, eHarmony, Elite Singles, Farmers Only, and Coffee Meets Bagel.

Outbound

TSgt Adam “KGB” Mosier –

A single data point is just data, two data points is a line, and three data points is a trend. This is the third signal that KGB has been a part of the 509th, and boy did he change his standard operating procedures. Instead of flying under the radar and dipping into his car to Netflix and smoke, he decided to be the first boom operator to get COVID-19...in the entire Air Force! This immediately thrust him to the forefront of discussion at two different wings, Nellis and Fairchild. Congrats KGB, you can now say you got two Wings to stand down and bring operations to a halt. I guess if you cannot beat them, force them to join you with a pandemic. But the good news was, contact tracing with KGB was easy...no one had seen him in weeks. Social distancing complete! Good luck in retirement, you will thrive in that environment!

HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA

USAF EOS DET 1



Greetings from Hurlburt, the land of retirees, Tanker Planners, Sensor Ops and those AFSOC nerds.

MSgt Kai Bresser: Not sure it's a good idea to let anyone know he's here, but this is the best kept secret (until now) for a Boom Operator. DET1 is happy to have him, because he had been in the AMOS for the past 3 years and can pass on knowledge from recent experience. Most Aircrew at Travis are happy that he's not on TDY's, putting extra "equipment" in their bags. Will be selling his house in CA after being stationed there for just over 18 years, and purchasing a house on the water in Florida... retirement, here he comes.

AFRC:

SMSgt Jason Schultz (AKA Hank): Hank is working in Hurlburt as a Sensor Operator.

Retired:

Mr. Tyler Stone: Stone(rrr) retired last year because that's what you do in Florida. Going to school and working full time. He's building some cool off road vehicles for fun and still stops by occasionally.

Mr. Blaise Rohan: Blaise initially retired in the local area and worked at the 505th, but he wanted to get back to Texas and do real work. Found a job at Amazon and has been enjoying it for a year so far.

Mr. Rich Geraci: Looking back at the last Boom Signal the DET was mentioned "2014"....Rich is still the man to fix anything computer. He got rid of the Beemer and all other 30 vehicles he's owned in the last 6 years. He has upgraded to a truck....again....for now.

Mr. Devan DeBarr: Has become a research analyst for the DET. He studies past, present and future documentaries via YouTube. His studies include football games, World War movies and other time consuming videos. Still a wealth of knowledge when briefing AOC students about Tanker Planning, when he's not fishing.

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

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

If any Booms are ever in the local area, stop by and we'll grab a beer....maybe some beach time?

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

78 ARS

“FIRST AND FINEST!”



How goes it fellow Tanker Toads! Let's see – it's been about 9 years since last you all heard from us, so we figured it was about time to supply a submission. There's still plenty of familiar faces here, but you'll see below that we have had many booms move on to retirement or other things. In keeping with tradition, we are still sending crews to the sandbox to keep fueling the fight. Aside from that, mission crew and limited alert opportunities have made a comeback as we continue to augment our active duty brethren. Of course, as the 78th has been tasked with being the first reserve unit at McGoo to transfer to the KC-46, we're also doing our best to ignore the rumor mill while effectively preparing for the arrival of the Pegasus – we can't wait to stare at screens until our eyes bleed. In addition, Chief Guzman has his sights set on retirement and so there will be additional changes coming down the pipe as folks continue to jockey for position.

At any rate, it's great to be back in the Boom Signal! If you ever find yourself in lovely NJ and you need a cold one, feel free to stop in – we can guarantee a fresh supply of booms willing to partake. Cheers!

NKAWTG...N!

The ART Force

CMSgt Victor “El Jefe / Guatemalan Tigress” Guzman – Vic took the reins as big boss after Tony Pierce retired. We're still working out how time functions in his office. If you ever hear him request “5 minutes of your time”, just run – you're about to donate 20-30 minutes of your life. He likes to keep the boom shop ultra clean while operating a makeshift thrift store from the space adjacent to his office. He still won't tell us what he's planning on doing with all those defunct HP printer cartridges.

SMSgt Chris “Joan” Baez – Chris switched sides from TR to the darkest side of the reserves and became the ART scheduler. Unfortunately for the time being, Chris had to separate from his family in order to fill the position, but he seems to be handling it well. He has taken to calling a couple of the booms by his kids' names and giving them hugs – it's weird. Currently, he lives in a van down by the river dealing shoes and matchbox cars to the elderly as a side hustle.

MSgt Ray Cruz Eye Eye Eye – Ray is currently working in Stan/Evil and is perpetually chasing people down in order to get their open/closed-book testing done. He can also be found roaming the building making sure everyone is hard at work – oh, hold on – I'm pretty sure he's talking to me right now. Wait... nope. He's on his Bluetooth headset – disregard.

MSgt Ryan “Actually” McFadden – Ryan came to us straight from active duty and has proven a great asset as training manager. A staunch democrat, he’s originally from Idaho, and the man bleeds rodeos and monster truck rallies, but he hates potatoes with a vengeance for some reason. He can be found trying to corral all our new arrivals and trainees while agonizing over their individual training proficiencies and personalities.

The Consiglieres

SMSgt Joe “Shadow Chief” McGann – Joe has retired maybe 5 times over the past couple years? I dunno, I lost count. He’s been keeping super busy schooling the newbs at the BOT as a Pinnacle instructor and flying whenever possible. In preparation for future retirement, he’s amassed a huge rubber stamp collection and leverages it to test-drive homemade greeting cards in the shop. They’re awful.

SMSgt Robert “Rip Van” Rodriguez – Rob has become one of our go-to instructors and truly enjoys flying with all our younger booms while listening to any and all of their personal problems. He’s gone pro with sleeping anywhere and everywhere – I’ve seen this man fall asleep while getting a flu shot. Rob is still employed by the NYPD and comes down anytime he’s made too many arrests and there’s a lull in criminal activity.

A-Flight

MSgt Jason “I Literally Know Everything” Craig – Jason is easily one of our most knowledgeable booms, and he finally got promoted after a three-way race with Rick and Bill. He currently is working hard in a civilian capacity over at Current Ops where he spends his days trying to get a certain mouth breather to inhale sharp objects. Once Uncle Rob retires and vacates the throne, Jason will be graced with the mantle of “Nap King”. Speaking of naps, this dude’s snoring will make your ears bleed.

MSgt Ted “Hot Teddy” Morales – Ted has taken the catering world by storm – something about delivering in the nude? I’m not 100% sure, but we don’t really ask those questions. When he’s not doing that or fulfilling his duties as slum lord in Bucks County, Ted still finds the time to stop by and poke fun at the Nap King.

TSgt Rob “MF Jones” White – Rob came to us from the CRW. A former 135 guy, he had around 18 deployments by the time he knocked on our door, so this guy is well seasoned...or insane. At any rate, he’s currently doing it right and riding orders at the FTU. We can’t see him, but we know he’s being crippled by a joke somewhere.

TSgt Angel “Not Gomez” Gonzalez – Angel is a former Marine, and he came to us a handful of years ago. He’s somewhat scarce since he’s putting that work in at the NYPD, but when he does, he likes to fly and see what flavor crayons the commissary currently has on sale. Oh, and he reeeeeeally likes a thorough debrief.

SSgt Kyle “Good Guy Kyle” Breitenbach – Still somewhat shiny and new, Kyle is one of our newest NCOs. He came from active duty CE at Andrews, joined our pirate ship, and started work at McGuire 87 ABW as a civilian...in CE. This kid is great on the airplane and air conditioners...but he’s a thief. He steals things that don’t belong to him. Those were not your flight suits, Kyle!

B-Flight

MSgt Rick “The Geek” Taylor – Rick finally got promoted and wears one of his dad’s old nametag as part of his constant struggle for attention. In addition, he’s taken up residence in the boom shop riding UDM orders. With the current COVID-19 crisis, he has been enthusiastically attending teleconferences from

home in uniform. On the outside, he's currently employed by Lockheed in exchange for promising not to break anything.

MSgt Kingsley "Mystery Discharge" Rose – Yes, Kingsley is still in the Air Force...or is he? Yes, yes he is. For a time, we didn't quite know what was going on with Kingsley's enlistment status, and we don't think he knew either. He began to worry when all the other retirees at the BX started inviting him to meetings to discuss grievances. He's currently on long term DNIF and working on vouchers from 2008.

TSgt Melissa "The Perfect TR" King – Melissa came over from active duty a couple years ago, and then immediately moved to Florida – something about better weather, Disney World, and the fact that our building is occupied by flying monkeys. She is the only TR that we have ever seen get their open/closed book testing, AR check, BOT check, and cargo check done in the same week. She's a MF sorcerer.

TSgt Silvio "Shush" Ng – Silvio is a super nice guy, which directly conflicts with his being a police officer. He serves either the MD or DE area, but we can't be sure - can't hear what he's saying. He's super quiet except for when he's nagging about THAT BITCH CAROLE BASKIN!

TSgt Greg "The Orb" Coburn – Greg is continuing the family legacy as his dad retired from the 78th and the Air Force a few years ago. He's recently finished IB upgrade and had personalized business cards made up to hand to all of his students. He spends a lot of his time trying to unjam the paper shredder.

SSgt Dakota "Hipster Head" Aiello – Dakota doesn't fly too much anymore as he is currently on an indefinite hiatus to continue working on his graphic artistry empire. Occasionally we see him swing through the shop – on his way in and out he spreads his arms like wings and makes airplane noises as he runs around the parking lot.

C-Flight

MSgt Bill "I'm On Leave" Vigilante – Bill also finally got promoted and has since significantly ramped up his flying time...just kidding, Bill doesn't fly. He's been on long orders for the KC-46 Program Integration Office and, with the way things are going, will likely be there for the next 15 years. Bill's also about to get married, but somebody in China ate a bat and that postponed everything.

TSgt Matt "Sweeeet" Yockey – Yockey is working in an oil refinery in Ohio when he's not flying with us and is the same, reliable guy he's always been. He is a staple boom in our squadron – one that throws the best annual house party around and will feed your face chicken nugget shots. Yes, you read that right. He also continues to fight the good fight against DTS and eFinance, and one time he forgot where he lived.

TSgt Darel "Doomsday" Matthews – Darel came to us a few years ago and was a missile officer in a former life. He recently finished instructor upgrade and is currently spending as much time as possible away from the civilian pukes. Sometimes, late at night, you can find him sitting by himself in the boom shop, all the lights off, his finger gently resting on a button wired to nothing.

TSgt Arriel "Giggles" Bromley – Arriel came to us from active duty, and she has been assigned to both coasts which means her attunement to BS is more precise than the rest of us. She is currently working on jewelry art, but she's limiting her products to those worn above the belt – believe me, I've asked. In addition, she is modifying her rain dance to bring a budget. Dance Arriel! Dance the dance of money!

TSgt Nicole "The Other Other Girl" Gansert – Nicole came to us from our own CSS personnel and she has had a stellar trajectory since arrival. Seriously, she's like Airman of the Millenium or something now. She also recently picked up an RPA pilot slot so her time with us will be limited which is good only because she's making the rest of us question what we're doing with our lives.

Attached

SMSgt Angel “Touch of Alzheimer’s” Gomez – Angel got married – that is not a typo, and no one saw it coming. Had to go to the top of a mountain to propose so that God himself could bear witness...and so nobody could stop it. Still likes to tell all the stories...including yours with slight modifications. He’s been in the 514 OSS for a while and still manages to come visit when they get tired of him. Angel’s also been working for a civilian cargo company as a loadmaster but still dons the pantyhose he wore at his previous job...for the support.

Entered Orbit

SSgt Kirk “Retread” Archibald – Kirk recently got smart and made the switch from 714 AMXS. He’s currently going through flight training at the FTU, and you can hear him crying in the corner sometimes as he slowly dies inside while dealing with his fellow students.

SSgt Jamila “Are You Serious” Lopez-Daniel – Jamila came to us from 514 CE, she recently finished FTU, and is on the road working on her cargo qualification. It’s the strangest thing – she has this weird infatuation with taking out the garbage. She’s currently employed at SouthWest as a flight attendant and is thankful that we consider passengers “baggage with a heartbeat”.

SSgt Matthew “Who the Hell is Darabant” Darabant – Matt is coming to us from 514 AE logistics, and he seems like a good dude – we’ll corrupt him shortly. He’s currently in Texas going through fundies, and when we get him back, he’s going straight into quarantine because COVID-19.

A1C Carla “Smiley McGee” Luna – Carla came in off the street and just got her AR checkride. She’s a mother of three, and so she comes naturally prepared to deal with us. She is perpetually exhausted and that comes as no surprise as it takes a lot of energy to upside-down smile for that long. Carla absolutely loves to give ad hoc briefings in front of the entire boom shop.

AB Anas “FNG” Sohail – Not much is known about Anas except that he is currently in basic training and his parents had to sign his enlistment papers. What could go wrong here?

Boom Stowed, Leaving Position

CMSgt Joel “Big Toe” Montgomery – Joel retired around the time of our last Signal entry and returned to Louisiana to open a bar outside of Barksdale called “Boomers”. We were all very sad to see him go, but super excited to find out that he had opened a bar...until they stopped sending us to Barksdale. We figured we could have easily paid his bills for months with a single TDY. Might have to make a pitstop when we start flying these things to the boneyard...

CMSgt Tony “Dances on Desks / Dr. No” Pierce – Tony served as chief boom after Joel and before Vic, and then retired to Delaware to be a roadie for some blues band. Well, that’s kind of an educated guess – the last time we saw him he was decked out in a full Canadian tuxedo, so we just connected the dots. His tenure as chief boom was very loud and very quiet all at the same time.

SMSgt Dan “Not My Job” Ciambrone – Dan departed the squadron a few years ago and pulled a classic Irish goodbye. This wasn’t super surprising considering it was easier to find him jogging around the base than at his desk. He left an empty set of blues in his locker for us to find – classy.

SMSgt Joe “Bolo Punch” Fennick – Joe retired a few years ago and boy do we miss his salty wit. You never quite knew if he hated you or tolerated you, but he always did everything by the book and he always had a

story from his Force Recon days to make you feel like less of a man. We aren't sure what he's doing these days, but whatever it is we're sure he's not impressed by those around him.

MSgt Paul (PW) "Sub Hunter" Carter – PW retired shortly after Joel did and that's probably because he knew he'd be forced out. This guy single-handedly killed more sorties than MX and WX combined due to such classics as "flickering ARO panel lights" and "questionable flight lunch meat". He will forever live on in our memories as the man who spotted the sub periscope from FL300.

MSgt Anthony "Taco / Chalupa" Cleaver – Taco...holy shit. Taco retired from a life of single-handedly sponsoring single mothers/future nurses to go to NYU for sports management. He forgot to accomplish his pre-retirement checklist, so he's had a wonderful time thus far. He came back to visit not too long ago to brag about how he's getting paid to go to school and he's an easy hire after he graduates. Yea, a 2.4 GPA is not very good, Taco.

MSgt Roswell "Everyone's Best" Friend – On a very somber note, Roswell unfortunately passed away fairly suddenly a few years back. For those of you who did not know him, Roswell was always easily the kindest person in the room, and he never hesitated to speak with you if you had a question about life, work, or anything else. He was a true friend to everyone here at the 78th and while his last name made that easy, he truly took it to the next level. He is very sorely missed and lives on in our memories of him. We miss you Roswell.

MSgt Jessica "OG" Osmer – Jessica departed for OSS training and made her way to the IG several years back. From what we can gather, she's doing a bang-up job and we wish her the best.

MSgt Curtis "Touch-and-Go" Palmer – Curtis came and went fairly quickly. Pretty funny guy, but he had a little trouble with the boom latch. He collected his MSgt stripe and then departed to work as a civilian in Germany.

MSgt Bob "Mother Goose" Pavlovec – Bob retreated into the pinelands of PA to continue adopting foreign children and living a life of quiet luxury. From what we've heard, he recently took up woodworking, and his driveway is now lined with custom wooden replicas of the finger he lost. If you're lucky you can find him flying space-A cornering the aircrew to talk about his patent on waste sludge disposal.

TSgt Darrel "Attended Drill That One Time" Barnard – Darel came over from active duty and was a pretty nice, quiet guy. He attended drill approximately one time and then departed for somewhere not here.

TSgt Ivan "Livin' The Flyer Life" Cosme – Cosme came to us from CE. Within the first day of donning the flight suit, this late-30's grown man was caught with his suit zipped halfway down, feet kicked up on the desk with laces undone, and was posting a picture of himself in his new duds on Instagram. That set the tone for his stead here, and he self-eliminated at the onset of cargo training. See yuh!

TSgt Shawn "Slaps Heard 'Round the World" Moran – Shawn never really recovered from the slaps heard round the world and has moved on as a drug dealer pharma guy. We heard he ran for local office somewhere in PA, but he was having a hard time with needing to work with, you know...people.

TSgt Amanda "Key West" Morton (Check) – Amanda came to us from APS and gave us a solid portion of the last decade. This girl can down a pint of Guinness faster than almost anyone I've ever seen...she's got a couple awards to prove it. She eventually married a crew chief and has a couple kids...we forgave her for that. After that, she went down the hall to 76th SARM – we check on her everyday to make sure she's alive.

TSgt Paul "Cleveland" Fennel – Paul retired a few years ago and is still a Jersey City police officer. We have his flight suit on the wall in memory of him...ok, we hang it in front of the window but that's only because it's hard to find curtains that wide. To this day he is still on hold with Cleveland.

TSgt Alicia “Lois” Trudeau – Alicia departed about 8 or 9 years ago for the Northeast to live the granola lifestyle. As far as we can tell, she’s doing great, she’s married with a kid, and she still has that aloof look in her eyes. Whaaaaaat?

SSgt Dennis “Hands Up” Castellano – Dennis came to us from active duty, spent his time here well, and moved on to the PA state police. At one point he tried to come back, but there were some issues there. Maybe one day...

SSgt Terry Lee “Nah” Dowell – Terry Lee got his pilot wings and went across the hall to hang out with the future AF leaders. After that, it was all business – got his hours, put together a package, and moved west after landing an airline gig.

SSgt Joel “Feed Me” Hildebrand – Little Joel finally got tired of NJ and decided to relocate down to Florida getting in with a 135 unit down there. He was a great kid, but we were always concerned that he wasn’t eating – we never let him walk behind the environmental curtain because we were worried he’d get sucked out through the cargo door seal.

SSgt Brian “The Brain” Schultz – Brian was kind of a touch-and-go...was here maybe a few years and then moved over to AFSOC down in Florida doing something. Always had a smile on his face, even after you tried to wipe it off by punching it.

SSgt Nick “American Psycho” Stolley – Nick left us shortly after arrival from active duty and moved over to the FE shop so that he could learn more about how airplane go so fast and so high. He told us that he’s currently employed as a pilot of a mid-west regional airline, but we’re convinced he’s flying sky billboards up and down the Jersey shore. Hey, did you guys know he’s a pilot?

SSgt Nelson “This Job is Easy” Villatoro – This guy came to us from our CSS group, and he was super high speed at first. Then he got on the airplane. And he slowed waaaaaaaaay way down. He did not understand why we all worried so much about training. Oh well, some problems fix themselves, and his departure sat fine with all of us.

SrA Tim “G-Code” Brady – So uhuhhhh, this guy retired one day...and then showed back up randomly during drill...looking a little different. Tim is currently working as a trucking escort...I said “trucking”.

SrA Justin “I Don’t Do 110%” Medina – Justin was a recommendation from someone who will remain nameless. Justin was doing okay in training, and then he just decided he was more concerned with enlarging his ladies shoe collection and evading questions from USAA’s insurance department. He literally just never showed back up.

SrA Eddie “POTUS” Umana – Eddie was a sweet kid. Thought he refueled Air Force One during training. Posted all over Facebook about it to include locations and times. Eddie did not refuel Air Force One. Eddie decided it might be better if he left.

SrA Ken “Pop Tart” Moeser – Ken was the only boom from our squadron to ever gain weight in the sandbox. Ken was a nice enough guy, but it seemed like every day was the worst day of his life. At one point he was put on orders to get fit. He was getting paid to fly and work out. He didn’t take the hint.

JB McGuire Dix Lakehurst

305 OSS

The Rock



MSgt Debbie Lego - Newest chief boom at the FTU, quickly learning that baby sitting an office full of NCO's is actually a full time job. When she's not cleaning up after us, she's working on multiple awards packages at once, like a good mom.

TSgt Bryce Smith - Been in the office the longest, but still the youngest guy here. When he's not setting up his family with coworkers, we send him to be the hammer with students. Thinks his height and haircut hide his bald spot... it doesn't.

TSgt Brian Doane - You'll never meet a guy trying so hard to set up his Air Force career while being hellbent on getting out. Recently got picked up to teach at the Expeditionary Center across the base, this dude really doesn't want to PCS.

TSgt Jeremy Becnel - Old man in the office, and his daily 12:30 poop breaks are proof of that. He loves listening to tower on his radio scanner in the office... we turn it off when he's not around, nerd.

TSgt Phil Gordon - On a strict diet of steamed veggies to shed off the winter weight before his PT test, though he still counts beer as a veggie... he's trying.

SSgt Jeremy Maradik - Our newest FTU instructor, almost has enough hours to go to IB upgrade! We made sure to make him our scheduler, apparently he's really good at it.

TSgt Rob White - We rent him from the reserves by the month. The only single guy in the office, but gets more action than all of us combined.

MSgt Justin Pascoe - Kinda salty moving from the FTU to the Tactics shop, well he's just kinda salty about everything in general. Counting down the days to retirement, good luck at Omega!

TSgt Tim Lowman - Works in OST, nobody really knows what he does since cargo has all but gone away. Second most handsome bald guy in OGV.

TSgt Trevor Jennings - Got to current ops for a couple months and decided deploying was better. If you're ever unsure what's going on with his growing family, just check his Facebook. You'll get hour by hour updates!

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. One day we will figure out how to enjoy this place. In the meantime, take a gander at the most over-worked booms on the planet.

Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Casey "Big Swole" Southern: Laying down the hammer since he took over last year whipping our band of Pacific Princesses into shape. If he isn't at his desk working for his people, you can be sure to find him in our newly created Squadron gym picking heavy things up and putting them back down again. Might want to slow those gains up Senior so you can get that Mess Dress coat on by yourself. Every season is bulking season for this guy. Adding to his many accomplishments, he has finally been able to overcome his vertical challenges by carrying around a specially constructed step stool created just so he can talk to people face to face. "WHERE'S MY DAMN STOOL?"

Ops Supt/Chief Boom

(S)MSgt Evangeline "Zena the Pimp Slappin Princess" Evanzia: ...Or is it Palmer. When you have four different first names, sometimes you just pick one as the flavor of the week. Our resident Super/Chief/Boom/Shirt came out the gate laying the smacketh down and dropping elbows to ensure the booms are handling bidness here at Kadena. Now that there is a mini her on the way, betting odds say that the first words out of his mouth will be "F@#\$". Taking bets as the window is about to close... Vegas odds are 1000/1.

OGV

TSgt Jacob "A10" Aufderheide: This poor man...since starting at OGV his responsibilities have included annihilating cockroaches, reminding us of the good old days of weeds and seeds, spraying his special juice on the OG Building, counting computers (since no one had a clue how many there actually were), cleaning up after MX since they have ZERO clue about picking up trash in the parking lot, and being the resident typhoon guru; did I mention he's our resident financial advisor. Did I forget to mention that he's also our lead evaluator. I still have yet to fathom how he musters up smiles and so much positivity with the amount of headaches he deals with daily. Pray for this man.

Wing XP

MSgt Joseph "Just plane old Joe" Cofield: The resident old head. He's finally decided to hang up the relaxing life of a boom and become what we all aspire to be, a dependa. Besides having no hair and needing to take classes on diaper changing for their new addition, he's going to make the robe and flip flops look good as he cruises around in his minivan. Rims not included.

DTRA Coordinator

MSgt Gabe "Just Gabe" Ourso: Ohhhh how we are going to miss you. He's the founding father of Kadena Boom Operators. Gabe managed to stay on this island longer than anyone else in history, and I doubt that record will be broken anytime soon. He has too many stories to count and is always willing to tell a few tales to whoever is willing to listen. This place will not be the same without this guy. We wish him all the luck in Louisiana with his beautiful daughter as they start the next chapter in your life.

Stan/Eval

TSgt Michael "Fly Boy" Weidman: He hasn't been on island long, but is full speed ahead (as expected) and has been dropping some serious Altus knowledge bombs since he arrived. On his time off (which you have to force him to take) he's been enjoying taking island tours around in a C-172.

SSgt James "Mini Swole" Walker: Got recognized by Air Force Magazine for flying missions at Cope North...but somehow didn't fly a single sortie out there. Our newest evaluator is getting spun up to take over for Weidman in the near future. He's another guy who's always smiling and laughing keeping the mood light.

SrA Brooke "Count" Griffin: If being an IB (to-be) doesn't work out for her, she always has a home in Guam as "Count Spankula"...the following story is too graphic to post.

A1C Race "Casanova" Cockrell: Some Airmen spend their money on Camaros, others on strippers. I guess when you're TDY to Guam there's only one thing you can spend it on. Let's just say Race was AWOL for a while, but after a few hours and over \$600 dollars later he was found. I guess this is what T-Pain meant by "I'm N'Luv Wit a Stripper!"

"A" Flight Chief

MSgt Joseph "1A?X1" Vondohlen: Load-Gunner-Boom...now crossing over to live the cushy 46 life at Altus. Keeping up the tradition of spending the minimum amount of time in each airframe as possible. Never happy, never satisfied, always onto the next adventure. VD has to be the only one who thinks completing 52 Murph challenges in one year is a good time. We will be forever thankful for the badass gym he put together for the Squadron this past year. Besides working out, he has a new passion in life and has started mastering his 3D printing skills by creating some interestingly erect masterpieces. Moving on.....

Scheduling

TSgt Brandon "CommSec/Downlock" Harmon: Our newest TSgt crosstrainee. Mr. "I'm not getting married to a local while out here". Guess someone didn't warn him to stay away from Tinder. Lucky for him she's a great girl and we are all happy for him. Now if he could only remember to remove things red in color and the size of a bag, we will have a stellar aviator on our hands.

SSgt Ray "Of Light" Brown: Have you ever seen this man angry? No? Me either. He may zone out listening to you mid-conversation, but at least he's happy about whatever is going on in his head.

SSgt Lucas "How do you say" Balcarce: Ask this man anything about Argentina or the Spanish language and he'll know the answer. Ask him anything about work and he won't. New guy that comes in and takes a month of leave. Can you say: Eso es una mierda?

SSgt Darian "ESPN" Edwards: *ESPN Theme jingle plays* DO NOT BET AGAINST THIS MAN. He will either take all of your money, or complain about losing so much that you will want to give him all the money you just won

back to him. You can catch him raging at least 4 days a week about some bad calls the refs made in whatever sports ball game is on at a given moment.

SSgt Andrew “Mundane” Liddane: When Liddane is at work he looks like he’d rather be anywhere else. But where does he go? What does he do? Can anyone really be sure? We’re more surprised to see him AT work than not at work. If anyone gets him excited please take a picture...we all want to witness it.

SSgt Stephon “Lil’ Silok” Sharief: Need some unnecessary stress added to your day? Just find a way to mess up the schedule and watch the panic ensue! You’ll get to watch him run around angry and stressed for a solid 30 min! Bring some popcorn!

Zyrie “Hashtag” Gravis-Palmer: He takes two things seriously: looking good no matter how out of regs he might be, and being on his phone while doing CBTs. Let that hair run wild! The man also started his own business. Need some new kicks? He’s got you covered. Need a subject for a photoshoot? Say no more. Zyrie’s there. Do it for the Gram! Young Entrepreneur

"B" Flight Chief

TSgt Jason "Scuba Steve" Markham: If he isn’t at work, you can bet he is either on the golf course or under water honing those scuba skills. Our newest Flight Chief has been having a blast trying to run his Readiness/Mobility office. Don’t let that hardened ginger exterior fool you; make him think he’s in trouble just to tell him he made rank and watch those waterworks flow.

Readiness/Mobility

SSgt Jesse “Chum” Lee: Unfortunately his other half has moved onto another squadron (guess that’s why his dot sheets are constantly MIA). Be careful when you go out drinking with this guy...never know what you might step into.

SSgt James “Freefall” Kennedy: Now that he can’t jump out of a perfectly good airplane every weekend, he has settled for becoming a W.O.W master. Recently got back from a Thailand trip...crew said he was MIA for a few hours. I’m sure you can fill in the blanks.

SrA Taylor “He” Manz: Showed up on island and immediately tried to recreate the Cherokee Rose incident by bending/warping the cargo door on an AE mission. Note to self: never hang cargo straps on the actuator arm of the door. He has since recovered from the incident and just completed a month long bromance trip around the pacific with his BFF.

A1C Dillon “NASA” Neal: World record K code holder, self-proclaimed instructor after 69 hours. He was our resident island castaway until he FINALLY received his GTC after 6 months. Go forth and conquer little sparrow.

SrA Conor “Bad Luck” Brown: Couldn’t pass his security clearance to become a Mandarin linguist. Ironically ending up in INDOPACOM as a boom operator...SUSPICIOUS MUCH!!!!!! His first TDY was to Vegas where he kept with Airmen tradition and lost a whole paycheck...possibly two at the tables. Should have taken notes from your instructor.

UDM

TSgt Jason “Viper Vapor” Grant: Honorary Boom operator. After a long illustrious career he was disqualified...I guess we can’t fly dizzy. However, this gave him much more time to practice his culinary skills which recently have included smoking meat. To this date he hasn’t proven how good his smoking skills are...we will just take his word for it.

"C" Flight Chief

MSgt Kevin "Reverend" Toney: This seasoned boom has one goal in life (besides retiring): take care of his people. You can find him most days in his office talking about stocks and all the different ways you can make your money work for you. Unfortunately he is DNIF most days because of his back. Don’t worry though, he’s always available for

those last minute good deal trips that drop. Good to know we always have someone who is willing to take one for the team.

Training

TSgt Jonathan "I wish I was working out" Hawkins: Loves lifting and will tell everyone about what a lifestyle it is even though he only lifts the bar. He talks about going to the gym at lunch but never leaves his desk. He's the new NCOIC of training and makes sure everyone knows it. Also is one of those weird people that goes by their middle names of Chris...very confusing.

SSgt Cameron "I'd rather be fishing" Bilyeu: Hands down the nastiest stache you'll ever see. We're still positive his mustache is the original source for COVID-19.

SSgt Mike "BraceFace" Lawson: Making an OST in a 30 Boom Squadron. Still super proud of the Ravens losing that he still wears a Ravens hat around, complaining about his \$1,000 bet on the Ravens to win the Superbowl. He's so determined to bring some Raven pride that he drilled their flag into the wall in the Boom pod with about 100 screws to make sure it wouldn't be removed. Some kids never learn.

SSgt Daniel "I'd rather be drinking" Zopfi: Somehow managed to work in the training shop for over a year and still has no clue how to open a training folder. Loves to go TDY...now if you could return back to the island not on MEP status that would be grrrrreat.

SrA Mathew "Always on leave" Ronnfeldt: He's always on leave and comes back more broken than when he left. He's another CrossFitter and makes sure everyone knows what WOD he just completed (shocking I know). Works in training or so it seems. Like many of the Young Tiger Cubs he is on the road most of the year gallivanting around the Pacific.

SSgt Arturo "Chilis" Gac: This man will literally have the nearest Chilis location pulled up on GPS before ever landing on a tdy. Next time you see him ask him what "K" stands for in the phonetic alphabet, since it supposedly doesn't exist.

SSgt Jesse "4324 Ninja" Cutright: Mr. By the books. Loved ALS and is blue to the core. Also enjoys his time he has spent in Alaska and launching on AE.

SSgt Justin "Who's Pauleon?" Pauleon: Showed up to the 909th from Mildenhall and hasn't been in the squadron since. Went immediately to ALS and has spent most of his time in Alaska. People still don't know who he is.

SSgt Tyler "Sky Cop" Espinoza: Showed up to the 909th and in his first weekend out somehow managed to break two fishing rods and get himself speared on a single fishing trip. MCT should be a great time.

SrA Malachai Eppscarpenter: The prodigal son has returned. Let's see how the second time around goes for him here at Kadena.

Tactics

SSgt Erica "She Lawson" Lawson: The other half of the Lawson Clan joined us last year. We are pretty sure she works in Tactics; could be wrong though since she's either flying local sorties or out gallivanting on TDYs,. Doing great work teaching these baby LTs how to plan out exercises.

Safety

SSgt Samantha "All the Awards" Grendahl: As her name would suggest, this recent crosstrainee from the Wacker has been racking up some serious hardware. From BIQ DG, ALS DG, Academic Award Winner, NCOQ...we get it, you are awesome. This girl has been killing it in Safety making sure all the memes are on point and the Photoshop is smooth.

A1C Liam "Godzilla" Kilbane- An avid connoisseur in all thing anime, Godzilla, sports and occasionally grounding jets TDY. Who knew breaking aft hatches are a thing these days. He may come across calm and collected, but if you mess with him too much, you may receive a passive aggressive GIF on messenger. Apparently this is how these youngster deal with confrontation.

Awards/Decs

SSgt Andrew "Make a wish" Chance: showed up to the 909th and has spent more time trying to troll people on Facebook than doing anything at work. Still talks about his days of guarding the gates and how he misses it. We are trying to get him augmentee duty instead of flying so it feels more like home. Rumor has it he still wears his beret on the jet when he flies.

Tanker Scheduling

SSgt Dimitri "Meat" McIntosh: Resident guru on what you can and can't post on social media.

Coming Soon...we hope

A1C Nasia Harris, baby boom

A1C Abigail Stiles, another baby boom

A1C Austin Cullers, another baby boom

TSgt Brandon Williams, Travis AFB

A1C Devin Olmedo, another baby boom

A1C Chance Hackenburg, another baby boom

SSgt Brandon Divins, McConnell AFB

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“Red Devils”



Superintendent

SMSgt Kenneth Harwood - Mr. "One punch man" If he ever asks to speak with you just cancel your plans for the rest of the day.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Michael Fulton - Recently promoted to MSgt..... thank GOD! Now we can distinguish the difference between Fulton and Foreman. Has spent the past several months filling in as the OG 1st Sgt and is ready to give that phone to anyone that will take it! People love to come to him with their problems. He often reminisces about his days in AE.

Stan/Eval

SSgt Jesse "Turbo Turtle" Barber - When he's not looking lost, he's busy trying to con someone into fix his house that is never going to finish getting renovated. Recently picked up for the KC-46 so he will soon be off to Altus.

SrA Shuntravia "Shay" McCullough - Our very own speed demon. Has been in five accidents in one year and still doesn't believe she's at fault. We are still trying to figure how she is covered under insurance.

CSS

A1C Teresa Minardi - Teresa recently moved into the CSS to help keep our officers in line after a 6 month tour in Honor Guard.

A-Flight

TSgt Joshua Foreman - TSgt Fulton comes to us out of AFE. Still in the learning process of being a boom but can instruct on how to pack a parachute and how to cook sous vide.

Scheduling

SSgt Andrew Piggott - The mustache is still alive! He is finally allowed to use playgrounds again after his questionable suspension.

SrA Seth Amriott - "Twiddle dee " Doing a great job in the scheduling shop now that he has figured out how many alarms he needs to set at night in order to make it to work on time.

A1C Cade Stinson - "Twiddle Dum" This guy is still trying to figure out how to log into his email after 2 years in the Air Force, last we heard his "unread email" inbox was into quadruple digits.

B-Flight

SSgt Jefferey Sieff - This boom loves his wife so much he married her twice. This was shock to the squadron because we all thought him and Piggott were an item. They even came here on a joint assignment.

Readiness

SSgt Cory Drummond Jr. - Currently missing!!! Never seen at work!!! The last time we seen him was on the back of a milk carton. He's stepped up his social media game now and has his own YouTube channel.

Mobility

SrA Ashely Upton - Currently in the Pre-CFIC program. Based on the number of IFE's she has had this past year, she should do very well at Altus.

Amn Gregory Casey - Our in residents Mr. GROUCH aka Alfred E. Neuman (Mad Magazine Kid). Always complains how he's constantly getting screwed over by the Air Force but, is eagerly waiting to re-enlist. He's done a phenomenal job for us in Mobility!

C-Flight

TSgt Victor Boyd – Vic holds the record for most officers & crew chiefs taken out during alert responses. NEVER get in from of him if a KLAXON is going off, he responds to alerts like the Kool-Aid guy!

Tactics

TSgt Logan Berry - The only thing he loves more than running is that pre-historic jeep that he drives. He is training for a 100 mile ultramarathon in the Keys and is still trying to convince Kornelsen to tag along again as his personal cheerleader.

Training

SSgt Jamar Campbell – Jamar spent most of 2019 in our OGT shop pushing students through MCT though he was supposed to be back in the Squadron months ago. Now he's making up for it by being our sole member in Training Flight.

Attached

SMSgt Justin Poteet – Was a part of an aircraft emergency that required him to use a portable oxygen bottle that was contaminated with formaldehyde. It might have killed lesser people but his lungs have a protective coating from being a smoker.

MSgt Roger Vula - Apparently is addicted to soju. Recently got orders to Korea for the second time. Don't know what drug deals were made to get that assignment.

MSgt Odniel Gonzalez – One of the recent SMSgt selects; doing a great job at Wing Scheduling

MSgt Dustin Sheldon – Dustin helped set up our OG Mobility office, went TDY with Chief H and returned with PTSD...Never forget your paperwork!

TSgt Kris Echols – Lived in Tactics, but saw the writing on the wall and decided it would be fun to be the Wiz-Quiz aka the DDR Program Manager.

SSgt Jeff Michal – Jeff volunteered for Altus in hopes to get to Mildenhall... we're pretty sure it was just to get out of the squadron deployment. He's been on loan to OGT from the 50th for most of the year so it's hard to keep track of him since he's not around.

FNG

A1C Jarren Sheppard - Our very own Napoleon Dynamite. If you see him ask him to dance. You will not be disappointed.

A1C Blake Thomson - This guy right here showed up to us with the Air Force starter kit. Full sleeve arm tattoo, van shoes, and I'm pretty sure he drives a charger. Smart boom with a lot of potential.

A1C Kylie Strawser - Flew as a passenger monitor with 26 middle school girls for an observation flight. Made the middle school girls cry by the end of the sortie. Keep up the good work!!! One of the new members to the squadron, she's going to fit in perfect.

A1C Malachi Greman - New member to the squadron; already has sights set on being a Zoomie. Takes the wingman policy to heart, as we have never seen him without Janusz 3 feet away.

SSgt Dakotah Zacot - Currently got swindled in to working on Barbers house. If he's not doing that he's hanging TV's around the squadron. Currently has 5 star rating as a handyman on Yelp... 2 stars as a boom.

TSgt Rachel Urquhart - Very excited to be a boom operator, but is currently broke. She will be a great asset to the team if she could ever get off DNIF.

A1C Casey Janusz - YO!! CLEAN YOUR ROOM!! Still trying to figure out how he got a sock to stand up on its own. Guess he doesn't feel he needs keep it clean since his dad is an O-6...wait long enough he'll bring it up.

MSgt Andrew Smith - Currently new to the squadron. Not sure if he will retire before getting out of MCT

SrA Samuel Gulley - Recently completed with MCT and then straight off to ALS... no dirt to report yet.

SSgt Johnny Gurley - The newest addition from three stooges (Piggott, Sieff, & Gurley). All came from the E-3, all recently made TSgt, and all confused on how to make a contact.

SSgt Edward Willis - Just signed into the squadron... no dirt to report yet; we are excited to have him join the team

SSgt Korey Gibson - Just signed into the squadron... no dirt to report yet; we are excited to have him join the team

PCS/Seperations

SSgt Ryan Seiler - Currently on his way out, but everybody assumes he already separated. Haven't seen him at work in over a year. I think he might be hanging out with SSgt Drummond. Regardless if you find him please return to the squadron. He needs to sign his last EPR.

SSgt Brendan Smith - The newest IB graduate. PCS to Mildenhall before he could bless us with his instructor knowledge. He will be a great addition to his new squadron.

MSgt Mathew Ohle - Left the STAN/EVAL office high and dry and never looked backed with his PCS to Guam. Still not sure how he was able to pull that off. It's safe to say he acquire his scuba diving certification by now.

SSgt Brayan Ramirez - Took his talents to Mildenhall but think he left his bunny behind. Regardless, keep a close eye on him this guy knows how to party.

SrA Collin "Big Orange" Gourd - Swapped over to the KC-46. Rumor is he's getting married soon. Which is a shock to everyone here. Congratulations Baby Huey we wish you nothing but success and happiness.

SrA Nick Hart - Spent his last days in wing scheduling growing a dirty mustache. Mr. Hart is now spending his days snowboarding, gambling, and pursing his degree.

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“BOLTS”



Superintendent

SMSgt Myron Somero – Still trying to figure out what it means to be a boom, so the best plan was to make him Sq Superintendent. Everyone wonders why he’s home and his sq isn’t. Can be found wearing multiple hats while the sq is deployed...and he thought staying home would be slow! Maybe he will get some instructor hours someday...

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Lamar Daniel – Coming from A3T in November and looking to lay low as an Operations Superintendent after his arrival, he’s been in that job for a grand total of, what, three weeks? Little did he know he would be the fill-in Sq Superintendent, the deployed Superintendent, AND the deployed First Sergeant...and be given the task of getting everyone out the door on the sq deployment. Tried to positively spin crews bunking together so hard that everyone saw right through it.

Stan/Eval

SSgt Kevin Satberry – He came to us from Mildenhall ready to go fishing and play intramural sports. He hasn’t learned that those things aren’t actually part of his job. Maybe he will get some evaluator hours as the NCOIC of Stan Eval some time. Got dragged along on the sq deployment to be the chief boom, let’s hope he learns a thing or two.

SrA Sara Cason – Military bearing?! She’s always smiling, even when she probably shouldn’t. What does she actually do over in Stan/Eval?

Training

SSgt Miguel Perez – Came to us from the CRW. Well, you see he was going to deploy, but said the wrong thing to the flight doc. Sat in limbo for a long time trying to jump the line in front of all the retirees at the clinic. We hear that he’s actually an IB, but just barely.

SrA Raphael Duncan – Duncan is still here...somehow, none of us really know how...but is racking up those instructor hours. “Crushed” that OST to Holoman AFB. Still taking sweet pictures, but probably not as many on that TDY. We bet he could use his photo shop skills to make Altus look good!

Scheduling

TSgt Derrick Wagner – Tells SrA Fort what to do and then makes like Tony Hawk Has a stroke of genius once in a blue moon Wait, he's offering to do more work to improve life for the crew members?! What's the catch? First assignment boom operator that is starting to rival Mr. A for time on station at MacDill. Spends a lot of time crushing the ping pong table when the squadron is not deployed.

SrA Dejhannay Fort – Spent the bulk of the year in honor guard, realized they work too hard and returned to the squadron. Wait, life's too easy, time to volunteer for CFIC.

Mobility/Readiness

MSgt Paul Dhall – Did a great job of spearheading the squadron deployment as mobility flight chief, all from the confines of MCT. Uh, how much did he actually do? Who knew a brand new boom knew so much about getting a squadron out the door?

TSgt Ron Hart - Carries the additional duties of the squadron on his shoulders, he will never go see flight med again. Gets lost in how things are supposed to run, hasn't realized AFIs are more like "guidelines" to most of the Air Force. If he uses his imagination, he may be able to remember what it's like to make a contact. He's a peacock...We gotta let him fly!

SrA Layne Gulledge – Don't know if you know this, but he's a pretty big deal. He can be found cleaning house with award hardware. Surprising since he's always trying to beat the system. Will barter for CFIC dates. Does he really know what he is asking for?

CSS

MSgt Marvin Rottenberg – Came to MacDill as quietly as the inside of the 135 at TRT or maybe a bull in a china shop or maybe even a Dash 60 power cart. Don't worry, his heart is in the right place while he lets you know how to do your job. He does know his stuff, so don't not listen to him.

Safety

SrA Jordan Diaz – Where's Diaz? If he's not deployed he sure isn't coming to work. Why is he in Safety again?

Flight Chiefs/NCOICs

MSgt Johnnie "Duke" Creecy – Running away from his instructor upgrade and scored another extended deployment with the squadron deployment. He might as well move out of his house at "home." He had a good deal as a crew boom. Surprise! Deployed Superintendent/First Sergeant. What's an off day?

TSgt David Foglietti – This guy just can't hold down a job. He's on his third AFSC and just wants to actually learn something before it's time to move again. He better hope the promotion board doesn't love his records and promote him, then he'll never learn how to be a boom.

TSgt Travis Urquhart – This guy figured out MCT, probably why he keeps a fishing pole in his truck. Has exercised as many options as he could to stay at MacDill, spouse, cross-training, what else? Most likely to be the inside man for dorm Airman once they all learn he was a dorm leader at MacDill before cross-training.

TSgt Ashley Watson – On her third airframe in seven years, would love to actually become the expert at one of them! Can be found lifting heavy things and making everyone feel bad at the gym. What a better fit for UFPM! We are sure one of her many degrees will be relevant.

SSgt Bet Davis – Couldn't win against aircrew as they came through public health for deployments so he joined them. We all still think of him as a SrA, that's what happens when you promote in the pipeline.

Flight Booms

SSgt Jamar Jackson – Cross-trainee in from vehicle ops. Probably has a thing or two to say to his drivers every time his crew gets picked up. Tried to leave on his first deployment, but turned around halfway there. Attempt #2 went better, but only just. Too bad they will have to deal with COVID 19 when they get there!

SSgt Marcus Norman – Seasoned cook that got tired of cooking for missile crews and cross-trained to be a boom. We hope he uses his voice in air more than on the ground.

SrA Alex Workman – Cross-trained from nuclear weapons to escape everything that mission entailed. Bet he's pumped to learn about the Wing's #1 priority, 801X! Disappointed his new truck doesn't fit in with all the retirees over in St. Pete.

SrA Alejandro Garcia – Former AWACs. Plans to build a house an hour and a half from base to be near his family. Most of his day will be spent in Tampa traffic or dealing with county homebuilding regulators, so we don't expect to see him much.

A1C Luke Kornelsen – You would never know this guy was a runner in high school with his Midwest demeanor. You betcha dontchyaknow. Lives for comments on his hair from receiver pilots.

A1C Brenton Collins – Learned NMR and HG are two acronyms that go hand-in-hand. His deployment spin-up was faster than his 1.5 mile time.

A1C Andrew Bain – New boom to us from around the local area who tried the college scene, one of our more “life experienced” Airmen... MCT and out the door...will be a great addition to the Bolts.

A1C Paul Rietveld – MCT and out the door after parking his lightly used Lincoln in the OGT parking lot...on the steep learning curve to experience!

A1C Ava Browne – Arrived with a tech school romance...a year later it is still going...and he's another boom...good luck! Here's the desert.

A1C Trevor Busby – From Altus. Military brat, huh? Nope, no military affiliation at all. Most of us didn't know those kind of people actually exist there. Our money is he will end up back there next assignment.

A1C Jonathan Ross – New to MacDill...hasn't said much, so we don't really know him yet, and that's okay.

A1C Dillon Tucker – Languished in the pool of MCT booms awaiting night fighters until he was needed to deploy. Everyone thinks he's a dorm Airman at his young age, but he's an old soul, married and all.

Amn Cassandra Wesley – Lived life as a dependent, got tired of it, swapped places with her husband, and is here at MacDill ready to fly! Just kidding, we are re-painting the squadron!

Attached Flyers

CMSgt Liv Hoornstra – Chief is the 6th OG Superintendent and jack of all trades. Can be heard from her office yelling “That dumb MF'er” on the daily. She's blunt and to the point, gotta respect that.

CMSgt Lee Adkins – Currently filling in as the OGV Super and doing a damn good job of just not messing it up. Looking forward to getting more involved in the wing and enjoying the Tampa weather.

MSgt Theo Dinwiddie – Lives life in the shadows over in OGV. Maybe his new boss Chief Adkins will find a spotlight for him. Offers to help, but will you ever see him?

MSgt Desiree Kalkbrenner – Oh, is she still at MacDill? Doing her best to stay home and not PCS as long as possible, she found a refuge in the OG as an exec.

TSgt Marcus Hudson – Singlehandedly turned around Wg XP, it's probably headed for a cliff, but he doesn't care, the inspection is over. Offering his services all around the OG, since XP does not suit his needs any more.

TSgt Matt “ICE” Sadler – Returned to MacDill, then promptly disappeared. Turns out he was at WIC that whole time. Oh well, he’s just going to the OSS anyways where he will compete with the Intel folks on who sees the sun the least. Rumor says he is still trying to figure out that WIC travel voucher.

TSgt Philip Nivens – Put this guy on the schedule, oh wait... he’s DNIF again. Let’s just shuffle him off to wing scheduling where he won’t fly anyways. Too bad the squadron didn’t realize how many responsibilities he had in mobility. Does the squadron need a security manager anyways?

TSgt Michael Jordan – Tired of working with second-rate products out of the FTU, he’s ready to go show them how to instruct a student. Not really... he just learned that if you put anything with “Altus” on it near an AFPC website, it will result in orders. Keeps playing kick-the-can with his report date and is probably one of the few happy with the coronavirus PCS stop movement.

SSgt Mathew Mossing – PCS in from McConnell AFB. Wait, you have hours? You are a more than a one-assignment boom? Here’s a CFIC program, get it done.

SrA Jake McGaughey – Getting ready to separate. We use the term “flyer” loosely here, after four years he was *finally* scheduled for a combat deployment. Until he went DNIF again...Sure would’ve been nice to be able to join VFW.

Departures

A1C William Schott – Worked his tail off till the end. Wait, he’s gonna separate in a week? He’s still on the ONE alert mission! Most likely to regale his new coworkers with stories of his days as a boom while he helps build GE’s next jet engine.

MSgt Hester – PCS’d into the pool of MSgts trying to figure out why their positions exist in the CRW at McGuire.

SSgt Govan – With us for a short not even two years. We lose his local contacts over at public health with his PCS to Mildenhall.

TSgt Germer – Sure to be smiling at the right people and “greasing the skids” for more deals after his PCS to Mildenhall.

MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

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“Vipers...Fear the Venom”



SMSgt Rory Wilcox- Not sure what he does around the Squadron besides work on EPRs and award packages? Doesn't fly much but stays current.

TSgt Jose Prado- Quiet guy in the squadron. Works hard over at OGV.

TSgt Ladarious Malone- Penguin of the squadron. Hasn't flown in so long he's lost all currencies. Someone please check his checklist!!!

TSgt Jacob Kime- Crossed over from Maintenance. Literally just arrived from Altus and COVID-19 killed his career before he even had a chance to start.

SSgt Eric Severs- Never around, yet still manages to win all the awards. Hard to miss when he does show up to work. You will definitely hear him before you see him.

SSgt Alberto Ayala- Our newest instructor-still has the Altus stink on him. Thinks he knows more than everyone. He'll spend hours and/or days looking up references to prove you wrong.

SSgt Justin Elliott- Former NCOIC of Scheduling, never let a good trip pass him by! He now works at Current Ops when he's not taking selfies for social media.

SSgt Alex Vaughn- Current NCOIC of Scheduling, we're starting to think he doesn't like us. He'll rather stay deployed than be around us. Won the "Most Days Gone" award last year for doing multiple back to back deployments. He's deployed right now as we are writing this.

SSgt Garret Peirce- Just PCS'd to us from Fairchild AFB, but you wouldn't know since as the Squadron's newest scheduler he's always TDY to Hawaii.

SSgt Kevin Haggith- Fought tooth and nails to get approved to cross train only to come back the same year. Guess he missed us that much.

SSgt Ryan Hortman- Only boom to go non-current for contacts weeks after coming home from deployment. Not sure what he does around the Squadron since as Severs' roommate, he's never to be found either.

SSgt Joshua Leatherwood- Just got back to us from ALS. Still working on his Cyber Awareness CBT after causing mass hysteria with his infamous Whu-Han Klan video.

SrA Dvante Wells- Last member to keep the 912th tradition going. He's been on his best behavior since.

SrA Aaron Frerichs- PCS'd to us from Kadena a few months ago, still rather new. Mostly known around the Squadron for his mustache. At least he brought his uniform this time.

SrA Jonathan Meshaw- Meshaw, who the hell is Meshaw? FNG #2, PCS'd to us from Fairchild at the beginning of the year, so still rather new, but has been putting in work in DOT since his arrival.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

18 ARS

“CAN DO!”



Greetings from the FRG of the 18th ARS! The past year has seen a lot of change in the unit. We are about to enter conversion to the new tanker and are completing our last deployments for the KC-135 soon. We are finally sending people to KC-46A training...for real this time. The era of 18th ARS KC-135 flying is about to come to an end.

If you are around McConnell, stop by. The coffee's on in the mornings, the boom pod is open in the afternoon and the fridge is cold and stocked.

CMSgt James “Jay” Guldjord: Jay became a Chief in June and immediately instituted a boom draft along with Chief Wallman. He has big shoes to fill with Kathy leaving. He's currently working Initial Operations Test and Evaluation on the KC-46, helping out with the Aircrew Training Detachment, and attends a multitude of meetings so his minions can get the actual work done. Jay will be the 18th's first Scandinavian Superintendent? So we will see how this goes.

SMSgt Chris “Hollywood” Norris: Chris moved to OGV this year and was promoted to SMSgt because he was the only MSgt that could be bothered to do his PME. Now, he's even more drunk with power and can be found lording over the Aircrew Training Detachment corrupting the latest KC-46 transition course students. He's easy to find, just go to Bldg 1218 and you'll hear some shouting and a mention of “Rugby”, yep, that's him.

MSgt Warren “Bear” Bearup: Bear was paroled from the OSS this year and has been busily fixing Stan/Eval now that Norris moved up to OGV. He can be found breaking in the new pilots and booms, on his boat, or driving around in his fancy new Michigan truck. Bear is still the best at what he does, which is giving new members of the unit an existential crisis with one look.

MSgt John McIlvoy: John was recently hired to be the datalink manager for the 22nd OG and is trying to figure out Link-16 for the KC-46. If you thought John looked stressed before, you should see him now. There have been a lot of rumors that the depth perception on the KC-46 causes strikes outside the receptacle but for John that is just business as usual.

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. We rewarded him by sending him to Altus for KC-46 conversion for what must seem like forever right now.

MSgt Jim Yokom: Jim is now running Operations Support Training and is busy trying to keep up with all the changes in KC-135 classes with our new booms and KC-46 class changes at Altus and McConnell. We needed a U-Haul to move his things to his new office. He keeps everyone honest and is the first to, very loudly, raise the BS flag. Jim still has a fair amount of his things in squadron training, so he's ready to move back anytime.

MSgt Waino “Y+9” Yrjanainen: Waino was finally given the AGR position he'd been pining over for years. He's still running “Waino's kids” with all the KC-135 MCT training. He's the king of the peanut gallery and always manages to take things almost too far. Also, he had the cajones to call out General Scobee, the CAFR, about interviewing new booms. I think everyone was thinking “Let's see how it works out for him, Cotton”

TSgt Dustin Confer: He's still building his business making metal signs. Advertisements for his signs are more prevalent on social media than campaigns ads from Michael Bloomberg. He lives in the wilds of western Kansas now. Recently, was exposed to the Rona, so we had to move his KC-46 slot back.

TSgt Sarajo Danis: She's had so many jobs in the squadron I can't even keep up with where she works. She finally decided that she really wanted to be a boom operator and completed instructor upgrade. Danis is going to be a great Pre-CFIC instructor especially in the role of crusty TSgt that hates everyone.

TSgt Giani "Giuseppe" Dossman: Giani was running our body scheduling shop. Shortly after being KC-46 qualified, he escaped scheduling and was scooped up to work in the Aircrew Training Detachment full time. Joke's on him, he's now running the ATD scheduling for sims and flights. Giani got hired as an ART than immediately drove to Tennessee to buy an eighty thousand dollar car, you could buy three houses in Sarajo's neighborhood for that. Since the purchase of his new Audi he has been driving around a really nice Dodge Dart, eventually people will stop crashing into him.

TSgt Justin Walsh: Working hard pulling orders planning missions in the OSS. Walsh fits in perfectly in the land of misfit crewmembers because we don't like him and he doesn't like us.

TSgt Wyatt "Billy" Witt: Witt is the most hillbilly Californian on the planet living in his wife's OCD clean HGTV house. Give the guy 20 Acres and a couple of garbage trucks he would live happy forever. Recently got his PPL and has his eyes set on becoming a pilot.

SSgt David "Baby" Brink: Completed his degree. Working hard as UDM for the squadron and has been doing a great job. Recently interviewed to be a pilot and was hired. Really wants to be a pilot like his dad but hopefully not too much like his dad... Now he's just waiting on his class 1 flight physical and AFRC board. Hopefully, he'll be dead to us soon.

SSgt Daniel "Tiger King" Winkler: Winkler is living with his herd of cats that have been adopted while he was deployed. He's become a "Temporary" ART. He's done great work in training and scheduling and is a jack of all trades. He got to discover this year that some of those old ridiculous CFIC roles are actually handy. He experienced first-hand the "angry and disgruntled Tech Sergeant" first hand while training a certain 924th member.

SrA Alex "Tinderalla" Herod: Alex grew up drinking lead water in rural Kansas which explains a lot. We really didn't think he would make it through BIQ or MCT, but he continues to surprise us. This poor kid showed up and has been chomping at the bit to deploy. Well, wish granted, he's going to be gone all year now. He was bulking, but not the kind of bulking that Winkler does. You should ask him about Chief Wallman's salad sometime...

A1C Isaiah Dark: He's second generation 18th ARS. We know we like his dad a lot. We'll see how he works out. We just need to keep him out of the sauce. You would have thought we learned our lesson by now, hiring all these Topeka kids...time will tell.

A1C Robert "Not Eddie" Estagin: Another 2nd generation Kanza. He just showed up a week ago from Altus. We are hoping for great things from Robert. Currently spending 14 days in solitary confinement, probably learning the tap code.

DEPARTED THE FIX (Dead to us)

SrA Kelsey Warren: Left for Topeka to be closer to family. Has been seen on social media "deploying" to Germany. It looks like the Coyotes are taking care of her.

BOOM STOWED AND LATCHED

CMSgt Darren "Wedge" Demel: Chief Demel retired as the Command Chief of the AFRC unit at Barksdale AFB, LA. It turns out that if you speak some latin and put a Miller Lite in a pentagram, he will appear again. You will find him in the 924th "snack bar" after his day job at Textron.

CMSgt Kathy "K-Low" Lowman: She carried on the Chief boom tradition of threatening to retire and then not, by taking a year to retire after leaving the unit. She works at AFLCMC at Tinker AFB, OK. She's still helping us out

from afar on KC-46 issues. After her departure all the Officers decided no Boom should ever have as much power so they split her position into three and established two more squadrons.

MSgt Dave “VOG(Van Old Guy)” VanNostrand: Dave retired in March and we discovered just how many additional duties he’d picked up over time. He’s probably out kite surfing somewhere in Oklahoma as you read this.

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22 ARW



22d OPERATIONS GROUP

Group Superintendent

CMSgt Derrick Grant

Chief's mentoring days are coming to an end here in the summer as he will be retiring after 28 years of service. This will allow him more time to run, bike and swim 24/7 now. He will always be part of our community as the mindsets he shaped while he led us will carry the torch for years to come. Chief, you will be missed and Chief Cobb will have big shoes to fill as his replacement.

Operations Superintendent

CMSgt Ben Cobb

Working hard and playing hard is his life. Between taking all 3 of his kids to their competitive sports and working 10 hours a day he somehow still finds time to teach our pilots and Booms all he knows about the jet. He's known throughout the Wing for his outstanding mentorship (Wg CCC looks to him for guidance) and unwillingness to let anyone beat him in sports. Reliving his old "Animals" days, he recently bought a new lifted jeep. We're lucky we didn't lose him to the Chief PCS hunger games, as he will be moving up to become the Group Superintendent in the summer.

OGT

TSgt Blake "Buh-law-kay" Landry

Due to his time in the C-130 he is now the KC-135 resident cargo expert, which we all pay for every cargo fly-away. "Bro, why do we need to floor load 9 pieces of cargo?!?" We're lucky to have him at home at any given point as the man has spent over 80% of his time TDY or deployed hacking the mission.

SSgt DeVaughn "KNOCKOUT" Granger

Left the squadron to start forcing OGT to start evolving to the KC-46 ways. If he doesn't kill you with his infectious smile, he will kill you with his boxing skills. With a 48" reach, it's hard not to be good at boxing. Especially if he's been drinking, practice your bob and weave, and make sure you're on his side.

SrA Jamie Policky

All-star BTZ Airman holding down McConnell's SIM scheduling program and looking forward to what he will do as part of the OGT Team.

OGV

(C)MSgt Dave “GABA” Lang

Currently holding the title for shortest Boom Chief, but CMSgt Inmon is looking to measure up with “no shoes on this time.” Recently moved over to OGV from the 350th Superintendent gig, where he fits in great as OGV has no standards anyways... He was fortunate to fill the Supt position in the Deid for the first Tanker Sq deployment in 15 years! In OGV, he can’t decide which MWS to fly on a weekly basis, but somehow still stays current?!? The good thing is it looks like we will get to hang on to him as he was selected to be our next Group Operations Superintendent! Congrats on the promotion, and good luck filling the last guys shoes...We are looking forward to your leadership in the new job!

SMSgt Jerod “Nordo” Norden

Nordo has retired after 26 years of faithful service. His plan is to stay at McConnell because he loves it so much! He will most likely be spending his time at as a stay a home dad as he and his wife welcomed a beautiful baby girl to the world. Thanks for all you did for the Group Nordo, you will be missed!

MSgt Jeremy Pratt

This dude....He is the hardest worker than no one ever sees. He’s on his 13th airframe (I assume, but I haven’t seen him to ask) now and has been doing what he can to piss Boeing off about the KC-46. His team the Chiefs won the Super Bowl this year and it was probably due to his support as he was at every game last year, not sure how that happens - but good for him. Jeremy is doing huge things for the 46 program, and we are thankful to have him.

TSgt Bobby “Bobby J” Jones

Bobby is still trying to figure out which job he does on any given day...he is running dual duty ops as Group Plans & Programs and OGV. You always know when Bobby J is around because you will hear his “meme comments” coming out of the corner followed by a sinister chuckle!

SOAR

TSgt Chris Huber (Superintendent)

Recently took over the SOAR shop and continues to scheme to find any way he can to stay at McConnell. Chris was the 22 ARW NCO of the year, Red Irwin winner and 18th AF NCO of the year, which leads me to believe he is good at writing. Between going to the gym and going to the gym, he finds a sliver of time to go TDY. After doing a 6 month deployment to the Deid last year he came back running. He truly emphasizes what a good guy is and an outstanding leader. Fingers-crossed that this year his rank will match his work ethic.

SSgt Brandon Divins

Recently earned the “Top Flyer” award upon graduation from the first Boom AIC! This guy somehow managed to get himself orders to Kadena but his assignment is currently delayed due to travel bans. You can find him at the gym...that is if he can find one that is currently open. We will miss your work ethic and toxic positive attitude brother!

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22 OSS

“MIGHTY EAGLES – ALWAYS THERE”



SMSgt Devin “SPECIAL” Kay (22d OSS Superintendent)

Moved to the OSS to take over as Superintendent. He has been cracking skulls since day one and can be often heard yelling down the hall, “when in doubt, empty the clip and yell ‘Merica!”, “it all comes down to a roll of quarter”, and “we got to send a dead horse head to the creator of APT.” He feels his soul slip away a little more every day he sits behind a computer, and he’s not afraid to let you know and always looking out on the horizon for a special duty or overseas tour.

Wing Tactics

MSgt Phillip Stacey

Secretly built a robust knowledge of the tactical systems on the KC-46 and is eagerly waiting for the opportunity to put them to use.

SSgt Anthony Hornbuckle

Exiled to the vault where the lack of windows has depleted any sense of time he ever had. Diligently manages tactics training schedules and enjoys spreading the 3-3 gospel to young booms

Current Operations

TSgt Sam Martinez

Leprechaun meets Creatine. CRW back to being an EB but then decided to leave again to go work at the OSS. Maybe he just made us all think that and really just goes to the gym everyday instead...

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344th Air Refueling Squadron

“ANYTIME – ANYWHERE, RAVENS RULE THE AIR”



Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Lindsay “COD” Moon

Whatever hair didn't fall out from working the KC-46 program, has now been claimed by leading young Airmen again. Who would have thought you have to tell adults things like, you can't bite each other, and showing up to work isn't voluntary? We throw rocks at him to get him to fly once and a while and have started tuning him out whenever his stories start with, “back in my day...”! ” Lindsay is so key to the AF, not only did he win the Dutch Huyser last year, the Secretary of Defense was lucky enough to spend the day with him, which Lindsay later coined him for “doing a good job....”

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Ed “ROACH” Soto

Came back to the squadron from OGV just in time to deliver the Air Force's first KC-46. ROACH loves to mentor and philosophize with anyone who will sit down and listen, when he isn't herding kittens as the Ops Superintendent. He is always busy and the backbone of the squadron, at least that's his excuse to the Super on why he hasn't done SEJPME II yet. He currently is the two time Fastest Boom Operator in the Ops Group, and it HAS to be true because his signature block says it.

Flight Chiefs

MSgt Derek “Is He at Work Today” Lyles

PCA'd in from across the street sometime last year. Not sure exactly when because he is often sick, at the gym, or running to the CDC. He is slow rolling his KC-46 cargo training to try to challenge MSgt Plunkett as the 'Trainee' with the Longest Time Enrolled in a Training Folder'. He has done an amazing job as a Flight Chief with all the 'learning opportunities' he has been thrown over the last six months.

MSgt Christopher “G2” Plunkett

Has a secret cheat code to somehow produce extra leave, which he uses all the time to hunt, fish and pretty much just avoid work. He is just too nice, and good-natured to get mad at. Plunkett has moved up to the Flight Chief position but because we keep firing the scheduling shop, he keeps getting roped back into fixing everything in G2. We promise to stop...someday.

Standardization & Evaluations

(S)MSgt Justin “JT” Thompson

Came in like a wrecking ball (que the Miley Cyrus music), from Edwards AFB, and has been throwing punches since day one. He will do anything for you, and usually before you ask (except manually fill out a Form-F). He has been straightening out the Stan/Eval shop and points out what is wrong in all the other shops in his spare time. He made Senior during one of the lowest promotion years in recent history and it was well deserved!

SrA Nicholas “Anytime-Anywhere (but here)” Benson

Volunteered to take a deployment for the KC-135 bubbas one last time before coming home to the news that we needed to go to Altus to fill someone else’s training slot the following week. We heard that he is still alive down there, but it has been so long that we can’t remember what he looks like. We are trying to get the jet deployment ready so as soon as he gets back, we can send him on the road and keep the train rolling...j/k Nick. Can’t wait to get you back.

SrA Jonathan “Never Been to Vermont” Vermont

Has moved into the Stan/Eval shop and has been all over the electronic publications. He completed training this last year and is still getting his feet wet, trying to learn the jet. When not flying the blue skies or fixing the Superintendents iPad, he loves to spend time with friends, family and his dogs.

Training

TSgt Clay “Eastwood” Wonders

Brought to us courtesy of TACC. Continually fields questions by us on “What could the AOC be thinking?” Asks so many questions that the Superintendent as to give him a ration card to reduce him to one question a day. Shocked everyone during a group shooting event when he walked up with an arsenal in the back of his little womanly sedan (all the way down to a functioning bayonet). No one had ever seen someone with five pistols in their waste band.

TSgt Nicholas “GED” Snyder

Has finally finished his Bachelor’s degree and started on his Masters, which is real impressive for not having a High School diploma. He is from West Virginia, and we are super excited that he is in a serious relationship with someone other than his cousin. He has just moved into the Training Office and is excited about being the Air Force’s Guinee pig when he completes the first KC-46 Instructor Upgrade.

Scheduling

TSgt Joseph “Chatty Kathy” Del Toro

Is the only Mexican KC-46 boom to be kicked out of NCOA due to the COVID-19 outbreak...Whenever Joe walks into a room, no work gets done with all the talking he does.

SSgt Lacy Pickett

Recently moved from the 349th ARS (along with half the squadron). She is just getting settled in as she waits indefinitely for this Corona thing to be done with and to head back to Altus to enjoy another round of initial qual training. We are excited to have her join the team.

(S)Sgt Ryan “Scratch and Sniff” Edsall

Came over to the KC-46 scratching and clawing to stay in the KC-135 last year. He was very mad when he was voluntold to come but is now doing a great job in the scheduling shop. For some reason he got the chance to go through the very first SAPP ‘in-house’ training and was excited to be the first one to complete his QUAL check, along with being the first one to use the boom to write his name on a brand new aircraft. Based on his need to ‘feel’ his way to a contact, his call-sign is hereto being changed to SONAR.

SrA Dustin “Never Pull Over” Curran

Loves three things in life...beer, his wife, and his Apple Watch. He is more of a lover than a fighter. Some would say he is the quietest guy in the squadron, but when he does talk, make sure to listen. Dustin is part of a unique group in the squadron. Not only is he a part of KC-46 Initial Ops Test & Eval, but he is one of only two Booms to get beat up in the last six months. Awkward, but he promised to take a boxing lesson or two from KNOCKOUT.

SrA Collin “Pinball Wizard” Gourd

Is the only ginger in the squadron from NY. He is also determined to finish the arcade machine for the boom pod before the COVID-19 virus wipes out civilization, and before he gets fully qualified on the KC-46 (if he could just get the Superintendent to stop hoarding all the tools and resources)...this guy is the Larry Lamm of the 344th.

Tactics

TSgt Aaron "I Don't work at the MPF Anymore!" Hall

Happy to get away from MacDill, but he can't get rid of that accent. Will hold the record for the longest time in Altus BTX once he's finally finished KC-46 training. Maybe we can finally convince him "pecan" is not pronounced "pee-can". Taking over the reins of tactics will be his first task whenever he gets back from his prolonged Altus journey and NCOA.

SSgt Padraic "Large Human" Condon

When he's not violating 36-2618, he's busy telling everyone else how they're violating any other reg he's memorized. Recently got engaged to another Boom who hopefully can teach him tact (good luck Charisse!). He recently moved into Tactics when the OIC quickly shipped him off to CATS-MECOC.

Safety

MSgt Jeff Sparks

Another Bandit transplant. Finagled his way across the street because he was dying for one last chance to go back to Altus for KC-46 training and spend some serious time at Scooters before the DD-214 comes knocking at his door.

SrA Trevor "GRINDR" Mateleska

Deceives everyone with his bright red hair and back country ways. He makes you feel like you are about to enter a scene from Deliverance, then wows you with his flying skills and sharp shooting capabilities. Never underestimate him, but if you due by mistake, make sure you have been kind enough to not end up on his 'list'.

Enlisted Exec

SSgt Jared "VIP" Evans

Cleaned up at ALS bringing home the coveted Levitow Award. Has finished his AA, and Bachelors, and steadily working on the Masters degree. We keep asking him what he is doing here as a Sweaty, and still haven't heard a good response. He and his wife Trina welcomed a beautiful new boy to the family.

Recent Losses

TSgt Andy "RICKY" Keiser

Departed the fix to fight the evil empire at the Program Office at Wright-Patterson AFB. We miss his stories but overall, they were pretty easy shoes to fill. We have an A1C doing most his jobs. Just kidding and he is welcome back at any time.

TSgt Cody "OTIS" Naylor

Was somehow drugged, or made illegal promises, by our brothers and sisters at Altus. He actually VOLUNTEERED to move to the land of one Walmart, and help shape the future Booms going to the KC-46. Now that he is gone, other NCO's in our squadron will have an easier time not being blocked by his shadow. Not because he was great at his job, but just because he is 7 feet tall. Best of luck Cody!

Inbound

SSgt John Levario

Heard the -46 was a Brony Club and quickly volunteered to come over from the 349th. He was quickly disappointed to find out we don't who Scootaloo is. He is another victim of COVID-19 induced extension at Altus. He'll be doing great work for us (if we can ever get him back).

SrA Jonathan Sanders

Another poach from the 349th. After we abused him in the KC-135 by making him refuel unqualified pilots in the -46 for 5 hours straight, we added insult to injury by sending him back to Altus for another round of training.

A1C Stanley "Sleepy" Wimberly

Came over from the 350th with a smile on his face and no alarm clock to be found. Stuck in Altus while waiting for their SIMs to ever work. Will be there until further notice. Not the most exciting place to be stuck for a single 20 year old.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

349th Air Refueling Squadron ***"BANDITS"***



Squadron Superintendent

SMSgt Aaron "Tress-ma'am" Tessmann

This guy is the worse half of a classic mil-to-mil power couple. If only his spouse was running the squadron maybe we'd be a functioning unit. You think with all that extra dual-mil money he spends on his compensator mustang it would be faster. I wish he cared more about his people than DG'ing out of SNCOA, and cussing throughout his ALS mentoring sessions. I guess nobody told him you can't smile and high five your way to success. All Kidding aside, Aaron Tessmann is the epitome of a selfless leader, and the 349th Booms are lucky to have him as our Superintendent!

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Cleigh "Rubbin" Robbins

We thought Cleigh PCS'd until he turned in a leave request. He has been our Ops Supt for a year, but has only been at work for 5 days, a trick he learned from his last Sq Supt. He is looking to transfer to the Space Force so he can try this docking thing he's always talking about. Cleigh is the glue that binds the Squadron together! The work he put in last year shaped the Group into what it is today.

MSgt Christopher "Sits down to pee" Yontz (AMC Det 2)

We thought Chris didn't do anything as the Ops Supt until he moved to Det 2 where he does even less. He was fortunate last year to have his wife get a job at a laser hair removal place, so now his back looks less like a sweater but his head still has 7 hairs. He and his wife welcomed a beautiful baby boy last year that the state has tried to take away from them twice for child endangerment as all he wears is Browns jerseys. It's sad what he has go through that.... Chris did great things for the Sq and we know he will do the same for the Det 2, we miss him greatly.

Flight Chiefs

MSgt Chance "of seeing him at work" Yoder (C Flight Chief)

By far the biggest meat head in the Sq, but cuddly like a teddy bear. Chance cross-trained from like 13 different jobs, he cannot even remember what he use to do. Huge hunter, so he will fit in great with the Bandit family. When (if.....) you see him ask him what hurts when he gets his back cracked from the doctor.

MSgt Charles Adams (B Flight Chief)

We thought Blodgett was old, but Charlie is actually old. He recently took over B Flight and has been killing it as the Ops Supt since Cleigh never comes to work. Between working personnel issues and cleaning out his pool, he is motivating his members to be their best. Truly unreplaceable!

TSgt Lucas Treat (A Flight Chief)

Luke was recently released from his 2 year stint down in the vault. He has hit the ground running overseeing A Flight. I mean who doesn't want to lead training flight starting 1 January?!?! We are excited to see where his leadership will take the flight!

Tactics

SSgt Madison "Grumpy" Dolata

The only thing more feminine than his first name is his mustache. He is the newest select for the Boom Advanced Instructor Course and will be attending it this year. He may learn in the class if cars can drive through a river and keep going, bubble buster they can't.

SSgt Lacy "Larry" Pickett

Soon to leave us for the KC-46, she will be missed. The bad thing is the swear jar will be empty as 90% of the cuss words said are from her. She brought her Crew Chief mentality, which has made many Booms blush. If you know a good babysitter, let her know so she can go out and be single.

SSgt Garrett "The Last Boy Scout" Tholken

As a boat captain, chef, shirt manufacturer, back rubber, lawn mowing guru he is fully prepared for anything. While he looks athletic, he ain't. Even though he recently upgraded to Instructor, he's still working hard to cross train as a flight attendant.

SrA Megan "Hipster" McGonigal

We won't write another joke about being "The Professor" in this Boom Signal. She is one of the nicest mean people we have ever met! She is killing it in Tactics and looking forward to going out on her second deployment.

SrA Austin "Old Man" Blodgett

Benjamin Button's son is the oldest looking 20 year old in the history of the world. He recently was knocked out by the wrestling dummy in the gym, like not kidding at all. Austin has been doing great stuff, but we're not certain if he's a Boom or CE as he does all the projects in the Squadron.

A1C Caleb "Pepi-la-pew" Mongold

He tried to chase a skunk and he screamed like a little girl when it turned around and came at him. The Squadron recently bought him lead based shoes so he doesn't blow away in the Kansas wind. He is training for an ultra-marathon, which is a 100 mile run.

A1C Alan "I don't know how to say your name" Wojciechowicz

W12 is one of the hardest working Airmen in Tactics. Quiet, but will back your truck into someone else's truck and run away. When he goes to Twin Peaks he loses his ability to speak when the waitresses come around.

Readiness

TSgt David Peck (NCOIC Readiness)

One of our recent retrainees to the squadron. Definitely making things happen in the Readiness shop. We believe he is waiting to be assigned to his 4th, 5th, or whatever airframe would be next for him. He is the leader of multiple daily "NCO Meetings" where mentor ship takes place at least 50 feet from an entrance to a building.

SSgt Jonathan "Thousand yard stare" Gates

Recently crossed the street from Maintenance. We are glad he saw the brighter side and become a Boom. However, when he looks at airmen, you can see the maintenance burning in his eyes. He hates Aircrew, almost as much as Maintenance. He hasn't shot a duck all year, but he has glamour shots of him looking like he was going to shoot one.

SSgt Megan "Don't call me she-Squibs, seriously I'll kill you" Esquibel

You don't want to get put on a TDY with her, because it will likely cancel, actually it will definitely cancel. We never know if she is laughing because something is funny or not. That now leads us to believe she may also laugh as she makes a tackle during her rugby games. She has been an outstanding asset to the Squadron, and her people wouldn't be where they are without her.

SSgt Russell Molina

One of our newest instructors. His year round mustache is the readiness emotional support animal. He is very high speed, but you'll never know because he doesn't talk.

SrA Spencer Vick

A recent below the zone recipient. Got cat fished while trying to purchase a used truck but stayed strong. Nothing ever brings him down because he always has his phone as a security blanket.

SrA Arielle Williams

OG Amn of the Year, AMC Amn of the Month, OG Amn of the Quarter, 22 ARW Amn of the Week and probably SNCO of this year. Her official bio, I believe, had a picture of Captain Marvel. She just graduated Altus Instructor upgrade with a commendable and is always killing it.

SrA Hannah Clarke

You want to learn private pilot stuff? No? She is gonna impart that info on you whether you want it or not. Hannah is one of our most experienced SrA booms in the Squadron, and it shows. She recently got the highest score of all the booms and even did better than some of our pilots on a recent Stan/Eval led bold-face pop quiz!

SrA Zackery Yamagishi

Thirsty to be the smartest in the room, but he's not, well sort of, but not really. He is always smiling even if he does have to ask his wife for permission, so we are told. Still never been to a Boom lunch, but maybe we'll get him out one of these days.

SrA Isaac Carney

You can count on Carney to step up for almost anything, tries his hardest to get on every trip, and is guaranteed to leave the loudspeakers on while carrying passengers. Go Packers, @\$% the Bears....

A1C Amaari Austin

Fresh out of MCT. Hails from California. He is keeping it real to his western state by saving the planet and refusing to buy a car. He somehow still shows up to all of his 0530 flights. He always tells me I'm his favorite SMSgt Aaron Tessmann that he knows, which is nice.

A1C Tanner "Two first names" Todd

Recently completed MCT. He has only broken one bone in his life, his skull, by a horse kick to the face. It gave him super human speed and a sick scar! We are fortunate to have Tanner, because we win every sport ever with him on the team.

Amn Isaac Damico

Grunts from time to time instead of using words. He appears to be an attentive listener and actually uses words during AR. He is excited to continue his job as a Boom, which he got from the make a wish foundation. He has been killing it as a Boom and we're proud to have him.

Training

SSgt Charisse "OTS" Laughery (NCOIC Training)

Probably over at the education center right now trying to find a new way into commissioning. Working hard keeping the training shop in line. She is getting married to the man of her dreams this fall. She has won every award that she was eligible for last year.

SSgt Collin "Ground training Instructor" Green

He put his whole self in the Air Force, then tried to put his whole self-out. He put his whole self-back in and shook it all about. Recently reenlisted was frustrated that the money wasn't there the next day. Killing it in training flight and headed to Altus in the fall.

SSgt Luke "Birdbox" Emery

Still looks like he got his haircut with a Flowbee. Recently separated from his husband Nic Brod, and is currently working on getting a new man (Collin Green...) Busting his A\$\$ in training and flying with students. Looking to transition to the civilian life with the skills bridge program. Good luck and blue skies.

SSgt Madison "Mad Dawg" Sibinski

She got Rick-Rolled in front of the whole country on the Chive. If she smells alcohol she is drunk, and turns into a Mad Dawg. She has been killing it in Training and currently has put 200,000 miles on her car traveling to see her boyfriend.

(S)Sgt Joshua Shopp

Who gets engaged on a Tuesday? This dude..... Still haven't beat the grin off of him. Maybe some troops will finally get him grumpy. Currently throwing all his disposable income into his car. Looking to move again soon. Hoping to keep him around for a while.

Amn Parker "Clark Kent" Blanchard

Looking for a phone booth to pull a superman. He will be changing into civilian clothes and headed back to Louisiana soon. He volunteers for everything and works hard with a smile on his face. He will be missed.

A1C Benjamin "Dr. Dolittle" Kuhman

Went out and bought a hummer for the fuel mileage. He is now a father of a healthy boy and is enjoying life. About to head out on his first deployment.

A1C Bradley "Eastern Kentucky" Magee

While actually from Mississippi, he was the inspiration for the Eastern Kentucky Echo (search YouTube, it's a laugh). Brad is always looking for a TDY, and learning his job quickly. Squadron volunteer of the year and not slowing down.

A1C Everett "Hawaii" Dunham

The self-proclaimed king of Hawaii. Ask him where to go before your next trip, he will tell you all the best places to eat. TDY most days, when he is home he sits in the boom pod looking like an elementary student. Coming up fast, sure to be in upgrade training this time next year.

A1C Arick "Mustache" Duffey

Our second oldest airman who showed up at the ripe young age of 30. His mustache would give Ron Burgundy or Madison Sibinski a run for their money. He is also a gearhead, but he would have to be to keep driving that old car of his. Plugging along through MCT, should be done soon.

A1C Morgan Faries

Recently showed up from Altus. Plugging through MCT when not suffering from Coronavirus.

SrA Joshua “Dos” Granados

This secret agent boom has been killing it with the flying mission but now the Air Force has demanded him to instruct. Although he might have kept his upgrading quite. Josh is responsible for the “must fly with a buddy” program during routine 5+ hour KC46 AR training missions.

TSgt Kyle Jackson

Want to know anything and everything about cargo? Ask Kyle because his time at the CRW made him decent at Tetris. Want to get evaluated? Yes he is now an evaluator and is still very decent at Tetris.

TSgt Nicholas “I !@#s with it” Gidaly

Yo, this dude is from New Yooork if you didn’t know... The only thing he wants more than being a TSgt for life, is to look fly af on the town. Recently moved up to the Wing, he comes down and hangs out with us lowly folk on the reg though. We miss Nick, but he is killing it at his new job.

A1C Carlos Javier Lampon-Torres

One of our newest Booms, he came from being a teacher, like a real teacher. Don’t let his age fool you, he has some speed on the field. We’re lucky to have him!

Recent Losses

MSgt Jeff Sparks

Sparky just left the taxing role of A-Flight Chief for the much more taxing role of squadron safety at the 344th. All the bandits will definitely miss his expertise and tutelage. Especially Barry. Don’t be a stranger Jeff, and remember your roots while enjoying the KC-46 new jet smell!

SSgt John Levario

John was the squadron’s quiet, humble, professional. He recently just returned from a stint as Chief Grant’s Exec. All the wonderful things he learned while exceling at this job were apparent, and just before we could leverage these new found skills he went to the dark side by moving to the 344th and the KC-46. The Bandits will miss you!

SrA Jonathan Sanders

He recently traded in his sweet Ford Mustang in for a plain Toyota Tearcoma. He also recently traded in his KC-135 in for a shiny new KC-46. Jonathan is part of the great 344th mass exodus. We’ll miss you, your great work ethic, and your biting sarcasm Sanders!

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

350th Air Refueling Squadron ***“RED FALCONS”***



Squadron Superintendent

(S)MSgt Justin Sheffield

He is back in the Squadron and already in MTI mode making us all do Blues Inspections...

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Jacob Jewell

The Juggernaut is still knocking down walls and making things happen, usually while knife handling things into action with one hand and drinking Mead out of his drinking horn with the other. Skal.

Alpha Flight

MSgt Chelsey “Dr” Thornhill

She is affectionately known as Sq. Mom. She held down the Squadron during the deployment and connecting us all like a family. She even has a list of chores! She oversees our ever growing training flight along with new inbound Airman/NCOs.

SSgt Christian Bande

Went from Sq Boom to SOAR to NCOIC of Training to Tactics...Guess you can do that when you look like Kim Jong-un. Last seen driving his 4 door Nova in circles trying to figure out which shop to run next.

SSgt Timothy Beck

The fearless Asst. NCOIC of Training. He keeps us on our toes with coordinating daily briefs and questions for the week. He came back from the OG training section following the squadron deployment.

SrA Ave Liaiga

An exceptional rugby player who enjoys keeping the aircrew members in the squadron on their toes. She recently made the move to the SOAR shop to share her spirit and knowledge.

SrA Kelsey Tillotson

The one non-instructor in training who works hard and tackles all the continued GTIMS issues with organization and grace. She is working towards her Bachelors degree and is currently attending WSU. She was selected for BTZ. Has no problem telling the Vice Wing Commander what to do during A/R.

A1C Andrew Lemaster

He has gone on lots of adventures in the local area and abroad. Mr. Clean has been seen in the Savannah, Ga clubs rocking his Vanilla Ice/Carlton dance moves.

A1C Juan Boykin

Recently completed MCT and is ready for a TDY. He is originally from AZ and ready for the warmer weather. He enjoys old school music and rebuilding classic cars. He rebuilt a really awesome 1972 GMC Jimmy with his dad.

A1C Tyler Young

Tyler is originally from Minnesota and is really quite. He was able to join the squadron on deployment. His dollar ride was also his first combat mission.

Bravo Flight

MSgt Daniel Jordan

As a baby boom he is having a hard time shedding his aircraft MX back ground. He was used to being irritated with aircrew but now he is one of them! He is still adjusting to having beer caches all over the squadron, it's like releasing a peacock back to the wild after years in captivity. He oversees mobility, new Airman, and NCOs.

SSgt Eric Lucio

A cross-trainee who came in and made his mark and will be moving from mobility to NCOIC of Training. He works hard and helped hold down the squadron while everyone was deployed. He lives by the motto, "You might as well be doing something while you're doing nothing". #DoWork

SSgt Johnathen Zimmer

A cross-trainee as well. IF you guys remember Thayer then Zimmer would be the Grayer of the Thayers. He is intelligent and motivated. Seeking even more new opportunities, he decided to leave the -135 after MCT completion for the -46.

SrA Dylan Maynard

This guy can bake! He is constantly bringing in goodies to eat. We missed him during the Sq. Deployment and were happy to get him back. AND THEN he decided to apply for the bridge program, he found an awesome internship and will be leaving us soon to start his new adventure. Another BTZ winner.

SrA Ian Lutzenberg

He survived pre-CFIC and is now learning how to instruct students from 6 feet away at Altus. He helped the squadron with the out-processing/prep for deployment and then joined them to play in the sand box. He should learn a lot since Scooters is closed.

SrA Timothy McCastle

He joined us from Seymour Johnson and has more flying hours than most NCO's. .He loves his mom and works hard to stay a mystery however we all know he loves us.

SrA Gabriel Padilla

He joined us from Sunny Cali as a Pashtu speaking linguist and now is a boom. He works hard and sometimes falls up the stairs and then has to have surgery.

A1C Brandon Scarborough

Scar drives a purple Prius need I say more! He is a smart person and made the choice to deploy with the KC-135 and get one TDY before transition to the KC-46. He is dating a member from SARM so all is paperwork better be on point.

A1C Tony Mason

Fresh from AETC, he in-processed and then left for RAP and leave. He has been at McConnell almost 3 months and has showed up to work maybe 7 days? Well played rookie.

Amn Kevin Long

Recently started MCT training. His fiancé is from Germany and he brings us chocolates when he returns. However when he turns 21 we all hope he brings back beer and wine. He is from Minnesota, near Canada ey.

Amn Alex Gore

Survived the scheduling shop and now working hard in mobility. Claims to have invented the Internet....

Charlie Flight

MSgt Somkit Chittakhone

He joined us from the Pease and during MCT came down with “broke-old-man” syndrome. He is currently still hobbling around like a weeble wobble.

SSgt Brandon Johnson

Deployed early last year and conveniently consequently, missed out on the Squadron Deployment. But, he expertly held down the fort while we were playing in the sand. Brandon now thinks he can just go fly missions on his own since he earned his private pilot license this year.

A1C Dallas Marston

He has worked hard this year and just picked up for BTZ. He’s gonna need the extra cash, because he just found out he is going to be a daddy!

A1C Esteban Robles

It’s pronounced “rO-blez” not “rO-buls.” This guy has been on TDYs and a deployment and TDYs...

A1C Victoria Hall

She is currently in MCT. Trying to get qualified so the rest of us can stay home in quarantine.

A1C Joseph DoPart

Not doe but dough...Showed up from Altus, went to RAP, got caught in the COVID-19 travel ban, and now trying to get some MCT. We’re not sure he knows what building we work out of.

A1C Kelsi Cox

She is the definition of “Self-Confidence” and has more personality than the guy from Split. If you ever need to be re-blued then go have a 5 minute conversation with her.

Standards & Evaluations

TSgt Joshua Garrett

With more cancelled orders than Amazon Prime he finally got the assignment he wanted, the TSgt Lt will be playing with RPA’s after OTS.

SSgt Alex Esquibel

Leaving the position of NCOIC of training for evaluations. He is excited for his new adventure and we hope it doesn’t encourage him to live up to his call sign “Squibs”!

Command Section

SrA Derek Voller

He is really great at getting your awards/decorations pushed through on time. He was selected for BTZ and will also be able to test for SSgt and studying for CFIC.

Tactics

SrA Kalif “Wiz” Richardson

If you do not see him in the gym, he is probably flying. He finished CFIC and hit the air running as the main IB in his youth sized flight suit while the squadron was deployed. He has received orders to Kadena AB and is looking forward to the move! However before that his girlfriend and he have to have a baby! He is expecting a little girl this year. Oh and the bonus of getting him drunk is when he speaks in his island accent.

Safety

A1C Kael Smith

He does all of our PA announcements with his game show host of a voice! He will be separating the AF in April to start a life as a civilian.

Elsewhere

SrA Patrick Napolitano

He is hanging out in FL going to school while living with his parents. He is currently utilizing the bridge program and building custom car parts.

McCONNELL AFB, KS

905 ARS

“RAGING RHINOS”



Hello from windy Kansas! This past year has been interesting with the 3rd squadron in our Wing standing up in May 2019. The 18th is still flying the KC-135 and the 924th and 905th are designated the KC-46 squadrons. With that being said, each squadron is dabbling in each aircraft for now. We've had to beg and borrow booms to start our modest little squadron and almost a year later, we are up to 5 whole people! Here's a rundown of who we have...

CMSgt Ray Lewis: The guy who never wanted to make Chief, made Chief. Weird how the world works huh? He got pried out of OGV after a run of 16 years. You can still hear him mumbling about Stan/Eval and checkrides.

MSgt Clay Dotson: Clay came to us from the 18th and was our very first AGR. He's become a jack of all trades with us so far and is a huge help to the 18th while all of their folks train on the -46.

TSgt Patrick Bartosavage: Barto is a 924th transplant. We think he might be a ghost as you think you see him in the squadron but then he's gone again. He just did another prison tour of the Deid and is back out on the road with his civilian company (Omni Air International).

SSgt Sam Aguirre: Sam was our second AGR hire and resident handyman. Pretty much every picture or TV hung in the 905th is his handiwork. We're not sure he likes us much though, as he's always at the 18th. He recently started KC-46 training after returning from his latest prison tour overseas.

SSgt William Baker: William is our boom crew chief. He's still a civilian crew chief at Altus and we "think" a boom with us. He's just waiting on the fine medical folks to release him so he can retire.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

924 ARS

“Proud to be FRG!”



Greetings from 924th ARS! The new jet is finally here and we are excited to start operating the next generation of air refueling aircraft. Official conversion has begun, and we are working hard to get everyone trained ASAP.

If you are ever around McConnell come see where the cool kids hang out, we have the best “snack bar” in AFRC.

CMSgt John Wallman: Wallman is probably worn out from all the constant meetings that should have been emails, or it could be from keeping the children from hanging out too much at the “snack bar”. He is used to dealing with children so it comes pretty naturally.

SMSgt Travis Swinson: Travis is back from the DOT civilian pilot training program! Yes he DID pass and now is not “just” a Boom Operator. He is back on the gov teat, however I’m sure he will land the job of his pilot dreams. He was promoted this year, careful his knife hand is serrated.

SMSgt Michael Stahl: Michael made a career change this year and moved to Nebraska. It hasn’t seemed to slow down his participation much. Quality TR and solid addition to the KC-46 team.

MSgt Aaron Meadows: Aaron landed himself an AGR position and took the devils money. In a short time he will finish an AD retirement. Currently working in Sq Stan/Eval, trying to figure out the new KC-46A along with everyone else.

MSgt Bryan Fehrenbach: Bryan’s volume control knob is still missing, we are all kind of used to it at this point. He worked both training and scheduling this year. His productivity is easily derailed by Meadows wanting to talk about guns and hunting.

MSgt Brian Olson: Olson dropped retirement paperwork recently, however due to COVID 19 “epidemic” his ceremony will lack excitement. Hope he makes the finish line before the virus gets him, I mean he is in the “at risk” demographic.

TSgt Daniel McCrillis: Daniel is civilian airline pilot and thus always has the best answer for every problem....except how to move out of Ben’s basement.

TSgt Aaron Cuadra: Aaron hates public speaking, and it certainly hates him back. He will soon attend CFIC, let’s hope it doesn’t break him like Dolph Lundgren.

TSgt Ben Sedlacek: Ben worked scheduling this year. Do NOT bid available everyday if you do not want to fly every day. Ben is 7 feet tall and apparently there is no gray matter up that high. Your flexibility will make for an easy schedule, don't fall into the trap.

SrA Robert Richey: Robert is about to make the plunge into his starter marriage. Pour one out for another fallen homie, you can't save them all. Kids these days just don't listen.

SrA Madison Doherty: Madison was our first KC-46A Altus pipeline student. She went right back to school after finishing KC-135 MCT...poor girl. She has a positive attitude and wins annual awards in her spare time.

SrA Nicholas Ingram: Nicholas is the new kid on the block. Apparently the awesomeness of being a Boom Operator was too much for him to handle at first, I believe he is starting to adjust well.

SrA Lillian Bowlby: Lillian recently returned from Altus after completing her training. Apparently she is a fan of the two piece flight suit. We will see how long she lasts, wish her luck.

TSgt Luke Harshman: Luke is a new hire awaiting training. He was a former loadmaster but we don't hold it against him. He interviewed with a full mullet and Randy Savage glasses, it was epic.

TSgt Ben Rausch: Ben is a brand new hire. He is a friend of Bryan so I guess we will take him.

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134 ARW / 151 ARS

“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



Brian “Trigger” Thomas: I know it has been about three years since he started his departure process but he is still here telling stories about his injuries. Somehow he is broken yet still in better shape than all of us.

Ronnie “Crash” Dixon: Crash and Denise have moved away for a few years to Geilenkirchen Germany. Say hello for us next time you swing through if you get a chance. I am sure they are somewhere in town skiing or enjoying the local beverages.

Tommy “TC” Cole: Someone told TC he had a chance to make chief one day and all of a sudden he started acting mature and being productive. It is refreshing to have a firefighter doing good things around here for a change.

Tyler “Tater” Ott: Tater has taken over as our new Program Manager. But, as only 1 of 2 Technicians left in the squadron, he spends most of his time leading via text message from his hot tub after taking mid-week alert tours from all the traditionals.

Eric “EJ” Jones: EJ is the NCOIC of Stan Eval these days. At least that is where I think he is when he isn’t out preparing for his next marathon, iron man, etc...

James “Bo” Rogers: The latest rumors are Bo is an AGR in current operations. Nobody has seen him in months to confirm since he is always in Europe planning some exercise. Starting to think Europe is code for the firehall but who knows.

Jody “Trivia Guy” McKee: We don’t have any progress updates on Jody’s plan to start his own cult and take over the world in his spare time from working in OGV. Turns out his son’s high school baseball career has slowed down his progress in this area. He graduates this year so we expect Jody to be buying land in northern Idaho soon.

John “Abe” Whaley: Abe is in scheduling and punched his lunch ticket a while back and convinced someone younger, better looking, and more gainfully employed to marry him. They are expecting a little one soon. He recently turned his left middle finger into ground beef on a table saw, so he is restricted to single bird ops for now.

Melvin “Burg” Brandenburg: Burg is still teaching the youngn’s how to be the worst guard bum ever ... mostly through the “long story” method. Must be nice to be a kept man.

Nicholas “Sedan” Pierce: Nick is currently our NCOIC of training. At least that is where he should be instead of at his bar downtown or riding around in his limo (really). Seriously, if you are in town check out Tri-Hop Brewery in downtown Maryville. He has a good thing going.

Christopher “Sponge-Boom” O’Donnell: The O’Donnell family is taking a break from having kids while Sponge is out at Weapons school for the next few months. He got brought on full time recently but has been gone ever since. Let him know we need him at work if you happen to see him out there somewhere.

Brian “Brain” Trent: The brain is a downtown firefighter and is at Altus for instructor school as this is being written. When he’s not removing his shirt in Nick’s bar and flexing for the patrons, he works hard at proving that it is possible to be a fire fighter and an asset to the squadron at the same time.

Amanda “Sunshine” Walls: Sunshine’s latest attempt to leave us is almost complete. She should be through with her degree by the time this publishes. Maybe the scowl will leave and she’ll comb her hair after she finishes school and gets a little sleep.

Andrew “Lloyd” Weber: We have somehow managed to not include Weber in the signal for five years running. He is heading to UPT soon so motivation to do so at this point is low. Long story short, just a few months ago he was a superstar financial planner in SC, owned a Better Homes and Gardens show house, and was jet setting around the world with his young wife and baby girl. Now, he is unemployed, back in TN living in a rental in a bad part of town, and twiddling his thumbs waiting on UPT dates.

Zach “Smokey” Dailey: Smokey is an AGR now and works with Nick in training. At least that is likely where he is when he isn’t on leave or at the smoke pit. His current schemes involve trying to convince the Cherokee Nation to pay him millions for his farmland that they are building a casino next to.

Josh “Lunger” Eidson: Josh recently started flying again after taking a year long hiatus right after leaving active duty. We are all living the bachelor life through him since he is one of our last hold outs. Hit him up on Tinder.

Adam Joachim: Adam will be joining us from active duty soon. I am sure we can convert him from the dark side by the next signal. We will keep you updated.

Logan “Classified” Cross: Logan is currently in the lead for days deployed. Must be something at home he is avoiding. He is doing a great job for us so far, just don’t ask him to help you carry secrets. If you see a dude with a thinning hairline and a country accent curled up under some shrubbery in Guam, it’s probably him ... he’ll be there most of this year.

Briana “Baby Giraffe” Lindquist: Rumor is Briana is pretty good in her new job as a boom. You would have to ask Centcom/Pacom since that appears to be the only place she likes to fly. Rumor is she is settling down but again we haven’t seen her in months so the only confirmations we have are Instagram posts from Chile, Paris, Texas, and other exotic locations.

John “Candy Crush” Pollard: John is still out delivering the mail full time these days when he isn’t giving Cross a run for the most days deployed in a year. Mustache March lasts all year for him but you can’t tell because it’s blonde.

Cory Barton: Cory is our newest former Marine. He’s in MCT and should be finishing up soon. He always has one for the Commandant but the Corps never gets theirs with him. If his daily interactions with Ops are any indications, he should have a call sign and plenty stories for the next update. Stay tuned.

Billy Bush: Billy is currently at Altus and will be graduating soon. If anyone has any dirt to pass to Fairchild feel free to drop a line.

Wes Taylor: Wes is currently at Altus and will be graduating soon. We already have plenty of dirt from his Dad so none is needed at this time.

Richard Checchin: Recent hire who no one knows but we are already debating his call sign. He should be heading off to Lackland soon.

Jacob Whitten: Jacob will be heading to Lackland soon. He has beautiful teeth. Supposedly he is a college professor so our IQ just increased a little bit.

Josh Osborne: Josh will be heading to Lackland soon as well. I hope UPS can survive without him in his absence.

Noah Seiple: Somehow we have hired another firefighter. Someone please stop doing this. Noah is just starting MCT so we don’t really have any dirt on him yet.

Demoted to Pilot

2LT Kevin Crigger: KC is currently at UPT and doing well. Glad he finally found something he can be good at other than getting tattoos.

Lt Col. Hiram Williamson: Hiram was a crew chief from 1991 to 1995, went thru Altus in 1995 and was commissioned in 1999. Hiram is now the Squadron Commander. Those who know him are probably just as surprised as us.

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

Maj. Erik Swanson: Erik is moving up in the world. While still holding the record for shortest tenure as a full time employee, he has somehow tricked another agency into employing him as a planner for Southern Strike.

Lt. Col. Chad Cheatwood: Chad went thru Altus in 1998 and was commissioned in 2002. He left us for Charleston for a few years but very quickly remembered where home was. He lives and works out of state so I honestly couldn't tell you what he is doing these days. No one has seen him in years.

Capt. Andrew Burrell: "Burrell County" is our SELO in OGV. It was his first job after coming on board full time so it is all downhill from here unfortunately.

Moved On

Michael Porter: He has moved off to Charlie West to fly on the 130's for a few years. Maybe they can get him to show up occasionally....

Anthony Flores: Flores left us for Seymour Johnson and the KC-46. I guess he may get back to flying in about ten years when they figure out all the issues with that frame.

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

Bryan Rollins: Peabody left us in 2010 and is now a true space weenie in the 119th. We always knew he had it in him.

Mark Allen: Still working in the building on our mission planning computers. His Bluetooth earpiece is a little unsettling, almost as unsettling as our inability to get him to leave.

Brent Seymour: Brent has somehow tricked our command post into taking him on board. At least I think that is where he is supposed to be. No one has seen him in months.

Retired in the Local Area

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

Final Fly By

Sonny Murrin (1985), Billy C. Lindsay (1995), Jimmy "Flash" Harris (2007), D.W. Harris (2009), Harold Bishop (2010), Mike "Buck" Buckner (2011), Ted Wright (2012), Clinton Haley (2014), Jerry Roberts (2016), John Miller (2018), JJ Mehall (2019)

RAF MILDENHALL, UK
100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS
“THE BLOODY BOOMER’S ASS.”



351 ARS

SMSgt Jonny “FLUFF” Adams, (EB) Sq Supt – He’s much better at this Supt gig than he is at growing hair (on his head) or handling a soccer ball with his two left feet. With the departure of Chief Adkins, he suddenly has all this free time on his hands...weird... All his Senior pay goes to funding the Squadron coffee bar, but he also drinks the most coffee in the Squadron, so it works out. Someone please put a damn dollar in the coffee fund already! We love him long time. HYB!

(S)MSgt Heath “Grump” Tuma, (EB) Ops Supt – Slipped one past the goalie last year and despite initial reactions and many counseling sessions.....he couldn’t be happier now! The goalie has since been cut from the team. He’s still a grump, but with much less poo on his chest.

EXEC

TSgt Nelson “Arrrrg” Germer (MB) – Recently had eye surgery and is the only pirate on the island. Recovery is going well, should be back up soon.

DOT

TSgt Brandon “GATM” Roberts (IB) – PCS’d from Altus 8 months ago and still has yet to put in a full day at his desk. He is always down for the next TDY... after he makes sure his wife is good with it as well.

TSgt Jameco “SOBB” Edwards (IB) – Just released his new single “Psychotic” which is a great mix of grunts and yells produced in his own bathroom, we are curious if he was actually on the toilet when he made it. Recently put on Tech and all he wanted for his promotion ceremony was for “the Commander to say something nice about me.” He’s never spent a cent on a babysitter and he doesn’t ever plan to either.

SSgt Juan “el Gato” Upegui (MB) – Our Monday Night “Futbol” keeper, he moves exactly like you would expect a chubby cat to move, quickly and then stops to lick himself. He’s about to head to CFIC, finally. Those Altus guys will never know what hit them.

SSgt Blake “Hatch” Soule (MB) – Blake continues to blend the line between him and his brother, as he was recently beaten up by the 135. Here’s a pro-tip for all you young’ns, if an overwing hatch is stuck, don’t stand directly inside of it while a maintainer is pushing on the outside of the hatch. Two weeks later he flips his car on the way to work....killing it bro. He’s also going bald.

(S)Sgt Brendon Smith (IB) – Recent inbound from MacDill, just completed CFIC. Clearly leading the booms in the “best hair” department. Can’t wait to see what he brings to the Squadron.

A1C Noah “Mango” Rutan (MB) – Our Squadron Amn OTY, he’s a hard worker...in the SARM shop. Stan/Eval kept a tracker of how much time he would spend in SARM...he has more hours in the SARM office than Tuma does in the jet....

DOS

MSgt Mark “GOOMS” Smith (MB) – His BFF is Donkey. This dude is always TDY, we can only assume he’s fighting dragons or tiny lords or something. Thinks he’s going to CFIC once he hits 700 hours. It’ll probably be closer to 7,000 though, maybe.

SSgt Kadrick “COBB” Barnes (MB) – No one in their 20’s has ever had knees older than this fella. He’s been another great cross-trainee for us, and hasn’t done anything to embarrass himself....yet. Give it time though.

(S)Sgt Brayen “Jafar” Ramirez (MB) – When he’s not busy trying to steal the lamp from Aladdin he can be found at the Flight Doc going DNIF. If he asks you what beer you drink, don’t even bother answering, he’s never going to buy you that 6-pack he owes.

Awards and Decs

(T)Sgt Alex “GEICO” Govan (MB) – Where do we start? He’s not quite sure how leave and AWOL rules work. He had a Heathrow parking receipt that cost more than his round trip flight back to the states. Rental car companies love him, he gets alllllll of the insurance!

DOV

(T)Sgt Mike “GIT’R” Dunn (EB) – We’d trade him for his wife in a heartbeat. If you’re ever looking for him, just call Lt Col Barba’s cell, Mike will answer it. The only time he’s in his office is to find another TDY, he has single-handedly ruined the Squadron budget.

SSgt Jordan “KAHD” Gese (EB) – Our resident expert on every aircraft system. He’s keeping Coors in business single-handedly. He loves to party hard at the Air Force Ball, then harass SNCO’s children when they are trying to sleep. Going TDY the next day?? Sounds like a reason to turn it up 100%. Who hasn’t been woken up by the WG/CC and the 3 AF/CCC at their house?!? No words were exchanged, just a selfie..... dohhhh.

SSgt Casey “CATS” McConnell (EB) – Got a sweet TDY to Norway, then immediately tossed into Coronavirus quarantine. His mustache alone should keep him quarantine, or at least 50 yards away from schools.

SrA Corey “Tarjeta Verde” Marion (IB) – Have you ever met someone who has won the lottery twice? Corey has hit the wife lottery twice, 2 for 2! And the new one doesn’t even speak English, way to go buddy!! He took her to Altus for CFIC and was promptly put on CAP after his 1st sortie. Tengo sueno bud, tengo seuno.

SrA David “AARP” Rodriguez (MB) – The man can put half of his paycheck into his TSP with all the senior citizen discounts he gets. He is the wealthiest SrA in the Air Force.... Right behind Pom!

A-Flight

MSgt Joel Bradley (FB) – CE cross-trainee who just PCS’d in. Seems to be one of the smartest “baby booms” to date. Can’t wait to get him all spun up.

TSgt F. “Fuh” Jervis (UB) – F’s pet project for the past year has been the “Vertical Information Boards”, as a shock to absolutely no one, it still doesn’t work. You need some data tracked...? Let me make a 14 GB excel product to help you out. Still waiting for Comm to fix my computer.

SSgt Kaylene LaRose (FB) – AWACS crossflow, just arrived and is killing her in-processing checklist despite having F as her sponsor. Knocked out 97% on the first day, another superstar in the making.

MSgt Tony “Lunchbox” Montani (EB) – Enjoys being shut down by “super smart” Co-pilots during AR...and if work consists of going to the gym, then going to lunch, then drinking a Monster, then going to the gym, then BSing in the boom pod, then drinking a BANG, then designing Sq intermural uniforms, then going to the gym... then Tony is killing it. No one should be worried about a no-notice from OGV.... Unless they are at the gym or in a line at a food truck.

OGT

TSgt Jonathan “Clifford” Farmer (MB) – Really good at working with wood. He knows a lot about ohms and volts and amps and....he’s a huge nerd. He has no issues telling all of us “this 4-ship would only need 1 KC-10 to do the same mission.” Drives a bus everywhere, it’s not by choice. Always tops his receiver off. Never says no, but will give you a solid look of death with a creepy smile.

SrA Luke “Pom” Pommier (IB) – You want some money advice? No? To friggin bad, Luke’s gonna tell you how to diversify anyways, for at least an hour. His money works for him, he doesn’t even own a TV because “time is money, man.” We are trying every trick in the book to keep him around.

UDM

SSgt Samantha “INK” Shelton (IB) – Despite what her haircut may tell you, she DOES NOT complain to managers. She’s been in re-qual for 4 years now and it doesn’t look like she’s going to finish anytime soon. Baby #2 will be coming right about the time she gets put on the deployment schedule at Fairchild.

100 OSS

WING EXECUTION

MSgt Clint “LawDog” Laughman (IB) – Doing a 5 month stint as the Sq Supt in the, now most boring EARS ever. He’s forbidden from coordinating anything with the French. Put him and Liu in a room together and all the world’s problems will be solved.

MSgt Chris “Locks” King (IB) – The real old man of the Bloody Boom Force. Just like a Johnny Cash song, he’s been everywhere, man. Has been holding down 1st base on the softball squad for 3 years now. He likes to wear matching outfits with his wife, she has the pants though.

TSgt Grant “Ring” Ringenberg (IB) – Married a Polish girl that is WAYY out of his league, the wedding reception was off the chain. Instructs motorcycle safety more often than he instructs booms. He has no issues pulling rank on the FNG’s.

TSgt Greg “Ole Greg” Webb (IB) – If you’re going to have a conversation with this guy, you’ll have to block it out in G2, the first 3 words are usually the most painful. T-t-t-t-t-today jun....grandpa!!!

(T)Sgt Ryan “MEESO” Kemp (IB) – Still doesn’t talk much. Still doesn’t really understand how GTCs work. Still doesn’t trim his nose hairs. We love him though, he cleans a mean storage closet.

TACTICS

(T)Sgt Chris “Bubbles” Shelton (IB) – Lost all of his gains at AIC. Spent so much time crackin’ the books/kissin’ ass that he managed to get DG and a 509th assignment, sweet...Fairchild...again.

PCS’d/Separated

CMSgt Lee “Buddy” Adkins (MacDill)

SrA Justin Pauleon (Kadena)

MSgt Christian Villaneuva (Korea)

SrA Malachai Epps (Kadena)

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TACC



ADAMS, JESSE C SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Jesse is one of our newest qualified coronet duty officers. If you can find him, he's probably reading into the 36-2903 on how to look the most ridiculous while staying in regs. Other than that, we think he's probably at the salon getting his eyebrows done again.

AUSTIN, ZACHARIAH D SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – At work, Zach is figuring out what his next leather accessory will be. He's also still working up the courage to ask Mr. Crawford for his headphone extension back. In his free time, he spends every moment volunteering or perfecting his judo chop.

BENSON, JEFFREY C TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – A coronet know it all. He spends most of his time browsing Reddit for quality memes and cat videos. Jeff traded up and bought an Audi that he continues to remind us about. It's not all bad though, he has dreams of becoming a 135 boom.

CAIN, SEAN P CMSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Chief is expected to retire at the end of April, we think? But don't worry you'll still be able to find him in the flight plans shop as a civilian. That is if you're looking for some unsolicited mentoring or Altus recruiting.

DORSCH, ALEXANDRA J SSgt AMC 618 AOC/XOBK

ELMORE, JESSICA L MSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPMC

FREED, BRUCE W JR TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Freed recently escaped the airlift side of the AOC and moved to the coronet division where he can flourish with his own kind.

LANDSBERG, CHALLIS SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOBK

MCANALLY, BRANDON J TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP - When you first meet BMAC, you might think he is just too cool to care about anything. But if you accidentally stumble into a conversation about one of his super nerdy hobbies (Pokemon, 3D Printing, etc.) buckle in, because you're about to see a whole other side of the office Bert Reynolds.

MCCLARD, SANDRA L MSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKS – At the first chance she got, she bailed on the coronet shop and found a more comfortable job in short-notice tankers. She made Master and because she loves TACC so much, she has extended her assignment at Scott, where she's expected to retire.

MITCHELL, MARCUS B TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOBK

NELSON, MATTHEW A TSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP - The toughest coronet instructor we have, you better not step out of line or he will give you the business right then and there. If he invested half the energy he spends torturing his coworkers and put it into something productive, maybe he could make something of himself. He is shipping off to Fairchild this summer to teach young ACs and COs TACC workarounds.

REID, JACOB D SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – As performer of the month, he managed to get verbally assaulted by a fighter DCO. However, due to the DCO's good fortune from Panda Express, he and his leadership apologized. Lives by the manta, "Ain't no laws when you're drinking claws." In his free time, he can be found walking the streets of St Louis with a white claw in hand.

RIMAR, PAUL A SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPC

ROBINSON, JEREMY SSgt USAF AMC 618 AOC/XOPC

UBUNGEN, RODEL S SSgt USAF, AMC 618 AOC/XOOKP – Just PCS'd here, we think...he doesn't tell us much. Ubungen is getting spun up and will soon be planning coronet missions by himself.

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“Tanker Training”



SMSgt Rick Dorsey: KC-10 Training Manager

The fearless leader of A3TK and resident KC-10 Training Manager. This guy processes so many training waivers, the GTIMS guys now call him with questions. Rick spends his days on staff creating powerpoint slides on why we shouldn't divest the KC-10 just to turn around and create slides on why we should. He singlehandedly slashed the cargo training requirements on the 10 to a level that would make any 135 boom proud. Rick is always available for calls from the units and looks forward to explaining why the East coast is better than the west. Jokes aside, he was a great add to the staff.

MSgt Chris “Spinnin” Pedersen: KC-135 Training Manager

New to A3TK and resident KC-135 Training Manager. Chris hit the ground running when he arrived at the HQ, he has gobbled up so much “low hangin fruit” that he has started his own orchard. This hard charger even signed up for a half Ironman without a second guess and created a whole training plan with 10,000 hours of training to knock out in just 6 months. We hear he has plans to throw away his fat boy device the rest of us call office chairs and bring in his own spin bike to set up at his desk #RoadtoMaine. If you are looking for a resident expert on pretty much anything, Chris is your guy! Some people might do some light reading before bed, not this guy! It's rumored that he crushes waivers to wind down after a hectic day.

MSgt Bruce “Hand of the King” Berglund: KC-46 Training Manager

Bruce Berglund - General Officer Exec, KC-46 Delivery Specialist, Triathlete...He does it all. He recently joined Big Buck Hunters Anonymous to help ease his addiction to hanging out in deer stands for hours...weird. He now takes endless bike rides decked out like Lance Armstrong. He's a recent select for the KC-46 cycling team. Hey, that community has to be good at something. His training prowess as the elite Pegasus HQ training guru will surely garner victory at the next “tour”. He has actually logged more time swimming than the KC-46 fleet has logged air refueling time. His BodPod measurements drove him to veganism. So, it will be interesting to see what the new RTM for the KC-46 looks like with all that pent up “venison in the freezer” aggression. Joking aside, Bruce is a one of a kind rock star, just waiting for the moment let his mullet shine. NKAW-135&TenG.....Nobody!

Moved on:

SMSgt Mike “It's Low Hanging Fruit” Russell: Mike PCS'd to Fairchild to climb every mountain in the northwest and convert every Airman into a triathlete. Swim, bike, run!

MSgt Lamar Daniel: Lamar worked his way to Macdill, when he's not taking care of Airmen he's deep sea fishin' and spreading the good word from AMC Staff.

MSgt Daniel D. Falucho: Dan moved on to A3TO and is discussions for his own series with Netflix, "Exotic Fish King."

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SMSgt Chuck Taylor, KC-10 - Chuck spends most of his time “on the road” at McGuire so he can keep up with the family but more likely so that he stays out of trouble living the single life here at Scott.

SMSgt Pat Martin, KC-46 - Pat has assimilated to staff work rather well considering the nonsense that is the KC-46 program. Between doing Strong Man challenges at the gym and putting out fires in the office he found time to make a baby.

MSgt Aaron Widener, KC-135 - Aaron spends most of his time doing DIY projects at the house and trying to figure out how he can stay in the seat for as long as possible. He finally got another boom in the office so he’s not stuck talking to pilots all day.

MSgt Sean Scott, KC-10 - Sean is hoping he can retire before the 10 so he doesn’t have to PCS again. He and Widener seem to be competing in the DIY department. I think Sean is winning but probably because he’s DNIF and the doctors won’t let him back on status.

MSgt Ken Essick, KC-46 - Ken is the resident staff expert but he’ll have to relinquish his title soon. He thought he was finally being paroled this fall only to be told he’s going to the maximum security facility at Altus. At least he’ll know what HQ was thinking as he teaches the next generation.

MSgt Jesse Wright, KC-135 - Jesse has washed off the Altus stink and was moving at full speed but went DNIF so now he’s the UEI expert. Hopefully his waiver comes through cause I think the office work is getting to him, I wouldn’t want to be his first eval after this.

Inbound - Mike Miranda

Outbound - Ken Essick

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TANKER REQUIREMENTS



CMSgt (Ret) Daniel Smith: When Dan's not rooting on the Sioux, he's playing hockey and riding his motorcycles. I'm not sure when he last worked a full 5-day week, but he's got the KC-46 on lock down as the Lead Requirements Manager. He hopes he won't be in the program much longer, but we all know he's the perfect fit. It just makes sense to keep a guy that doesn't have any hair to lose!

SMSgt Jacob Dieter: Jake came to us after his parole from Altus. He's getting spun up on the KC-46 and trying to wrap his head around staff work. If you can't find him at his desk, he's probably down in A3 trying to live vicariously through the booms that are still flying. We'll break him in soon enough.

MSgt Jonathan Gomez: Jonny finally said "Goodbye" and is promoting to "Mr." this summer. I guess he had enough of being the resident expert on the status of the KC-46 program. He's still in the local St. Louis area working through a Boots to Business internship with Ameren Illinois. While he won't be officially retired until this summer, we probably won't see him in uniform again. Shirt and tie? Maybe...

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“NUCLEAR OPERATIONS DIVISION”



SMSgt Bartek “Bach” Bachleda – (Boom **11**) Bach just got back from SNCOA after his 5th attempt to attend due to deployments, KC-46 training, PCS’g and a broken foot during his PT test. We are still trying to figure out how he pulled off an excellent... If you ever have a program or a new procedure to test, ask him to participate, he’ll break it every possible way. Bach is now fully trained and certified in the Nuclear process and has been traveling the country inspecting wings.

MSgt David Drain – (Boom **10**) Dave recently had his shoulder surgery which stemmed from moving all those big rocks in the Nuclear Enterprise. He’s in the process of getting back into the mighty KC-135 and will unfortunately be leaving A10N in a few months. He’s been an incredible asset to our Division and our MAJCOM within the Nuclear Enterprise.

MSgt Nathan Bahr – (Boom **12**) Nate just PCS’d to A10N and hit the ground running! You can find him in our office rewriting AFI’s/AMCI’s, arguing with officers and finishing his Joint PME. We’re getting Nate certified soon so he can go out to our units and share the love of his wealth of knowledge. We’re super happy to have Nate in A10N and are looking forward to his impact on the Nuclear Enterprise.

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HQ AMC/IG
“BUZZARDS”



SMSgt Greg “Crease” Sanders – Greg has become a vegan! Well, almost. He has given up his extreme animal protein intake and adopted a plant-based diet! Apart from that, Greg has spent the past year terrorizing 801X units and getting ready for his move to Alabama where he will become the new Nate Hackney! All kidding aside, Greg has been a great asset to IGN, and will undoubtedly bring a lot of expertise to the Booms at his next unit. All six of them.

SMSgt Joe “NoMad” Koch – Joe arrived to the IG in July and we immediately took him on the best inspection of the year, Grissom ARB in Kokomo Indiana. We were nervous that he would even make it to Scott because of his frequent pick-ups of hitch hikers. Joe has temporarily suspended his couch surfing account because he lives in a studio, but rest assured when he does decide to move into a different place, some stranger will be sleeping on his couch again. Joe has been a great asset to the nuclear division, when he keep track of his ID card.

MSgt Roger “Dirty” Braun – Roger is a man, and he is dirty. He is geriatric. He has spent the past year not in a plane, but providing the fleet something else that is desperately needed: UEIs! Everyone loves getting hugs from Roger Braun.’

SELFRIDGE ANGB, MI

127 WG / 171 ARS

“SIX PACK”



GREETINGS FROM MOTOR CITY! Between all the deployments and inspections we are trying to build the bench with many of our more experienced booms retiring.

FULL-TIMERS

SMSgt George Hall (Stan Eval)- George is the fitness guru . I believe he is scheduled to be on the cover of a fitness magazine in the near future. Looking forward to retirement next March.

MSgt Johnny “Super Boom” White (Chief Boom)- Our Chief Boom is doing a great job of taking care of the section. We wish he would just hire some fully qualified booms sometimes instead of high schools. Recently people have been referring to him as Chef or Seagull. You should ask him the story someday. Goinh on 25 years as a boom.

MSgt Joe “Smokin Joe” LaPinta (Current Ops)- Smokin Joe loves going TDY. He should be a happen man as he recently converted to AGR. Can you say active duty retirement.

MSgt Matthew “Hufflepuff” Huff (Current Ops / Stan Eval)- Ole Hufflepuff recently started working in the Stan/Eval office but they pulled him back into Current Ops. Trying to get recurrent in the plane after a long case of the DNIFies. Matt is our resident politician.

TSgt Robert “Magic Man” Akers (Training)- Rob started working training recently. On the side he helps coach basketball. While deployed Rob put on the rank of TSgt. Well deserved.

SSgt Jordan “Grub” Kaminski (Tactics)- If Jordan goes DNIF the flying schedule would come to a halt. For the last three years he has flown more than anyone else in the squadron. Recently go a full time job with us.

PART-TIMERS

MSgt Max “Maxie Poo” Langford (Plans)- Max worked his tail off ensuring he passed our NORI. He did a great job. However he decided to leave a full time position and become a Customs Officer. Most recent winner of our squadron fantasy football league.

TSgt Andrew Depew- We have high hopes for this guy. He came from the mx squadron with high recommendations. Hopefully he lies up to them. Next time you see him he should be an MSgt.

TSgt David Beyer- Dave lives in the North Pole and comes down to visit us now and then. Great guy who is also part of the custom mafia. He is known for having the worst fantasy football team.

SSgt Shane Cannon (Crew Comm)- Shane came to us from the ammunition world on the A-10 side of the house. So we knew we would have a couple of problems. If you need to know what smart causal looks like he can help you out. He was our enlisted person of the year for our squadron this past year. Congratulations.

SSgt Amanda Smith (Current Ops)- She will fly for orders. As one of our newer boom she is always looking for an opportunity to fly or deploy. She was selected as the Group NCO of the year. Well earned.

SrA Ken Zidell- Big country as Max likes to call him. He joined us from the reserves. Seems like he spends most of his time hiking in the woods in upper New York.

SrA Andre McClain- Andre was doing so well then he twisted his ankle during a response. Or did he doing that while not paying attention playing Pokémon, No one is really sure which story is true.

SrA Alexander Roth- Joined us from the medical squadron. Just waiting on school dates.

A1C Jake Crantas- Recently finished MCT and now trying to finish his Bachelor's degree.

A1C Cael Brennen- A recent addition to the boom section. He came back from Altus with a creepy mustache. Hopes to one day be a pilot.

Amn Devein Kavanaugh- He also wants to be a pilot one day. You can catch him taking flying lesson at Pontiac airport.

AB Christopher Faith- Christopher just left for basic. Seems like he will be a great addition to the team.

AB Jack Lapinta- Our legacy boom. The son of Smokin Joe, is hoping to take his dad's place one day.

AB Joshua Bishop- He is our newest boom. While waiting on school dates he loves being a member of student flight.

DEPARTED THE FIX

Capt Aaron Balk- Aaron a couple year ago decided to go to the dark side and become an officer. He currently serves as a Intel officer down the street with the A-10's.

CMSgt Mike Gay- Left the boom career field and became a Custom Officer only to come back as an AGR. Serves as the superintendent for Airfield Operations. He can be found wondering our halls from time to time.

SMSgt Mick "Butters" Stahl- Mike left us and now serves in Kansas as a boom operator. He got promoted to SMSgt out of the deal. He will always be missed.

SSgt Alex VanBuren- Alex decided he wanted to fly helicopters and joined the Army. Good luck with that.

SrA Lars Pyrzynski- Devoted to his getting his degree nearly as much as he is to working out all the time. Decided to leave us and join Battle Creek as a sensor operator. He will always be welcomed back as a boom. Before he left he was selected as the Group AMN of the year.

SrA Chadwick Doran- Let the unit and went to Battle Creek years ago. Nobody has heard from him since.

RETIREEES

CMSgt Tony Liggins- Tony just recently retired. During the last couple of years he served in the IG office. Prior to that he was our Chief Boom.

CMSgt Hector Martinez- Enjoying military retirement but still works for the FAA.

CMSgt Dickie Burl- Our beloved Chief Boom for years long gone can be found on his farm craving away making walking sticks.

MSgt Mike Weir- Stowed the boom one final time and went on to have a successful Karate business. Owns multiple schools now. On the side he serves as a ring announcer for a local wrestling promotion.

MSgt John Karns- A more recent retiree, John still loves fixing things. Owns nearly every tool out there. If he needs to be fixed call John.

MSgt Gary Wojichowski- Finally got a job at TACOM fulling his lifelong goal of having to wear casual clothes to work.

MSgt Jeff Sudberry- Jeff left us a while ago and went to Battle Creek. Since then you can see him at an occasional basketball game.

MSgt William “Bubba” Hyde- Enjoys working as a Customs Officer.

SSgt Denad Wade- Denad had the sweetest ride, a car wrapped in suede.

SSgt Misty Bice- Let the Air Force and enjoys spending time with her dog.

TSgt Toby Snay- We see Toby every now and then when we clear customs at the jet.

TSgt Dan Rineer- Dan the man! If you need any information Dan is the person you go to. He serves as our BOSS contractor down the street.

TSgt Dominic Orlando- Enjoys being able to spend more time with the family. Also another member of the Customs mafia.

SSgt Johnnie Ricks- Separated from the Air Force sooner than he wanted to.

77th ARS
SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NC

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"

2019



A big "Hello Y'all" from the Booms here at the 77th, "Home of the Totin' Tigers". We were the first I Wing, and now the 911th is scheduled to be temporarily shut down in July of 2020. It's bitter sweet but things will be more stable and changes will be smoother. We will miss the opportunity to deploy more often and they will miss some of the reserve TDY's. Everything worked better when shops were combined; but separate functions, info, availability of training and flying was more efficient. Funding control at SJ made it easier for us to fly & go TDY together, the Boom camaraderie was good but the Pilots, a different story.

KC-46 will be arriving on our ramp this coming summer, our Boom manning has increased, but the hiring is on hold until we get our new manning requirements on paper and we have school slots. So if you're thinking about leaving active duty or want to come to a Real Reserve unit, give us a call. We've got some great schools like NC State, UNC, Wake Forrest, East Carolina, Campbell University, Methodist, Duke, and Meredith all within an hour and a half of the unit, this is a great way to go to school and still be a Boom Operator. Stop by & say Hi. If you have enough time we'll take you out for some Carolina BBQ & sweeeet tea!

Carolina Blue Skies,
SMSgt Barry Bradley
916 OGV Superintendent

SSgt Sonya "Teacher" Alexander MB – Apr 15 – Jun 19

She's no longer one of our Baby Boom's not even a new Boom, heck not even a Boom Operator. She has moved on to become; unfortunately, for us a Pilot...she has gone to that side! She will complete her Altus KC-135 Pilot training early 2020 & then convert to a KC-46 Pilot in the near future. She wanted to RULE the Boom world, now it will have be the Pilot world!!

SSgt Kijuan Amey IB - Apr 15 – Jun 19

He's from Durham NC, but want to catch everyone up on Amey, he had a motorcycle accident a couple of years back & lost his sight, but I truly think he sees better then we can. His personality hasn't changed, if anything he's funnier if that's even possible for him. He has more ideas on what to do next, he has a band, he's looked at being a drag racer, give him time maybe the next astronaut. He hasn't slowed down, so catch him on Facebook & say Hi. He took his fini-flight June 2019 and made about 200 contacts!!! If you're in town on a UTA stop by the squadron you might even see him there, he stops by once in a while to share his adventures with us.

MSgt Jeremy "Tin Man" Bennett MB- Apr 07 - Present

He's still at Cherry Point Depot keeping the F-35's in the air, but he loves a challenge. He is a MSgt, wow he spent less time as a SSgt & TSgt then he did as SrA. SMSgt next, to be continued!! Still loving life on the beach with his ski boat, he thinks! He hasn't had as much time to enjoy the past couple of years...kids will do that. He's always looking for friends to ski with so give him a call if you're on the NC coast.

TSgt Roxanne "ROXY" Best MB – Aug 14 – Aug 19

She's one of our Booms that loves to fly & one of our go to Booms when we need help. BUT, after her last deployment she dropped her retirement orders. She loves flying but now it will just be in her civilian job, our loss. Now she'll have time to enjoy her new estate.

SMSgt Gregory "Scottie" Benton MB – Jul 17 – Present

A Pope Loadmaster refugee, he's still one of our go to guys to get all the things done around the squadron. He is now sitting in training, managing the chaos of all the school dates. He's finally happy now that he has moved back to the farm after living in the Shady J trailer park forever. With his farm running at full speed he keeps us supplied with eggs & other farm fresh foods. Umm.

TSgt Cody "Haircut" Beverly IB - Mar 15 - Present

He's still acts like Active duty & still our Boom Body Scheduler BUT working for Pilots, scheduling Pilots. Did I say he's was AD! He now has a standard GI hair cut but that might have to do with his goal of getting hired as a Pilot. The acting paid off. Maybe now that he isn't taking 20 class at once he might actually have time to work. He hasn't inflated an escape slide in the plane lately, but he plans to give it a shot after he becomes a Pilot & in the new airplane. He sold his MANSION to move on to bigger & better things. Well not exactly, his whole family is now living in a tiny house, yes a tiny house.

SMSgt Barry "Stan Evil" Bradley EB – Nov 93 - Present

Barry is still our group Stan/Eval "The Hammer" Boom. He's deploying & flying a lot, always looking for the next good deal trip. He's still kicking and screaming about how bad GTIMS is. He is probably the most excited about going to the KC-46, he leaves for training in January. He still hasn't bought a new Harley to travel the world on and his rental empire is still sitting empty stealing his Harley dollars. He still has 60 more years in the unit so he'll be around for a while.

MSgt Rich "Bowl O' Chili" Bonicelli IB - Oct 04 - Present

He is no longer the Captain of his sailing Yacht & he didn't go down with it when a hurricane took it away. He's working on the KC-46 project so he spends very little time in Current OP's/Long Range scheduling, but they both present new challenges for him every day. So what will be next on the Captain's plate, tune in next year.

TSgt Christopher Davis MB – Aug 14 - Present

He still seems like one of our newest old Baby Booms, not sure why! He's on the road making a name for himself & doing every job that gets handed to him. He's was sitting in Training flight helping Mitch Miller then Current OP's, then Scheduling, next who knows, Commander? Shhh, be very, very quit, just thinking.

MSgt Keny "Dammit" Fallin MB - Aug 06 - Present

Keny's reign in Current OP's ended & he went to the Body Scheduling office, NO wait he has now been moved again, he's now in the Building Manager World Headquarters, a small shared office across from Current OP's. He's still the King of Trailer parks always looking for more. Keny is eyeing the next Corvette C8 but he's a married man & the kids are getting older so maybe next year. Keny still drinks Budweiser when overseas but he reminds us that in Europe it is an import!

TSgt Dan "FROSTY" Frost EB – Apr 17 - Present

Frosty came to the dark side as an ART. He's in Training Flight helping the gang, MAKE TRAINING GREAT AGAIN. He's following or paralleling other Boom footsteps; he's working towards a Pilot slot. He's our first Boom to go to Weapons School Advanced Instructor Course. He will soon be heading to KC-46 School to help train the new era of Booms.

SMSgt Flinttrel "Flint" Hamilton MB – Mar 16 - Present

He's one of the Pope, refugees, a prior Engineer. The Hamilton Estate house is done & other than a little battle damage with a hurricane last year, it's Home Sweet Home. Yes, another Boom house building project, it must be in the water at SJ. He also has a new civilian job at where else Bragg, he is running the show down there.

TSgt Brian Greer IB – Apr 2016

A Pope Army Air Field "refugee", survived his first year plus in OGV as the iPad person & working for "The Hammer", I guess becoming an ART made it easier. The Squadron decided to move him from the frying pan and put him in the fire, he's now in Training flight with the new KC-46 on its way. He still has the shakes from doing iPads & he spouts out some 4 letter words when anyone says iPads or as we call them "CRAPPLE". In his spare time he runs, swims, bikes, jumps over tall buildings...all because it's there & he can.

TSgt Nathan "GOTTA GO" Horton MB – Nov 16 - Present

He's another Pope, refugee, a prior Loadmaster. He's a TR but stays busy with us too; although with a new wife & a new baby he's burning the candle at all 3 ends. If you Nate wish him well, congratulate him and say your prayers for his wife & little girl.

SSgt Ryne Jordan MB – Apr 2016 – Jun 18

He's one of many Pope Refugees, another prior Loadmaster. He's one of our TR's currently crossing over to the Pilot side. He should be finishing up KC-135 school & back at SJ by spring. Once we get him all trained up we'll send him back to school for the KC-46. Hope he loves training.

MSgt Kristianjon "K2" Kankelfritz MB – Dec 16 - Present

Yup you guessed it he's another one of those Pope refugees and yup a prior Loadmaster. He's one of our first AGR Booms watching ARTS work 16 hour days. He's been assigned to Current OP's & Scheduling keeping everything running, well that's what he tells us. His life will change with the 46 coming!

SSgt Alex (first name Squared) Mark IB – Sep 12 - Present

No longer a baby ART. Wanted to be a Pilot but didn't want to get a lobotomy, so we are keeping him. He's still really good at putting out fires as a civilian firefighter & as an ART (not sure what he doesn't do as an ART but he's got his hands in everything). We would list his additional duties but the Boom signal is too small.

SMSgt Mark "Beerman" McElmurry EB- Apr 97 - Present

He's the chief of many things, Security manager, PT Testing, Scheduling but doesn't schedule and many other things we can't talk about (we have no idea). The only thing we know for sure is that he's still NOT making beer for the masses; we think he's still hiding out from the ATF. Maybe he just lost the "R" out of his alphabet because he now has a Bee farm. He has been stung so many times by his Bees, he has honey running thru his veins.

TSgt Mitchell "Miller Lite" Miller IB – (Joined Mar 10) Dec 10 - Present

Mitch is the sole survivor in training flight. All new Pilots & Booms in the Training Shop; there isn't any more drinking Pilot Kool-Aide. Now, the Booms can MAKE TRAINING GREAT AGAIN. Now, it will run the right way, the Boom way. Now that all the Pope Refugees are trained...Mitch can start over training EVERYONE to the KC-46 he's going to be very busy. Speaking of busy he's been working on his Estate and growing his family into a Squadron of kids.

TSgt Patrick Muckey IB Apr 14 – Present

Muckey's all done with School for now, he's still into NASCAR and he does everything fast. He's only passing gas on a Military Race Track and getting ready to switch to a new Boom on the KC-46. If your jet needs gas give him a call, let us know how his contacts are! If you want to talk NASCAR or Mustangs he's ready, but he may only have 12.3 seconds to talk, well he is older so 13.5 seconds!

CMSgt Tony "Frank the Tank" Parris EB - Nov 93 - Dec 03 & Apr 08 - Present

Chief Parris "THE CHIEF" Boom extraordinaire, Program Manager, knowledge holder, leader of the Booms. Chief is still changing cars more often than people change underwear, with his toy shop running low we are still waiting to see what's next. If you need a car review give him a call, "The Parris Road Test Magazine", its better then Consumer Reports. Stay tune, we can't wait to see what's in his driveway next.

MSgt Bradley Pike MB – Jul 17 - Present

Yes another Pope Refugee, a prior Engineer which explains a lot. He jumped on to the AGR band wagon and wondering why the ARTs are always there when he arrives & when he leaves. Since he moved out of the Shady J trailer park he spends more time commuting to & from work then at work. He's also one of our Harley owners, so we can start building up our Boom biker gang again. He deployed this past year and taught us how to break dance on fire, ask him about it. There are several Pilots that learned the fire dancing part, just not the breaking part.

MSgt Jeremy "GE" Reynolds MB - Apr 08 - Present

GE is still doing well since he hasn't deployed lately, He is running like crazy, Forest Gump couldn't even keep up with him these days. He's enjoying the time with the family & he always has a smile on his face. He's enjoying his "REYNOLDS ESTATE HOUSE" and it has survived the latest Hurricanes, which is a good thing. He's still making us all look bad on our PT tests because he has been scoring a 150 on all his tests.

SSgt Thomas "SQUISH" Smarsh MB – Sep 16 - Present

He's is still telling all his Army war stories from all the battles while stationed in Hawaii. He can't keep a job in the Squadron, from Scheduling to Orders clerk, now our iPad guru. He will be fired from that job very soon because he drank the Pilot's Kool-Aide and we are losing another good Boom. He will be heading to OTS to become a pilot. Hopefully he doesn't get brained washed, get a big head or think he's better than the Enlisted, but worst of all become cheap.

SSgt Noah "Preacher" Starnes MB – Dec 16 - Present

He's also a Pope Refugee, and a prior Loadmaster. He's one of our TR's & now SQ Pastor. He is newly married to a wonderful lady that keeps him straight. They are looking to travel the world & make it a better world. In other words "Making the World Great Again".

TSgt Andrew "Ricky Jug's" Steuart MB - (Joined Nov 07) Boomer Sep 08-Present

He's a full time online Student working on any degree for the past 40 years, but he still hasn't decided if he will be the next Presidential Candidate or work for food at the SQ. He has a nice Subaru Rally car & he hasn't blown it up or lost a race yet!

SrA Derrick Yelverton MB – Sep 14 - Present

He's a TR Boom, doing a great job trying to keep up with his civilian job & AF requirements, but don't blink because you might miss him. He is always a welcomed sight & he always has a smile no matter how much crap (AF requirements) we pile on him every time he shows up. The life of a TR.

Booms of Yore & the date they were here
Listed by departure Date:

2019**TSgt Sena "The Boom Princess" Alfaro MB - Apr 09 – Dec 2019**

She was one of our Traditional Reservists here at Shady J. She has 3 girls now keeping every free moment and then some very busy. She has since separated from the AF and is writing a new chapter in her life. We wish her & her little girl gang the best in their future.

2018**SSgt Rachel Cullen MB – Mar 17- Mar 18**

She's was one of our many Pope Army Air Field "refugees", a prior Loadmaster. She went on one deployment & decided it was too hard to juggle a family & an Army husband that's gone all the time. We wish her well.

2017

TSgt/SMSgt Billy “Mr. Deployment” Somerville (MB) - Dec 00 – Oct 17 Retired

BJ is loving retirement, riding his Harley and working on his fleet of Airplanes. Now that he is retired; he discovered he doesn't have enough time to get anything done. Ride hard, ride long.

TSgt Kenneth Stoddard (MB) – Mar 15 – Jan 17 Retired

Just a quick stop at Shady J, retired/IRR in 2017. He went on to Boeing as the Weight & Balance guy for Boeing in SC. So if you want to discuss W & B he's the one.

2016

2015

TSgt Adam “Shot Gun” Craft (MB) – Jun 14 – Dec 15

Adam went to the AGR world at Tinker doing PDM flights because he really missed the AD pay...Which is good because he won't be TDY nor will he be getting contacts with a receiver. Lol.

AIC/TSgt Tara “Scratch ‘n Dent” (formally known as Hopewell) Kirkpatrick (MB)- Sep 00 – & May 13 – May 15

Tara has her own business “Herbal Life Club” somewhere in the world, we will miss her.

MSgt Steven "Butter-bean, aka Loverboy" Stanton (EB)- Jan 06-Apr 15

He's at Home in Oklahoma at Tinker AFB. He is either working for the World Renowned Chief “BIFF” Robinson, or currently an AGR doing the PDM flights.

2014

TSgt Travis “Swine King” Swinson (IB) - Apr 11-Jun 14

Last we heard he was at McConnell AFB. Rumor has it he will be part of the KC-46 program and a Pilot on the civilian side.

MSgt Kevin “NSACAR Insurance King” Hughes (MB)- Jan 03 – Nov 14

He has retired from the Air Force Race, to concentrate on being the Big Cheese in the Insurance biz. And, he wanted to takeover NASCAR, but they were too slow for Kevin, so now he's taking over NHRA! If you want to see him go to Erica Ender's pit & say Hi to Him and his wife April.

MSgt Jorge “Habi” Brewer (MB) - Jan 04-Dec 14

Jorge is retired, but still works with the North Carolina State Highway Patrol.

2013

MSgt Lori “TDY” O'Connell (IB) - Sep 04-Nov 13

Lori is an ART at AFRC in the Tanker Mission Support Cell. She misses flying and misses SJ, heck she just misses.

2012

2011

SSgt J.R. Bravo (MB) – Jun 08 – Jul 11 - He was one of our Booms that cross-trained from the Sky Cop world. He has officially lost his mind & all common sense. He went to the ARMY Guard and then received a Commission as an AF COP, we think! Next chapter unknown for now?

2010

TSgt/MSgt William “Grandpa” Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 & Oct 91-Jun 10 – Retired - Now an ROTC Instructor.

O-Boy look out baby O's.

SSgt Bill Frazer (MB) – Mar 07 – Sep 10 - He's back at work with his civilian employer. He has gone IRR (Inactive Ready Reserve), to work on his civilian career for a while. He's all over face book look him up.

2009

SrA/MSgt David "Chando" Chandonnet (MB)- Aug 99-Apr 09 – He & his wife are now drug dealers, the politically correct word is "Pharmacist". He now makes more money than all the Booms combined. Unless you're an ART then he make double than all of us combined.

Sgt/SMSgt Sean "Bimmer" Martin (EB) – Sep 91-Jun 09- Now a retired CMSgt. He is "The KC-46 Tanker's Boom Extraordinary" and still training Booms...but as Mister for Boeing. If you want to buy one give him a call.

2008

SSgt/MSgt Rodney "Rowdy" Smith (EB) – Apr 97-Oct 08 – Now a "MR." - at "TWISTER Oklahoma" (Tinker) as a Retiree. He wishes for better weather to ride his HD or work on his fleet of vehicles. He is now trying to create his own car Museum, Corvettes, Challengers, Trucks, Harleys, if it moves it could be there! Stay tuned next year for more.

SrA Brice "Surfer" Hayden (MB) - Mar 06-Dec 08 - Last we heard is in the Savannah National Guard as a C-130 Pilot. I mean Navigator... No I mean Pilot, he just completed training this year.

2007

2006

CMSgt Jerry Snyder (EB) – Jun 90-Aug 06 – Retired – He's retired sort of...but he's riding one of his Harley's as much as possible.

TSgt/SMSgt Don Templeton (EB) – Jan 96-Nov 06 – Retired – Retired as a SMSgt, now working / living in the Raleigh area as a Computer Guru.

2005

2004

2003

SSgt Tony Parris (IB) – Oct 93 – Dec 03 – Went to Andrews AFB to become the Chief Boom. Returned to SJ in 2008.

MSgt Randy Palumbo (IB) – Nov 96-Jul 03 - Retired - Done retired. Somewhere in the USA. Call us.

SMSgt Rick Powell (IB) – Apr 95-Oct 03- Retired - Moved to Florida & living the good life in the Sunshine State. His newest adventure is building Jeeps & driving them on the Beach. Still a proud owner of a Harley Davidson (we think) looking forward to do some riding in retirement.

TSgt Al Rigdon – May 00 – Jul 03 – Was a C-5 Engineer at Martinsburg WV, not sure where he is now.

2002

TSgt/SMSgt Brad Baxter (EB) – Apr 90-Aug 02 - Retired – Really retired, traveling around the USA in a Motorhome or Gypsy Wagon.

2001

TSgt Betty Matthews (MB) – Feb 87 – Oct 01 – MSgt Retired – Living in NC

SSgt Mike Harston – Jun 98-Jun 01 – He became a Pilot. Major Mike Harston now back at Shady J. no wait he left again; he's back in the 10 world on both coasts, we think, heck he might be retired. Oh he's somewhere!

2000

SMSgt Ronnie Wade (EB) – Oct 85-Mar 2000 - Deceased – We have lost a great Boom & Friend.

SMSgt Kerry Vanausdall – Nov 87 – Nov 00 – Left as a SMSgt to go to Grissom AFB

SSgt Jamie Ward (IB) – Jun 88-Dec 00 – Now a SMSgt, he is at Scott AFB, IL

SSgt/TSgt Carl Sisco (MB) – Apr 93 – Oct 00 - Deceased – Carl last worked at New River Air Station and lived in Wilmington NC, we will miss him & he is now entertaining everyone in Heaven.

1999

SSgt Tom Glosser – Dec 97 – Apr 99 – Retired – Last we heard Civilian at Altus AFB.

1998

1997

1996

SrA Corey Brown (MB)- Dec 91 – Jan 06 – We made him a Pilot. Moved as Lt Col to McGuire, back in the KC-10's.

TSgt Jon Calcote – Mar 93 – Jan 96 - Unknown

1995

SMSgt Andy “Virgil” Anderson (EB) – Oct 85-Mar 95 – Moved to Travis AFB Retired in Texas.

MSgt/SMSgt Don Askren (EB) – Jan 86-Jun 95 – Retired – Retired as the McConnell Chief Boom.

SMSgt Tim Holt – Jul 86-Jun 95 – Unknown.

MSgt Randy Rinehart – Jul 87 – Aug 95 – Living in Atlanta as an airline Pilot.

SSgt Mike Boozer (EB) – Sep 89 – May 95 - Retired - Chief from Robbins AFB Now living in Alabama

TSgt Donna Dobbins (IB)– Oct 91 – Jun 95 – Deceased –Was last at McGuire.

SrA Steve Dolan – Aug 92 – Sep 95 - Unknown

1994

SrA Felicia Anderson – Jul 91 – Jan 94– Went to McGuire.

MSgt John Young – Apr 86-Jul 94 – Unknown.

TSgt Ricky Helt – Sept. 86 – Jul 94- Unknown.

SSgt Jeff Garland – Jan 87 – Jun 94- Unknown.

SSgt Anthony “TACO” Cleaver – Oct 91 – Sep 94 – Last known location was McGuire AFB.

MSgt Bobby Drinnen – Jun 87 – Oct 94- Unknown.

TSgt Rand Sanders – Dec 88 – Nov 94 – Went IRR- Unknown.

Sgt Paul Dube – Feb 90 – May 94- Went IRR- Unknown.

TSgt/MSgt Dave Brock – Jun 91 – Oct 94- Still around on Face book doing well.

SrA Jim Harris – Jan 92 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire.

SSgt Duane Slusher – Sept 92 – Jan 94 – Unknown.

SrA John Mercer – Sep 93 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire – Now at MacDill, still a Bum.

SrA Gary Towles – Sept 93 – Oct 94 – Went to McGuire.

1993

MSgt Paul Jorden – Feb 86 – Jul 93 – Unknown.

Sgt Greg Keeter – May 86 – May 93 – Unknown.

MSgt Dale Wilner – Dec 86 – Sep 93 – Unknown.

SSgt Jeff Carter – Feb 89 – Mar 93 – Unknown.

SSgt Mike Block – Feb 89 – Feb 93 – Became a KC-10 Pilot at Travis.

1992

TSgt Larry “Lighting” Brown – Mar 86-Jan 92 – Unknown.

TSgt Phil Crain – Jun 86-Jun 92 – Retired – Lives in the local area.

TSgt Randy Norris – Sep 86 – Sep 92 – Unknown.

SMSgt John Powell – Oct 86 – Mar 92 – Unknown.

SrA Jon Rion – Oct 90 – Mar 92 – Unknown.

1991

MSgt Ed McGowan – Jun 86-Jan 91 – Unknown.

SSgt Eric Lomascolo – May 89 – Oct 91 – Unknown.

SSgt Bonzie Wherry – Sep 90 – Aug 91 - Unknown

1990

CMSgt Steve Fromm – Jul 85-Oct 90 –CMSgt Retired – Retired from his KC-10 Boom SIM Instructor at McGuire AFB and is now back in NC.

TSgt Don Gwinn – Apr 87 – Mar 90 – Unknown.

TSgt Craig Shackelford – Feb 88 – Jul 90 – Unknown.

TSgt James Dean – Feb 88 – Aug 90 – Unknown.

TSgt Mike Kramer – Apr 88 – Mar 90 – Unknown.

1989

TSgt Kevin Holmgren – Jul 86 – May 89 – Unknown.

TSgt Mike Kibler – Oct 88 – Apr 89 – Unknown.

1988

SMSgt Andy Miller – Nov 85-Jul 88 – SMSgt Retired – Unknown.

MSgt Chris Burkhart – Jul 86 – Sep 88 – Unknown.

MSgt Dave Brock – Dec 86 – Jul 88 – Unknown.

TSgt Mike Wetzel – Apr 88 – Aug 88 – Unknown.

1987

TSgt William “Grandpa” Norris- Dec 85-Dec 87 Returned in Oct 91-Jun 10 – MSgt Retired - Now an ROTC Instructor. O-Boy look out baby O’s.

TRAVIS AFB, CA

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 540 combat missions, offloading 46 million pounds of fuel to 4,340 United States Air Force, Joint and Coalition aircraft over Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria and the Horn of Africa.

(C)MSgt Justin Brundage: Justin was selected for Chief this year. He no longer acknowledges the name Justin. If you don't call him "Chief Brundage", he assumes you are talking to someone else and hasn't heard anything you've said. He is now filling in as the CEM for the squadron, although you would think he still lives in his previous office where all of his awards remain. He still beats up Airmen at every opportunity.

MSgt Joseph Johnston: Joe is the Chief Boom of the 9th, he finally got off DNIF and left OGV. You can find him in his office applying hair product to his long, ebony locks or brewing beer late into the night. If the squadron ever blows up, we know who to blame, Joe "Brewmaster" Johnston! Joe replaced Justin and the Booms are thankful for that, no more yelling and telling them to pass their fitness assessments.

TSgt Michael Meitz: Mike has moved up from NCOIC to Training Flight Chief. He still has no clue what he is doing, but at least now he has people to get things done for him. Speaking of moving up, he has graduated from drinking only Budweiser and decided to expand his pallet with a hazy IPA from the local brewery, although he still maintains some loyalty to AB. Mike will be returning from Al Dhafra soon where he's been seen in his bunk, writing sappy posts about his wife and his difficult 8 week deployment on Facebook.

TSgt Dennis Edwards: Dennis came to the squadron at full speed. He quickly moved through a couple different shops to wind up as Flight Chief of the Command Support Staff. Now he wishes he would have stayed hidden in Readiness. At least he was able to polish up his skills at "Smash Bro's" on his first KC-10 deployment. Dennis is our go-to guy that can do it all, from First Sergeant to Santa Clause at the Christmas party. We lucked out getting Dennis to the 9 ARS.

TSgt Paul Santos: Paul came straight back to the 9th with all the haste he could muster. He tricked his previous CC into releasing him a month early just to get out of Guam. He is still going through Re-qual and is still finding anything to complain about. He finally sold his V-6 Mustang but he sold it to his own father. The poor guy has had to deal with Paul his whole life and his terrible taste in engine displacement. Paul will be back to an IB in no-time and we are looking forward to making him work as Section Chief of Safety.

TSgt Matteo Piruzza: “Potato” just pinned on TSgt and quickly got put in charge of Mobility. He has embraced the aircrew way of life and has already forgotten what it was like in SARM. When he’s not sending crews off to deploy, he is trying to be Miller’s replacement for Biebs, or at home playing video games on his new rig he built. Matteo claims he can speak Italian but only knows curse words, which is good enough for the Booms.

SSgt Zachary Bieber: Do you want to hear something scary? “The Biebs” is now running Stan/Eval’s Boom Section. Yes, you heard me, run and hide! Biebs splits his time between maintaining our Boom heritage throughout the squadron, and being a ladies’ man at the bar. Additionally, if there was any shenanigans afoot, it could inevitably be traced back to him. He made a name for himself at last year’s Boom Symposium for wearing the most provocative western attire and giving the most lap dances.

SSgt Cornelius Frazier: Cornelius has now been added to the ranks of our Instructor core. Although, he still somehow manages to find missions to get on without a student. He still thinks he dominates everyone at “insert video game title here”. It’s amazing he can still find the time to game with that newborn of his. You can always tell what Cornelius is thinking because he will surely tell you. You can sometimes hear him singing in the hallway as he’s on his way out on a 14-day Coronet with no student. We love you Corny!

SSgt Shane Kinslow: Shane finally graduated MCT training, just to be thrown into the dark-hole called “Readiness”. On the seldom occasions that he emerges from his cave, you may not even notice he is there, as he is usually hiding in the back of the room. But don’t let his quiet demeanor fool you, just because he doesn’t say it aloud, he has a clever retort waiting. Also, don’t be on the opposite team as him in ultimate frisbee or basketball, he’s a trained killer.

SSgt Mallory Cook: Mallory now runs our Phase II, cargo training program with an iron fist. Don’t let her innocent smile fool you, she puts the fear into these young booms, just ask all the trembling students that arrive to the squadron. She says she is going to move back home next year, but we all know she is going to re-enlist at the last moment. We look forward to having her around for the next 15 years until she really becomes crusty!

SSgt Brandon Nicholds: Brandon has had a lot on his plate this year. He got married, went to Instructor upgrade and became an IB. He has been pretty much running Boom Training since acquiring his Instructor cert. He has a lovely wife although we all thought he was going to marry Mitchell. Brandon keeps himself busy taking care of nearly every new Airman and fighting with ATOC. Boy does Brandon hate ATOC...

SSgt Ben LeClerc: Frenchie upgraded to IB only to realize it was far too much work for him, so they put him where they put all the Instructors that can’t instruct, Stan/Eval. Now that he is making the big bucks as an SSgt, he couldn’t stand to be seen in his Audi A5, so he traded it in for a new Tesla. Now he doesn’t even have to drive himself to work anymore. We hear that he is raking in the dough from his bedroom rental business at his house but he still hasn’t thrown a housewarming party for the Booms, thanks for nothing Ben!

SSgt Jordan Taggart: Jordan is the Swiss army knife of Current Operations. That is what happens when you become reliable in an office. Even droning away in the office all day, he still has that perma-smile on

his face. If you ever need to brighten your mood, just go find Jordan and talk to him about some random topic. His good nature is bound to rub off on you. We hear that Jordan and his wife are expecting another baby, congrats Taggart family!

SSgt Micah Elias: Micah finally tested for Staff, and made it his first...try. Controlling the schedules of the students just wasn't enough for Micah, so he went to Current Operations to have his hand in the entire flying schedule. Micah is more loyal and reliable than a yellow lab. He's a great IB and is quickly making a name for himself around the community.

SSgt Sean Wilson: Sean just finished up with ALS and pinned on SSgt. Now he holds the Booms schedules in the palm of his hands in scheduling. You can still find Sean speeding down the streets of Travis in his muscle car, although you can usually hear it before you see it. Sean came back to us from Current Operations and we are glad to have him back in the Mighty 9th!

SSgt Erik Alexander: One of our newest additions to Boom Scheduling, Erik has taken charge and made his presence known. Gone are his AWACS days, Erik is still getting used to showing to an aircraft where he can count the crew on one hand. He is also slowly adapting to the California way after four years in Oklahoma. Welcome to the KC-10 Erik!

SSgt Barrett Blunt: We welcomed Barrett to the Boom career field from Aircraft Armament Systems. He decided he was done turning wrenches and wanted to become a flyer. Now he is biding his time in qualification training. A warm welcome to our Gucci Family.

SSgt Andres Martinez: Andres is new to the career field after spending some time as a Public Health Specialist. He is still going through the qualification program, but we look forward to him joining our Gucci Family as well.

SSgt Justin Martinez: Justin came to us from Security Forces. He is currently going through the qualification program where he is keeping all the young booms in line. Rumor has it, he tried to give an ATOC Airman a speeding ticket on the 60K. Relax Justin, you're a Boom now, welcome!

SSgt Hongtao Wu: Hongtao joins us from Supply Management. We await him to complete his MCT training to welcome him into the squadron officially. Welcome to the Gucci Family.

(S)Sgt Mitchell Lambrecht: Mitchell is one of our newest Instructors and the closest thing you can find to a cowboy here in these parts. When not in uniform, he wears the cowboy getup without fail. It's a known fact that he doesn't own a single pair of shoes, just boots. If you catch him during PT you'll notice his boots cleverly disguised as running shoes. He loves to take sensual pictures with his fiancée and he'll be getting married this spring.

(S)Sgt Cade Yandell: When Cade isn't making KC-10's on his 3D printer, you can find him in Awards & Decs. Freshly graduated from IB upgrade, Cade is looking forward to imparting his knowledge of his job and his more extensive knowledge of anything else that is not pertinent to the aircraft on his unsuspecting students. If you need something done right (well besides spelling and grammar) Cade is your guy!

(S)Sgt Alexis Martinez: Alexis spends most of his time deployed. We think it's to get out of the dark cave of Readiness. When not deployed or locked away, you can find his jovial self, laughing it up and enjoying life. He is always looking on the bright side, maintaining his carefree attitude. We look forward to making Alexis an IB in the near future!

SrA Christiann Naylor: Christiann spends most of her time between Awards & Decs and the hair salon. Too bad there were only 366 days this year, because she had over 400 different hair styles picked out to try. She is the continuity in her shop, and can always be found where there is pizza, especially if it's from Papa Johns. If you ever need someone to brighten your day, go sit with Christiann for five minutes and you'll be set!

SrA Kenneth Grove: If you are lucky, you can find Ken back in Awards & Decs. Usually, he is working so diligently that you don't realize he is there. By far one of the most helpful guys in our squadron, he has probably never used the word "No". Ken has been killing it with PT and taking our program to new heights, keep up the great work Ken!

SrA John Anderson: When not helping people clean up their mobility folder, you can find John having some debate either in the office or online about some trivial subject. He is passionate about what he believes in and has an opinion about everything else. We think he may become an officer one day and come back to crush people's souls. John is a staple in the squadron and you can count on him to get any mission done.

SrA Odeilio Nadela: Nut is a workhorse through and through. He is just starting to feel the power that he has as a squadron scheduler. Hopefully it doesn't go to his head, he'll start trading good deal trips for upgrades for his car. Nut spends most of his free time commuting from Sacramento and leaving work early to commute to Sacramento. We get it Nut, you don't want to live around us peasants!

SrA Taran Lewis: Taran is that guy you bring to a party to ensure you're going to have a good time. Always up for some adventure, he is the first one downstairs, ready to go out for food and drinks. Now one of our resident Supply guys, if you need it, he'll get it. Rumor has it, he lost 145 arm wrestling matches to Justin, sorry ahem Chief Brundage, and got choked out in a hotel room. There's a video out there somewhere.

SrA Cameron Carl: We are still trying to beat that Minnesota accent out of Carl (with this last name, people just assume it's your first name as well). As our newest SrA we expect great things from him. He has already completed a stint in Honor Guard, and is looking to come back to supply, only to deploy again. Apparently Carl is married but he's getting married again this spring, Booms are weird...

SrA Richard "Dick" Walker: Dick, what can I say about Dick that hasn't already been said. When not stuck in Readiness, he is flying the line. Another hard worker that is always up for a challenge. He never turns you away, and always puts forth his best effort. Dick claims he's a bodybuilder and always bulking.

SrA Garrett Waltman: Garrett always needs a haircut. He is either flying his butt off in Dhafra, or hiding away in Resources. He is a secretive guy. He showed up to the squadron from a long weekend with a wedding band on his finger and nobody even knew he had a girlfriend. Keep up the great work Garrett!

A1C Cameron Cuff: Cameron is trying to break the record for "Most Training Waivers in a Single Course". He should be restricted from playing any sort of contact sport, because he has yet again injured himself extending his DNIF timeline.

A1C Madison Hughes: Cricket just joined us and is currently going through Initial Qualification. We are happy to have you, and welcome to the Gucci Family.

A1C Christian Otero: Christian just completed MCT finally earning the MB status. Congratulations and welcome to the Gucci Family.

A1C Daniel Proben: Daniel recently completed MCT and has attained his MB status. Great job, and welcome to the Gucci Family.

A1C Christian Wiker: Christian has recently joined us here at Travis AFB. He is awaiting his class date to start Initial Qualification Training. Welcome to the Gucci Family.

Amn William Byrd: William is currently going through Initial Qualification Training and we welcome him to the Gucci Family.

Amn Martin Peralta: Martin just finished Initial Qualification Training earning his FB status. He is about to start MCT. Welcome to the Gucci Family.

Amn Aaron Rassmussen: Aaron has just started Initial Qualification Training and we welcome him to the Gucci Family as well.

Attached/On Loan:

SMSgt Gerald James: G is doing great things over at the OSS. We sure do miss him from when he was a boom. Oh wait a minute, he is still a boom...

MSgt Corvus Lowry: Corvus is still around...somewhere. He spends most of his time hiding at the DET 1, where nobody can bother him. When he is around, everyone watches the board closely to avoid getting a checkride from the "Hammer". Wait...he's still NMR, dammit Corvus!

MSgt Sean Scott: Sean is still up at A3V. If he gets his way he'll never come back. Though we miss him here at Travis, we are glad to have him working hard (hardly working) up at Scott AFB.

TSgt Adam Ingan: Adam thinks he is done deploying. He's only got 15 under his belt, we can squeeze a few more out of him. Although he does a good job of hiding in the Tactics shop these days, we still find ways to get him to fly.

TSgt Derrell Vann: Refer to 60 OSS/FTU

TSgt Justin Newsom: Refer to 60 OSS/FTU

SSgt Zachary Ruff: Refer to 60 OSS/FTU

SSgt Joshua Gamble: Josh is our resident OST. Is he still a Boom? Though he is hard to find, and almost never in his office, Josh runs our Training program. Thank you for fielding all those calls from A3T that we love so much!

PCS'd/PCA'd:

MSgt Matthew Metz: Scott AFB

TSgt Adam Sigman: Randolph AFB

TSgt Ryan Sickle: CRW at Travis AFB

Separated:

A1C Lindsay Collins: Truck driver??

SSgt Nicholas Bertell: Pease ANG KC-46 Boom Operator

Retired:

MSGT Casey Cooper: Northrop Grumman Project Manager

TRAVIS AFB, CA
60 OSS FTU
“Gatekeepers”



Travis AFB 60th Operations Support Squadron “Gatekeepers” – KC-10 Formal Training Unit

(S)MSgt James Cain: The real boss, but everyone listens to Villa. He’s like the dad that comes around when you win something. Left to get milk and never came back. He made Senior this year and everyone really does love him.

MSgt Christopher “Villa” Villanueva: He will call you for 20 minutes just to hear himself talk his way through an EPR bullet. #Fakeboss #NotYourChiefBoom Thinks he’s the real boss, because the real one is deployed.

MSgt Ryan Phillips: The guy who made Steve leave. He always leaves work because he has “TSgt EPRs” to write year a round, even though he does not rate on anyone. Definition of a reservist wants AD pay, but doesn’t want the AD work.

TSgt Jesse Eagles: Says he can fly any day, but he always has something. He’s either beating up kids at karate, drowning them at “swim lessons”, or casting spells on them at Magic the Gathering events. He has also been seen LARPing on the occasional afternoons.

TSgt Justin Newsom: Patient X for the Corona Virus. Flying status.... Once a year to maintain Flight Pay. Always trying to figure out how to get free leave... Everyone who enjoyed their 14 days off from the virus thank him.

TSgt Derrell Vann: ☺ Had the best 2 weeks of work he has ever had due to the quarantine. Still hates people, 3 year grass eater and he’s still not dead.

SSgt Zachary Ruff: Our newest FTU cadre member. His scheduling abilities are as good as his mustache growing abilities.... Nonexistent!!! Always wants you to try his meat and his Hot Sauce! Always cutting weight, but always getting bigger flight suits.

Moved on from FTU

SMSgt Gerald “G” James: Sitting in a made up position doing who knows what. He and his wife had their first child.

2 Lt > MSgt Daniel Flenniken: Was accepted to OTS and is a logistics officer. He can now afford Miller High Life instead of Coors light. He will definitely be missed in the boom community.

MSgt Steve Garbett: Other reservist caught on to his active orders mooching scheme and made him find an even better one. He's currently on AGR orders working at the 349th OSS OST aka working half days on the golf course.

TSgt Adam Ingan: Still part of the OSS, but just chilling in tactics. Adam plays video games that are more tactical than the KC-10.

TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA

601 AOC / 101 AOG

“AMERICA’S AIR OPERATIONS CENTER”



Florida Air National Guard

MSgt Luke Mullins (AGR): *c. 1999*, Luke is a legend! He added 1,800 hours toward his Google surfing time, reaching the 25,000 hour milestone. He has been busy this year restoring his house after Hurricane Michael and is preparing for retirement by stocking up on 800K Amazon Prime points. He should be retiring around mid-May 2020 (we will believe it when we see it). He welcomed sweet Nora to the family, which makes four kiddos...right before retirement...bold move.

MSgt Austin Arnold (AGR): *c. 2005*, Don't be rude! He hit the ground running knocking off the dust and getting back to the AOC mission. He has brought fresh perspective to the team and can be aggressive at times and keeps the officers in line. He overcame an 8 month sentence in Fam Camp due to Hurricane Michael effects on the housing market. Finished off the year as the interim CONR-1 AF/AFNORTH First Sergeant.

MSgt Ryan Seifert (DSG/CTR): *c. 2004*, Is in the 101 ACOMS as a traditional Guardsman. He is a full time contactor as the base PFPS manager.

Colonel John “Boom Boom” Erickson (AGR): *c. 1992*, Joined us in December 2019. He was a KC-135 Boom back in the day. Then he became a KC-135 Navigator, which was arguably a bad career choice. When the Navigators went away Boom Boom transitioned to the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. Now he's our Staff Judge Advocate (SJA)! He celebrated 30 years of service on March 3, 2020.

325th Fighter Wing

Antonio Knowlton (CIV): *c. 1996*; Tony is working in the Airman and Family Readiness Center. He became a Boom in 1996 and later cross trained to a Flight Engineer in the early 2000's. He was last seen in the signal while at Altus as a CCTS line instructor. Luke found him while preparing for his retirement. Always good to find a fellow Boom at Tyndall!



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

2018 -- 349 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

Boom Memorial Names

KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

7-Jul-51 TSGT HENRY H. HILL
7-Jul-51 1LT JACK W. KERN
7-Jul-51 CPL REGINALD F. RUSSELL
7-Jul-51 SSGT SCOTT L. WALLACE
10-Jul-53 SGT WALTER F. OLSEN
26-Dec-56 TSGT THURMAN RANIER
10-Jan-57 TSGT EDWARD C. CLEMONS
10-Jan-57 SSGT MICHAEL B. MCINTOSH
2-Feb-57 MSGT LAWRENCE M. GRIGORY
2-Feb-57 A2C ARTHUR B. KOSIER
2-Feb-57 A3C FRANKLIN D. SCHWEIGERT

KB-50 SUPERFORTRESS

13-Mar-57 A2C ROBERT E. CRAIG
13-Mar-57 A2C BILLY B. ROSE
8-May-57 SSGT THOMAS E. O'CONNOR
8-May-57 A3C DONALD E. COSPER
13-Aug-58 A2C FRANCIS C. HERMANE, JR.
13-Aug-58 SSGT NORBERT T. KNULTY
22-Jan-59 A2C IGNACIO W. SANCHEZ
22-Jan-59 TSGT WAYNE M. SOUDER
4-Aug-59 A2C THOMAS M. PAYTON
18-Oct-60 SSGT HARDIN A. BAILEY
18-Oct-60 A2C THOMAS J. LANE
18-Oct-60 A3C MICHAEL W. MILLER
5-Mar-61 SSGT HAROLD D. MEEUSEN
5-Mar-61 A2C CLIFTON C. TABOR
8-Jan-62 A2C PAUL M. CLAWSON
8-Jan-62 A2C CARLTON A. LINK
8-Jan-62 SSGT BILLIE D. MOORE
9-Feb-62 A1C GUY L. POWELL
9-Feb-62 A2C RALPH E. REUTZEL
20-Dec-62 SSGT ROBERT T. CRAIG
20-Dec-62 SSGT JAMES R. HAYES
13-Aug-64 SSGT WALTER B. HICKMAN, JR.
13-Aug-64 SSGT CAREY A. LIVINGSTON

KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

9-Nov-51 SGT JAMES A. MAINS
27-Jun-54 A1C DAVID ARAMBULA
27-Jun-54 SSGT ROBERT O. GONZALES
27-Jun-54 SSGT VINCENT PROVENZANO
23-Feb-55 SSGT ROBERT E. ROSENCRANCE
23-Feb-55 A2C CHARLES J. SITFA
4-May-55 A1C MARVIN R. DEVRIES
4-May-55 A1C JOSEPH L. PRIDGEN
13-Jul-55 SSGT GEORGE R. MIGNOSA
13-Jul-55 SSGT MARVIN F. RUSK

25-Apr-56 SSGT DONALD S. DELPRIORE
 25-Apr-56 A2C JURI E. JOONAS
 25-Apr-56 SSGT KENNETH E. VANPATTON
 26-Jun-56 TSGT BARDEL A. CRUM
 26-Jun-56 SSGT ROBERT L. WALLACE
 6-Jul-56 A2C WILLIAM L. FALCONER
 22-Jan-57 SSGT JOEL V. BLACKWELL
 22-Jan-57 SSGT RAYMOND E. NOAH
 18-Jul-57 SSGT JACKIE J. JAMERSON
 29-Oct-57 TSGT RONALD E. RUBLE
 12-Nov-58 MSGT CURTIS W. KING
 12-Nov-58 A2C JOHN M. SCSEBBAK
 22-Jul-59 TSGT JAKE SCHMIDT
 30-Mar-60 SSGT SHIRLEY D. RENNER
 27-Jun-60 TSGT ROBERT P. COSTELLO
 28-Feb-61 SSGT ERNEST J. LEMOINE
 5-Nov-64 SSGT GERALD W. SHULTZ
 19-Dec-64 TSGT JAMES R. BILL

KC-135 SRATOTANKER

27-Jun-58 MSGT DONALD H. GABBARD
 25-Nov-58 TSGT RONALD L. CHAMPION
 31-Mar-59 TSGT HERMAN A. CLARK
 15-Oct-59 SSGT PAUL R. THOMASSON
 3-Feb-60 SSGT GEORGE W. SHORT
 9-May-62 SSGT WALLACE R. ADAMS
 10-Sep-62 TSGT JOHN L. DUNCAN
 10-Sep-62 TSGT KENNETH A. QUINN
 27-Feb-63 TSGT DANIEL C. CAMERON
 21-Jun-63 MSGT DANIEL F. DONAHUE
 28-Aug-63 MSGT CARL H. BURRIS
 28-Aug-63 TSGT RAY L. FISH
 8-Jul-64 SSGT ROBERT L. GRAVES
 4-Jan-65 SSGT JIMMY TARDIE
 16-Jan-65 SSGT REGINALD R. WENT
 26-Feb-65 MSGT CAREY W. ADDISON JR.
 3-Jun-65 TSGT LESTER M. ALLSOP
 17-Jan-66 MSGT LLOYD POTOLICCHIO
 17-May-66 TSGT HARRY L. ALEXANDER
 19-May-66 SSGT CHARLES E. STUART
 19-Jan-67 MSGT ORVILLE MONTGOMERY
 17-Jan-68 TSGT CHARLES C. CHAPLIN
 30-Jul-68 SGT CHARLES A. OLVIS JR.
 30-Jul-68 SSGT HURSCHEL D. PRIDDY
 2-Oct-68 TSGT EARL B. ESTEP JR.
 22-Oct-68 SMSGT HOWARD B. BENGE
 19-Dec-69 SMSGT HOWARD G. BENFORD
 3-Jun-71 SSGT RICHARD D. ROUSHER
 13-Jun-71 TSGT HUBERT MILES JR.
 13-Mar-72 SGT BRUCE J. KLAVERKAMP
 25-Mar-75 SMSGT JACKIE V. EGBERT
 7-Dec-75 SGT DAVID M. WANDEL
 6-Feb-76 SSGT LLOYD D. BAKER
 26-Sep-76 TSGT GARY L. CARLSON
 19-Sep-79 SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS

13-Mar-82	TSGT DONALD J. PLOUGH
19-Mar-82	MSGT RICHARD A. CROME
27-Aug-85	TSGT CLAUDE F. ARDEN
27-Aug-85	SSGT DESIREE LOY
17-Jun-86	SSGT QUINN L. DEWITT
13-Mar-87	SSGT RODNEY S. ERKS
13-Mar-87	SMSGT PAUL W. HAMILTON
11-Oct-88	A1C ROBERT L. PARHAM
20-Nov-88	MSGT JAMES L. BORLAND
31-Jan-89	CAPT ROBERT LEWELLYN
31-Jan-89	SSGT DAVID VICKERS
20-Sep-89	MSGT CHERYL HELGERMAN
20-Sep-89	MSGT WILLIAM J. MALICO
4-Oct-89	A1C JACK D. CUPP
19-Nov-97	MSGT ROBERT "TUG" MCGRAW
13-Jan-99	TSGT RICHARD D. VISINTAINER
3-May-13	TSGT HERMAN "TRE" MACKEY

ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
KC-97 STRATOFREIGHTER

27-Aug-56	A1C WILLIAM R. DENNIE Jr.
27-Aug-56	A3C RICHARD A. RIDLON

ADDED SINCE BOOM MEMORIAL DEDICATION
KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

8-Apr-54	A2C FREDERICK L. MARSHALL
8-Apr-54	A2C WAYNE D. WHITSELL

THE BOOMER'S PRAYER

MAY THE WEATHER BE SMOOTH AND THE BOW WAVE SLIGHT,
MAY THE RECEPTACLE BE LARGE AND HAVE A PLETHORA OF LIGHTS.

MAY CARGO AND PAX BE NOT ABOARD,
MAY WE NEVER HAVE TO USE THE PARACHUTE RIPCORDER.

THIS WE ASK FROM THE POWER ABOVE,
JUST LET US DO WHAT ALL BOOMER'S LOVE.
TO DIRECT THE BOOM WITH PRECISION, AND A TOUCH THAT IS SLIGHT,
TO GET THE CUSTOMER ENOUGH GAS TO FINISH THEIR FLIGHT.

OR TO SIMPLY PUT IT,
SO WE CAN JUST ILLUMINATE THE "BOOM ENGAGED LIGHT".

PATRICK QUAID, MSGT, 1997, ILANG RETIRED