

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 2020, Boom Operators and the Tanker community were critical to sustaining MAF ops. Although COVID obstacles were encountered throughout, Boom Operators everywhere continued to execute the mission despite setbacks. This is truly a testament of our legacy and valor as a community. Our force can't thank you enough.

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!

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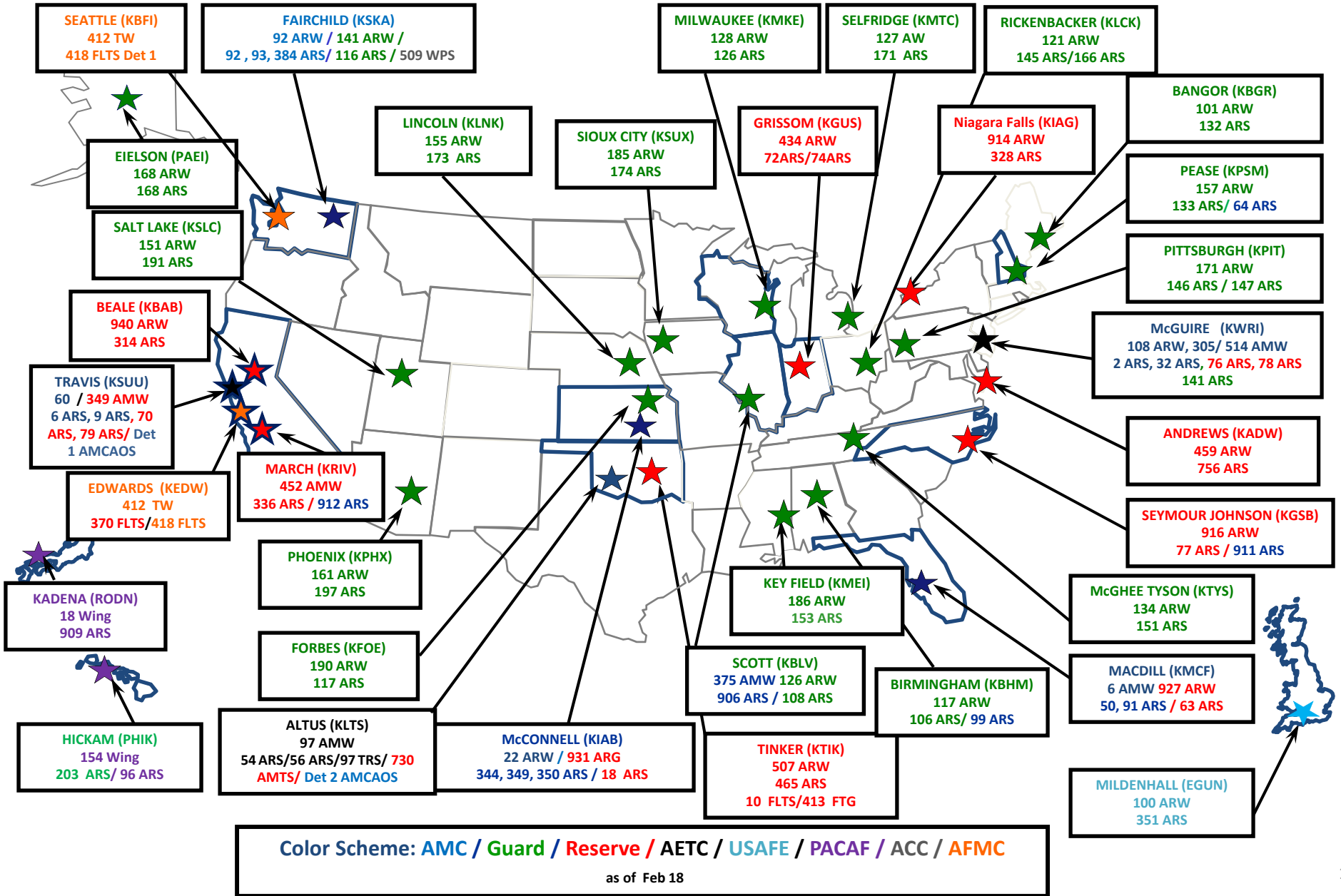
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The Boom Signal Editor

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

54th ARS

“Jesters”



Greetings from Air Mobility's Hometown! While 2020 was a challenging year for us all, the mighty men and women of Altus continue to prove their resiliency. As one of the few squadrons to operate fulltime during the pandemic, we were able to graduate 256 Boom Operators. Furthermore, we were tasked to perform small group tryouts having a couple initial qualification graduates conduct fighter aircraft training upon completion of their checkride...who doesn't like an extended stay in Altus? Moreover, we participated in Operation Blue Hero picking up trainees from other AETC sites and delivering them to follow-on locations thus reducing their exposure of COVID while traveling. Lastly, the unit participated in multiple wing events such as mass fly-offs, Salute to Frontline Workers flyovers, training with fighter units, and putting together Altus' very own Rodeo challenge. I cannot express how proud and honored I am to be working with such driven men and women!

Rest assured, you can remain confident in knowing that your premier KC-135 Formal Training Unit is answering the call of developing the next generation of Boom Operators with Excellence.

54 ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Andrea “Ottomatic” Inmon: Came back to Altus, only to find out “Real” instructors don't use notetakers. Welcome back to the jungle Chief!

SMSgt Jamie “Gran Papi” Almquist: Our Operations Superintendent, Hey LL Cool J, the 90s called, and they want their velvet tracksuit back. Overall, a great superintendent; he always has a smile and down for any fitness challenge...still waiting on that Evan Flow rap album to release!

(S)MSgt Orlando “Lando” Infante: The Additional Duty First Sergeant hailing from Fairchild. You can find him hustling tickets for First Sergeant events; when he's not incorrectly praising Tom Brady as the G.O.A.T!

TSgt Anthonie “Prime Minister” Owens: The enlisted executive and one half of the dynamic Owen's Clan. He continues to shine, hoping to one day catch up to his better half. Kadena is getting an incredible Boom!

Operations Flight:

MSgt Jason “Waldo” Duckett: You'll most likely find MSgt Duckett on the Ping Pong table serving up L's to anyone, before being on the flt schedule. Probably the first time he's been ranked #1 in the Sq in a while.

TSgt Jonathan “Shoulders” Rogers: Looks up to MSgt Infante so much that he decided to follow him from Fairchild to Altus. Can be heard arguing back and forth with Brome about the greatness of the Packers and Aaron Rodgers; when it’s not his Tickle-Me-Elmo laugh, you hear.

SSgt Carter “Overkill” Russell: “Go, Home Russell!” Great instructor and worker that tends to over teach and stay late to complete a task. “Hey, guy, It’s Altus! Get back some time with the family.”

SSgt Scotti “Oblivion” Smith: “Scotti doesn’t know, Scotti doesn’t know; So, Come Help Scotti!” Poor Scotti always seems to get the wrath of Brome and team Owen’s, but keep your head up, Scotti, you’ll get it one day...oh btw, Rogers isn’t playing.

Standardization and Evaluations:

TSgt Kat “Tyson” Owens: The other half of the Owen’s Clan continues to earn her marks along with the elite. Another excellent pick-up for team Kadena!

TSgt Stephen “Outflow” Doswell: After 3-years, we were finally able to see a smile from Stephen when he got promoted out of FTM and cleared to fly; now we can seem to keep him off the schedule. Fairchild Next!

TSgt Travis “Aboards” Burnett: It only took Travis two attempts to complete NCOA Distance Learning, but after a steady 5-year tour at Altus, the glorious comb-over will be making its talents to the sweet California shores of March ARB!

SSgt Dalton “Jugg” Bray: Quiet guy; that is a hell of an instructor, but once the bottle pops off, he is quick to offer bitch sticker to his victims on the cornhole grounds.

Faculty Training Flight (DOF):

TSgt Spencer “Balko” Balcom: George Banks in the flesh; got a corvette for his mid-life crisis. Still, a great guy always has a smile on his face and willing to fly as necessary.

TSgt Fernando “Nozzle” Brome: With Perez and Lord now gone, rest assured Brome is by default the loud voice in the Sq. Swore off S1’s (hence the callsign) and Friday nights; found out the hard way to stop messing with scheduling flight. Get this guy to Mildenhall Already!

TSgt Antoine “Lose” Nguyen: Finally got released from STM; filled in as the additional First Sergeant where he was caught hitting SMSgt Almquist’s mother...Is that showing how it’s done “DADI”?

TSgt Jake “Nitro” Sarno: If you are ever looking for Jake, don’t bother checking the flight schedule; just check out the smoke pit. Been here for 2-years, and we’re still waiting for him to finish FTC.

TSgt Andrew “Lex Luthor” Valence: Always quick to answer the call when the squadron has a task that needs to be handled. Has dreams of one day finally achieving the elusive Evaluator status.

SSgt Nick “Simple Jack” Brod: Came to Altus to better himself as an instructor and NCO. Well, luckily for him, he has “Big Brotha” Jaskela to look up to in CFIC and recently got hired as the enlisted exec. The future is strong with this one!

Safety:

TSgt Ryan “DillyDilly” Dillingham: Living proof that good things can come from accepting those Altus orders. Ole Babyface DillyDilly made TSgt on his first attempt; we’re so proud that we lower the TOS to a 3-year assignment. However, whatever will he do now that Scooters is no more to entertain himself...TikTok, anyone????

Support and Readiness Flight:

TSgt Matthew “Boomhauer” Scott: Took over Donnie Dedon’s spot as the squadron’s backwoods country bumpkin. Somehow, is smart enough to avoid Friday night flights by hosting the boom hangout spot. What A Guy!!!

SSgt Owen “Wingbat” Derksen: If you ever want to hear a far-fetched plan, Owen is your man. However, you probably WON’T find him anywhere! Especially not in the squadron. But don’t worry, he will have an excuse the next day.

SSgt Jacob “Thumbs” Magda: Our local car hero that can assist you with any issue when he’s not out with Sarno smoking. For any future IBs, if you can understand cars, Magda might be the guy for your success.

Tactics :

TSgt Darrin “OddJob” LaFever: Maybe LaFever and Magda should join forces; once Magda fixes your vehicle, bring it right on over to LaFever’s for a nice ceramic coating shine. Recently promoted to Evaluator, will be heading off to Scott AFB to plan your tasking in the TACC cell.

Student Training Management (STM):

MSgt Brendan “Flashback” Balko: Missed Altus's simple life so much that he came back for a second helping. Currently can be found mentoring/grooming the newbie FTU instructors.

TSgt Michael “ComRad” Dmytriw: Head of CFIC flt. Decided the flight needed a little more appeal; you must be a smoker to be a part of the flt. Decided Fairchild needed his skills again, hope they have plenty of Vodka ready for him.

TSgt Neil “Sigh” Patras: Be prepared for the first thing to hear is that *Big Sigh* when talking to Patras. Still holding it down in STM and mostly keeps a low profile.

TSgt Jeff “Sharif” Jaskela: Another one making us proud by making TSgt on his first time. Moved to CFIC with Dmytriw and decided to pick up smoking; way to be that big brother for Brod, Cad, and Derkson.

TSgt Michael “23” Jordan: Another quiet guy looking to buy his time, but swears he’s the real G.O.A.T. around here. Welcome to Altus, Guy!

SSgt Jeffrey “Winnebago” Michal: Already adopting to the Altus life, after a few months in the area, he decided to pull off the Walter White act and brought a Winnebago; I guess time will tell; if he “Breaks Bad.”

SSgt Craig “TOTS” Vandenburg: Proof that you can fail your BIQ open book, and Altus will still find you if you’re an Instructor. Still adjusting to the Altus life, but already a hell of a poker player. Happy to have him on the team

SSgt Collin “EG12” Green: If there was ever a Derek Lyles doppelganger, it’s Green. Already doing big things in the squadron, he was one of the lead test IBs for the BIQ fighter test trials.

Attached/On-Loan :

SMSgt Jonathan “Mighty Mouse” Haas (IG): Moved over to Wing IG, but when he’s not in the office, you can catch him gangster leaning in his new Hellcat. Did a booster seat come with that???

(S)MSgt Matthew Hunsinger (OGV): Missed the old watering hole of club Applebee’s Altus; that he punched ticket back. Already paying dividends as he was recently selected for Senior. Way to go; we’re excited to have you back.

MSgt Shonna Calisi (AMC Det 2): Just when we thought there were no possible jobs left here for Shonna, she now has the privilege of ensuring the upkeep of all BOWSTs. She still enjoys going out for runs and camping trips with the family.

MSgt Serjev Ficeli (AMC Det 2): Though he may have left us, Serg stills comes to visits us quite regularly when he's not traveling to inspect a BOWST! Check your local Facebook to see when he'll be in an area near you.

MSgt Terrell "Excavator" Frideger (IG): The old man is still alive and kicking, can be found in the IG office with, working on their MIMI game.

MSgt Brian "B.O.A.T.S" Huls (Tactics): Brain out by twelve, no wonder he doesn't want to return to the Sq. As the Wing's tanker tactician, Huls was instrumental in creating the Wg's 1st ever Rodeo event.

MSgt Joesph "Sparky" Royer (Wg Innovation Advancement Center): Took his talents and moved over to the Wing's innovation shop, where he is allowed to use his talents to test and develop concepts that could revolutionize the career field.

SSgt Joe "Snail" Cadwallader (OG Vertigo Shop): Figured the Air Force wasn't paying him enough, so he tried TikTok for a side hustle, but found out he didn't have enough of a butt or rhythm. So now you can follow him on Ring @the doorbellcamera. Is currently using those skills to develop virtual training videos for our future force.

TSgt Lihana "Child Please" Childs (Wg Scheduling): You would think as a Wg Scheduler, she'll know the importance of timing; however, don't ever plan for Childs to be on-time for something unless you specifically give her an earlier time. She will be missed, heading off to teach at the CoE at Lackland.

Honorable Mention/Recent PCS :

MSgt Samantha Converse: Got held up a little longer than anticipated due to COVID, but can now be found making great IB candidates and mentoring the young booms at **Scott AFB**.

MSgt Lauren "Pow Pow" Powell: Another great mentor for IBs at Altus, can now be seen taking talents up to **Fairchild** to groom the next generation of booms!

(M)Sgt Paul "P-Mac" McIntyre: Ole Pauly Boy has taken his gracious smile and decided to join up with Orr down in Tampa. MacDill is getting a hell of a pick-up.

TSgt Greg Albers: Once see flying high in the skies over Altus, now can be found at **Scott** teaming up with Sam.

TSgt Alexander Orr: Mr. Don't Say No; finally got liberated from Altus, can now be seen kicking it on the beaches in **Tampa, FL**. Hey Alex, how does it feel to be living in the city whose team won the Superbowl, lol!!!

(T)Sgt Jan Perez-Fontanez: Was able to escape out of his code 50 early; I hope they have enough crown and coke to understand Perez down there in **Birmingham, Al**. Miss you buddy squadron is too quiet without you.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

56th ARS

“Mad Hatters”



56th ARS Boom Leadership:

CMSgt Carl Wise: Chief Wise is our most recent Hatter and will be a great addition to the family. He PCS'd in early this year and is currently enjoying all that BTX has to offer. Only a few more weeks until he can once again remind us of the importance of “Hybrid Airmen”.

SMSgt Kurt “POKER FACE” Hinson: Kurt is the squadron superintendent and ensures we all know what time beer-thirty starts. We anticipate he'll get healthy soon and come join us in the friendly skies around Altus.

MSgt Joshua “GOAT” Mullen: Josh graduated up to Chief Boom after SMSgt Gavin PCS'd to Seattle. He's definitely a good fit for the position and attempts to keep us all in sync. Now he truly gets to be a “G.uru O.f A.ll T.hings”.

MSgt Joseph “VD” VonDohlen: After crossflowing once again, VD got qualified is serving as the interim First Sergeant. The 17's, 130's, and 135's couldn't keep him entertained, but hopefully a job with the 46 will be his first repeat assignment.

Training Flight:

TSgt Ian “NAPS” Sweaney: Ian worked very hard and his efforts won him the Wg's Instructor of the Year honors. But being so freakin' awesome has its rewards. He's now the Flight Chief of FTM. Ian is a work horse when it comes to these things, all the while planning wonderful morale events for all of us.

TSgt Amy James: Amy is a full-up IB now and does more than her fair share to ensure all students leave here as the best possible Boom Operator. Now a TSgt, she teams with Sweaney to ensure the morale of all Hatters remains high. We thank her and the team for all they do to make sure Altus is a little easier for the rest of us.

TSgt Donnie “DOUBLE D” Dedon: Donnie found a way to extend his time at Altus by crossflowing over to the darkside. All jokes aside, Donnie is killing it in the training shop. As a long time FTU instructor, his experience is invaluable at getting all of our instructor candidates up and running as quickly as possible.

Tactics:

TSgt Brian “MATER” Mould: After transferring the additional duty Shirt gig to MSgt VonDohlen, Brian moved over to be the Tactics NCOIC. Now that he’s back to flying, Mater is taking advantage of the newly found freedom to fly as much as possible. You deserve it sir, you deserve it.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Jacob “NEMO” Nenneman: Nemo moved into Stan/Eval where he tries to make Boeing weep and not to make students cry. It’s a tough combination of duties for the young man, but he just does it so well. Nemo is another one of our up and coming NCOs and we see great things in his future.

SSgt Richard “JIMBO” Jimenez: Jimmy is still busy. When he isn’t killing the competition in PME, he’s working hard to fix a few issues for the KC-46 community. We appreciate his hard work and hope to see him promoted very soon.

Support Flight:

SSgt Grant “SHATTER” Villwock: Grant is doing so great these days he’s been promoted as the NCOIC of his own one-man shop. But realistically, Grant ensures our building, computers, and vehicles continue to serve us well.

97th OG:

MSgt Nate “CASPER” Gibbs: Nate is another one of our ever important OGV EB’s. Now that he’s back to work (almost) full time, he’s been putting in the hours pushing students through training and checkrides.

97th TRS:

SMSgt Chris “BAM BAM” Joyce: Chris is still living the life over in the TRS as the Superintendent. When he isn’t schmoozing with the HAF elite, he tries to come fly with us from time to time.

MSgt Jonathan “ALEXA” Lauterbach: Jon has been doing good things over in QA. He spends most of his time finding mistakes in courseware. When he’s not work, he spends his time wiring his house to control the internet, or something like that. He lost me at smart house.

MSgt Keith “GOOSE” McLaughlin: Keith is a real boom operator again. While we don’t see him as often as we’d like, Keith is doing great things as the Superintendent of student training at the TRS. To be fair, we do see him on Fridays. I wonder if it’s the free beer.

TSgt Cody “ATIS” Naylor: Just after leaving the unit, Cody and his wife welcomed another one to the family. As his tribe grows so does his professional skills. Cody is now one of our evaluators too! We wish him well on all the good things his work ethic has bestowed.

97th OSS:

SSgt Carrie “STARBUCK” Williams: After working so well with others, Carrie moved over to the OSS where she basically does all things planning. Whether its ice storms or Valhalla drops feet of snow upon Altus, Carrie sifts through the mess to make sure we get training back on schedule. Continue to fight the good fight Carrie – even if means we don’t see you as often as we’d like.

AMC Det 2:

MSgt Tom January: Tom must be important, he belongs to 2 squadrons and has 2 offices. That, or he tells us he’s at the other when he’s not here. Nonetheless, Tom is a great asset and adds continuity to our IB/EB corps as one of the “old” KC-46 guys if such a thing exists.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

97th TRS

“EAGLES...ALWAYS OUT FRONT”



SMSgt Christopher "BAM BAM" Joyce: That's right ladies and gentlemen, he's still here...somehow. When he's not flying once a quarter, he can be found practicing his skills as an event coordinator for any DV coming to Altus or out on the golf course trying to avoid the office like the plague. But, after what seems like 15 years at Altus, Chris is finally leaving us and headed out east to the great and wonderful state of New Jersey to help them get their lives together with the -46.

MSgt Jon "ALEXA" Lauterbach: Jon is still taking care of the dumpster fire that is the KC-46 ATS program. Starting to think he's not right in the head after he willingly volunteered to stay in that position another year. Not much else to be said on that. We feel for you, man, but we're glad it's not us. Jon also managed some time in there to welcome twins into the family, he's had a busy year.

MSgt Keith "GOOSE" McLaughlin: Keith arrived to the TRS in June and has been occasionally showing up to work in Student Admin since then. Karma got him for skipping out on work to go hunt one morning though. His crossbow allegedly "Malfunctioned" and dry fired with his finger in the way, breaking it in the process. This isn't the first "incident" with a weapon so we're starting to see a pattern here.

(M)Sgt Paul McIntyre: "Handsome" Paul held it down for a few months in Student Admin after his time in the 54th. He hit the ground running from day one, he built the TRS and wing an elaborate COVID infection tracker which saved about a Bazillion man hours. Paul T. is more than a Boom Operator, he's a real "Jack of all Trades." Sadly, he recently departed Altus and is headed to the sunny shores of MacDill, he will be missed. Totally not his callsign by the way, he's just a good lookin' guy.

TSgt Ezekiel "SPIRIT" Brito: Brito is killing it here in TRT, at least we think he is because we aren't exactly sure what they do in there. We're also starting to think that "Spirit" got that name because that's the only way he flies, in spirit. In all fairness he continues to mold the next generation of Boom Operators, while also ensuring the entire Boom Operator FTU cadre maintain CCAF accreditation. Anyway, he finally made the big leap and is ending his stint with the -135 and crossing over to the -46.

TSgt Dan Childress: Dan is finally coming to the end of his tour here in the pubs shop and has earned a reprieve back to the 54th this summer. When he's not totally swamped resetting EFBs or answering the same question for the 1,500th time, just ask him about his plans for the Thunderbird or his new Jeep. This is hands down the easiest way to kill an 8 or 9 hrs a day and he will gladly repeat himself over and over and over again with excitement.

TSgt Andrew "BANDIT" Lavender: Lav is the newest addition to the TRS and has big shoes to fill taking McIntyre's spot in Student Admin. He seems to be fitting in pretty well aside from the constant David Goggins quotes he spits out. We can't tell if he's just joking or if he's just that enamored with the guy. We'll have more on him next year after Animals.

TSgt Christian "T.I.G.E.R." McPeak: Christian is another one of the TRT bubbas handing out ITMS degrees and Master Instructor badges like they're candy. This guy also went on to catch something that has been eradicated since the 1920's, I think it was the Bubonic Plague or something outlandish like that. Next time you want some time off, just ask man...

TSgt Cody "OTIS" Naylor: "OTIS" either has some pretty deep pockets or tricked enough people in the 56th to keep his old "not self-given" callsign and has recently moved over to the TRS. He's the newest addition to the KC-46 ATS QA team upstairs, Jon is going to keep doing everything, but Cody is there for moral support or something. Cody is our bright and shiny so there's not much to say about him.

TSgt Corey Targos: Calls the KC-135 Quality Assurance Flight home still, but for not much longer, Corey is on his way out and is headed to McConnell to do great things. He is our resident safety rep guru, booster club rep and in his free time won "DG" at the second virtual NCOA class. Corey has a bright future ahead.

TSgt Michael Vorhees: Another great addition to the Eagle Family. This hard charger is leading the way up in the Quality Assurance Flight and is shaping future Aircrew Training Systems for the KC-135. Mike is the right guy to get things done when you need it done right the first time.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

730th AMTS

“Rebels”



Ya'll! Altus isn't so bad! I promise! Our booms are doing an amazing job continuing to teach the KC-135 and KC-46 FTU while being fully integrated with the AD squadrons. Best TFI in the Air Force! The unit is made up of some of the most capable and proficient instructors in the KC-135, KC-46, and C-17. Our mission is to supplement the respective formal training units providing continuity and expertise for pilots, boom operators, and load masters. We added KC-46 AGR positions last year and will continue to add in the years to come. The 730th is a great way to get your foot in door as an AGR and we are always hiring TR's as well. If you ever find yourself in Altus stop by the 730th and say hi! We'll have a cold Shiner waiting for you!

SMSgt Michael Russell: Boom Superintendent. He already has his disappointing dad face down pat. Needed a bigger house after the baby pact he had with the Toothless Texan, so he moved a mile down the street. Mike broke the record for becoming the quickest to POC of 100 different events because he just can't drop the can-do attitude. Quick off the Command Chief visit and already has line in water for the CSAF office. "They need to know what we do" can be heard echoing from his office. That being said, Mike has already done an excellent job of recognizing his folks at every turn. During his short tenure, half the enlisted have already received high level awards and being picked up for KPL and CEASLC courses due to his leadership.

KC-135 Booms:

MSgt Mark Waski: Our resident creature of the night, Mark has been busy keeping the storage room free and clear of reservists trying to break every computer in sight. He is well suited for this task because of all the lovely plastics and styrofoam produced from all the equipment he has been purchasing which allows for frequent trips to the place he likes to spend the majority of his time. Mark is also known for his deep appreciation of his office. LOCATION! LOCATION! LOCATION! He understands the importance of real estate. If you were to ask most people of the 730th on how to describe to Mark, many would say he is one of the hardest workers we got. He is always quick to help anyone in need and he has been a great addition to the 730th.

MSgt David "Jordan" Askins: AKA The Toothless Texan. He finally has his gout under control, you can find him working half the day in Stan/Eval and CFIC and the other half in the gym in his mankini. Due to his copious trips to the gym, you might think he is suited for sports. You would be wrong. At the sheer sight of physical activity outside of the world of picking things up and setting them down, Dave's bones will literally wilt to dust. He is currently nursing four injuries from his last nine holes of golf two years ago. Dave is the pinnacle of family man. After speaking with him for a short while, he will probably mention his love for children and large families. Dave puts in a lot of hours into work to ensure he provides a great living for his family, all while balancing the dad things like sports and outside activities. He currently has 4 kids, 4 dogs, 12 chickens, 4 ducks, and 1 pig.

MSgt Gene Ernst: Is he retired, or not retired? Still making the commute in from Nebraska. You're not going to get through two sentences without Gene mentioning what the Air Force was like in 1987. The only thing that will keep him reminiscing about the old days is calculating how much retirement he will net if he can just work 14 more minutes. Gene is perhaps the smartest TR one will meet and he spends much of his time at Altus educating young and old reservists on how to maximize their benefits. He is true value to have in the unit and we hope to keep him around for a couple more years before he retires after many years of dedicated service.

MSgt Mark Fioritto: Our squadron's Elf on The Shelf around the holidays. Currently working in TRS/TRA parenting students and is holding strong as our last ART remaining. Up to fly as long as the flight takes off between 0943 and 0952 without going over two hours of duration, with no students, or training requirements. Mark is a life saver for unit for maintaining our time cards and managing the reservist lifestyle. He is an excellent sport for dealing with the literal thousands of child jokes and generally not being too upset at us.

MSgt Leslie Davis: There is an annual spaghetti dinner fundraiser to help cover her vehicle expenses. NCOIC of STM, headed to Ramstein Germany to work at the 603 AOC for a year. To the untrained eye, Leslie looks as if she couldn't harm a fly. That is unless you don't know the fourth word on page 62 of section 3 step 7. KC-135 boom students know her far and wide. If you plan on flying with her, you better start studying now. Leslie is known for being a truly proficient boom operator who has attained the utmost respect of her peers. Just now hitting her stride in her Air Force career, she is going to go far.

SSgt Robert Prince: Hired to do a job, we are still waiting for him to start...2 years later. Meanwhile he holds down the 54th ARS scheduling office working for Sonoran.

KC-46 Booms:

MSgt Thomas January: When his wife isn't scheduling him to fly 3 times a week he can be found on his pontoon on Lake Altus. Thinks he is the superintendent of everything! Slowly moving his entire family to Altus. Currently the 730th KC-46 Operations Superintendent and SME. Tom was the first AFRC FTU IB and hasn't looked backed since except to inform people he is still an expert on the KC-135. He is an amazing asset to the 730th and the KC-46 FTU. #teamtoomuch

TSgt Michael Fagan: Leaving us to go work at the COE. If you need advice on moisturizing cream, he is your go-to man! If you were to ask him what he is doing this weekend his response would most likely be to slap his hands together and say, "anything to take care of my daughter". Mike is one of the first AFRC KC-46 formal training unit instructors with many years of FTU experience. He is one of the most approachable, loveable guys you will ever meet. He will be missed here at the 730th.

Drove East on Highway 62:

SMSgt Kelly Witt: Rode her Harley off into the sunset and retired. Promptly known to push her way to the front of the "volunteer for work" line to ensure they know she is not doing that. Kelly above all else, cared for her boom operators and is known to help keep unnecessary tasks falling to her crew. Currently working as a service contract manager up at Tinker AFB. She is enjoying the job and has become the mold guru up there.

ALTUS AFB, OKLAHOMA

KC-135 ATS FLIGHT SIMULATOR INSTRUCTORS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

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KC-46 ATS FLIGHT SIMULATOR INSTRUCTORS



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ANDREWS AFB, MARYLAND

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“Liberators”



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ANDERSEN AFB, GUAM

36th CRS

“WE BRING THE AIRBASE”



MSgt Mathew Ohle – The unit’s favorite ginger! To fill the void in his heart caused when he left the flying world, Mat has decided to take lead on ACE so that he can refuel fighters at ground speed zero.

TSgt Kyler “KP” Pierce – Are you really an enlisted boom? You talk all intelligent like one of those educated officers. Not sure we can trust you in these here enlisted ranks. Not a recommended dive partner due to unusually high oxygen consumption.

BANGOR ANGB, MAINE

101 ARW/132 ARS

“THE MAINEiacs”



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BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN

217th AIR MOBILITY OPERATIONS SQUADRON

AIR REFUELING CONTROL TEAM

“FIRST IN THE FIGHT”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

BEALE AFB, CALIFORNIA

314th ARS

“ Giddy-Up “



Greetings from hot, rarely rainy NorCal. Still waiting on our new building, have to tread lightly around those Fairy Shrimp though. If there's a fire in our current building, this will be our last Boom Signal. Our Active Duty base has forgotten about us, don't you forget about us too. We'll always be hiring, and always be training for the end of the world; up to six exercises a year. Don't worry though, you'll lose a lot of weight being on the plane for hours upon hours in July and August

CMSgt Jim “Slim” Martin – The new chief boom of the 314th, also part time as the OG superintendent. Can never tell if this man is joking or not, unless it has to do with that bottle of tequila and a certain individual leaving the organization.

SMSgt Larry Naso – When he's not flying about in a helicopter hunting terrorists and chowing down on donuts, this 4000 hour MB is ranting and raving about something.

SMSgt Lindy Campbell – IS LOUD! So loud that she is constantly questioning what you say. “Huh” and “what” and her favorite words. She left us for a short time to go fly the global hawk. She had enough of the “flying” and Double clicking her mouse in her box. Now she's back bitches!

MSgt Joshua “Eeyore” Kruenegel – He's trying to stay in, but his body is saying no. He's our body scheduler makes sure we are all on the flights.

MSgt Kevin “No Spice” Matthews – Nothing is getting in his flight suit, wrist and ankle velcro are tightly secured. It's amazing any work gets done when there are wildfires in California, got to use that work rest cycle to the max from your computer desk. He has taken on OGV and is getting us all in line.

TSgt Ryan “K-9” Korhuniak – It only took him 13 years to get his NCOA finished, but hey who's counting. Expecting a new boom in the family any day. Likes to keep the squadron on their toes with threats of putting in his retirement paperwork, some will say these are idle threats. Only time will tell...

TSgt Shawn “Puddles” McConaghy – Somehow after his BIQ escapades we went and made him an IB! And he's actually doing a good job running the training shop. This claw connoisseur is the coordinator of squadron sleep overs. He is also adding onto his family this year.

TSgt Jake McCollum – Our squadron's bee keeper. Need honey, chapstick, or any other bees wax stuff? He will sell it to you at a reasonable price. He keeps all the hunters in the squadron up to date on seasons and when we can get our licenses. We might send him to become an IB one of these days.

TSgt Kix Payne – When he’s not making sure that everyone’s air conditioning ready for the upcoming summer, you can usually find him working in the vault on some hush-hush stuff. It’s a good job for a guy that says about 5 words every time he is here.

TSgt Ryan Malicki – One of our newest booms came to us from SecFo (oops, can we still use this term?!) This guy has about 7 jobs but we don’t know what they are. He keeps his camper van out in the parking lot to avoid the angry HOA and sometimes you can catch him there after a late flight.

SrA Cameron “Shreck” Buell – This giant of a man emerges from a camping tent in green tights and sweatshirt just to break you ax over the campfire!

A1C Brendan “Dirty” Ortega – “grows” a mustache for March, bless his little heart. Our newest boom has the cancel pants of an old crusty boom.

Losses:

CMSgt Sean Cain - left us to build a civilian job at TACC then retired.

MSgt Aaron Armstrong – no more age waivers, he retired and is enjoying life and panning for gold

SSgt Amy Zemaitis – has departed us and joined the dark side, Lt Zemaitis “Super Co Pilot”

Sra Chris Depalma – Delivering “desserts” for grub hub and getting “swole” on the juice. Chris didn’t leave us on his terms.

Gains:

Aaron Kempster – off the street

Andrew Goettle – jet troop cross train from Travis

Carrie Martinez – off the street

Alex Rice – off the street

BIRMINGHAM ANGB, AL

117 ARW / 99 ARS

“DIXIE REFUELERS”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

BIRMINGHAM IAP, AL

117 ARW/106 ARS

“Home of the ‘Bama Booms!”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

BOEING FIELD SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

FLIGHT TEST BOOM OPERATORS

“FLY BOEING TANKERS”



Greetings from the Boeing Boom Operators!

We are back!! Somehow we were left out of the Boom Signal the last few years so we were very happy to submit again. We are all current and qualified in AR and routinely fly with DCMA Boom Operators, it's great to be a civilian boom! We have been very busy continuing to support the KC-135, KC-10, and the KC-767 fleet while still pumping out new KC-46's from the factory. In between that, we have been working hard on changes to the KC-46 to include Enhanced RVS and RVS 2.0, which is a complete redesign of the RVS for the KC-46. Lots of great upgrades coming soon, looking forward to more flight test this summer. If you are ever in the Seattle area feel free to reach out, we are happy to sit down and chat.

Ernest “Burnsie” Burns: Our fearless Chief Boom and resident media superstar. Seriously, this guy gets more airtime than the company's CEO. He owes so many doughnuts for his many appearances that we've suggested he just purchase a Crispy Crème to make it easy. When he's not in front of a camera he has done a great job leading our team through the evaluation of the many improvements coming to the KC-46. If only we could keep his adoring fans out of the office we could get some work done. Try flying once in a while Burnsie....and no you are not supposed to see the serial number on the side of the nozzle when trying to make a contact.

Jason “the Dirty Jerz” Schaub: The KC-767 Lead Boom! Jason is by far the most “vocal” of the group, he will never disappoint when driving in the Seattle area. His true Jersey really comes out behind the wheel, he beats everyone's driving time by 15 minutes with only a few (hundred) expletives along the way! Just don't call him while driving, he never can figure out how to get his AirPods to work. If he is not at the factory or at Boeing field, you can find him at Brooklyn Bros. pizza, it's the only “pie” close to what you get on the east coast. Extra anchovies please!

John “John-Brad/Roberto, JBW” Wolfe: This guy has so many names, it's hard to know what to call him most days. When he's not deciding which moniker to go by, Brad is spearheading our production flight test and training operations. He has also done a great job of turning our office into a mini hanger with all his beautifully detailed scale models and Star Wars memorabilia. If you have a problem getting to an aircraft museum due to Covid restrictions feel free to stop by our office for a personal tour. His models seriously look better than most actual aircraft displays. Use the force John Brad, use the force, just not on your contacts.

Rich “Bass Master” Craft: Our newest, recently retired from the Air Force, hire. Rich has more poles in the water than a tsunami wall. If you need to know the best place to pull a five plus pounder out of any lake in the state, Rich is your man. Due to his extensive knowledge of DCMA operations, Rich has been thrown into the role of Government Flight Reprehensive which basically translates into “paperwork guru.” If only we could keep him out of his boat long enough to get some of that paperwork completed.

Rickey “The God Father” Kahler: This guy is truly the “God Father” of flight test! If its in the -135 family, he has flown it. He was the test Boom on the first R model (293), has some crazy stories to tell about that aircraft! If we refuel it today, chances are Rickey was the first to make a contact with it. He can do envelope expansion like the back of his hand, just don’t ask him to do a travel voucher (mind blown). He is so well known at a Seattle area restaurant he even has a sandwich named for him, we think his other name might be Joey. After a very brief retirement, Rickey is back with our team as a contractor. He’s continued to add to his already impressive total hour numbers by participating in our receiver certification process at Edwards AFB and has even spent some time recently on his old baby, the KC-767. When he’s not on a test jet, he is regaling us with stories of “the good old days of Edwards’s flight test.” Much to the excitement of his large number of young groupies.

Mike “GT 350” Kibler: Mike is back with the Boeing Company as a contractor after a few years of flying with “those other guys.” After years of buying and selling houses, Mike has switched his purchase power to buying sports cars. When he’s not racing the streets of the Pacific Northwest, he’s enjoying time over the high desert for the continuation of KC-46 receiver certification at Edwards AFB. Mike’s expertise in flight test has made him a huge addition to our team.

Todd “Cargo God” McPeak: Todd left the Boeing Co over a year ago for Flight Safety at Pease. As much as he loved the traffic of Seattle, he loved his family more! We hear he is doing a great job out there, we wish him and his family well.

CENTENNIAL, CO

KC-46 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS

“Aplá Metávasi ”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

EDWARDS AFB, CALIFORNIA

370th FLTS

“HOME OF THE FLYIN’ ELVI”



Greetings from Graceland.

SMSgt Scott “Scotty” Scurlock: The “Back in TOPS” rants get more and more frequent the closer he gets to retirement. Has come to the conclusion that Mike Kibler was right, six years as a squadron sup is way too long. Always trying to recall how “real reserve units” work, and pushing back on another overage pilot hire.

SMSgt Don “DJ” Johnson: Alright dude, collecting Barbie dolls...weird. Bringing them to work...over the line. DJ promoted to Sr. this year which means more money for his wife’s Barbie addiction. He now has his own cubicle where he can manage being the Ops Sup and every other additional duty the boss sends his way. Still takes leave a week at a time to play WoW.

MSgt Ben “BABS” (Bitter Ass Ben) Tressler: When he’s not bitter, he’s boujie. But after that “stimmy”, he’s ballin’! Heading up Ops Flight these days and reporting to the Bobs. Still leading the pack for KC-46 cancels and constantly in search of that ever elusive 200 hour milestone.

Col Colin “MOG” Wernecke: Has come to the realization that every nine months he’s going to need to build a bigger Jeep. Holding down Test Flight and reminding Test Pilots every day that SNCOs and Test Boom Operators actually know how to do stuff.

MSgt Leroy “Levi” Knepper: Been telecommuting since 2006. Finally moved from his Davidian Ranch to an on base house, and is finally able to go TDY and fly more...3yrs later. Found his niche in managing the squadrons IT game. Managed to stay sane after a year working to acquire a plethora of Chromebooks and a hand me down Kiosk so that we can increase TR capes. In pure acquisitions fashion, we’re expecting the program to be over budget and not meet requirements.

MSgt Dave “Mr. Barnard” Stanko: Mr. Barnard is retiring...is extending...is PCSing... is still here, we think.

MSgt Kevin “Ol’ Kev” Slagle: Who? Oh, the restrictions guy who used to be a Load. When he flies we have to send Ben with him and go by the Scary call sign. Luckily, that’s only once every 6 months. Still trying to figure out what a C-17 guy is doing on the 135. Will be graduating this fall with a degree in engineering, and will officially be the smartest guy in the room.....On paper that is.

MSgt Brittany Garland: Gotta’ thank Johnny for this hire...At least we like Mike. While Brittany has been waiting out the COVID pandemic to re-commence her FAA ATC training, she has been killing the TR game and flying Leroy’s sorties. Finally back behind the radar scope looking for every opportunity to violate our pilots spilling into LA Center airspace.

MSgt Steve “Salsa” Cantu: We still don’t know if we gained him from the 418th yet. Thought we hired someone to fill the Boom beer fridge, but all he ever buys is Bud Light. Gooooooood hire. Steve has the honor of one of the most glorious mustaches in all AFRC. It’s March everyday with this guy. Thank God for N19 masks. Finally bought his big boy Master Sergeant Truck. It’s a Diesel.....but it’s a Ford.

Attached:

SMSgt Aaron “A-Ray” Ray: Covid has done wonders for A-Ray. Not having access to the limitless blue Kool-Aid and Group cake during the Covid lockdown has left him fitter than ever and looking like he went on the Tiger’s Blood diet. When he does go TDY to fly, the 10th keep him busy flying depot so we don’t get to drink beer with him that often.

Retired:

Mr. John E “Johnny” Pullen: We honestly thought he would go in his sleep before retiring, but on his 92nd birthday he dropped his retirement paperwork. Johnny then headed off to Jolly Ol’ England to teach Sims. Unfortunately, we think he may still be considered an illegal immigrant in the UK during COVID times, and having to resort to his sister in laws profession to get an Airbnb for the night and put food on the table.

EIELSON AFB, AK

168 ARS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

92nd ARS

“Blackhawks”



SMSgt Robert “Sheriff” Miller – Has spent a lot of time filling in for departed Chiefs and had a worse year than anyone...anyway, all the young booms are afraid of him. They don’t know the easiest place to hide is in the air because Sheriff doesn’t fly.

MSgt Justin “Spare” Hunter - Still waters run deep. More hours logged in Kerbal than in the jet in the last year. Thanks COVID.

MSgt Tyler “SLI” Yow - You always know when Yow is in the squadron because you can hear him talking. All speeches are impromptu and at least the first half is coherent. His holy war continues upon ATOC, MPF, CPTS, PA, TACC....

MSgt Anne “MOAB” Engebretson - Anne is our newest additional duty First Sergeant and Outdoor Explorer. Keep an eye on where MOAB goes. Might need a local area survival brief when going TDY.

MSgt Evan Vandermay - Evan is leaving the warm sunny climes of Fairchild AFB for Altus AFB. He will be missed for his incredible patience as an instructor and First Sergeant. He’s not dead, just in Altus.

MSgt Patrick Flaherty - Pat has continued to fly as much as possible, embracing life as a Boom Operator, and throw in for any and all TDYs that become available. If there is any way to get in the air and on the road, he wants it...still not good at it but he’s at least doing it.

TSgt Jenny Cook - Cook has wrapped up her time as the Commander’s enlisted exec. She had a great year flying fast and passing gas. If you ever want to break somewhere great, fly with Cook.

TSgt Killian Stone - Killian is leaving the mighty KC-135 Stratotanker for the air conditioned KC-46. Her incredible knowledge and skill that was weaponized against MCT and CFIC students will be missed.

SSgt Nathan Perry - Nate wrapped up 4 months and change as Chief Boom at Incirlik AB, Turkey. There he demonstrated peerless attention to detail and dedication to duty, herding cats and guiding young booms. Nate is one of the 92d's brightest new Evaluators. Again, he upgraded faster than any Boom has before. Our unit is in good hands with Nate in Stan/Eval.

TSgt Terry Pittman - The ole Pitty Prowl! If you need a connection, a recommendation, or desert disinfection Pitty is your man. Paid and sponsored by Tinder.

SSgt Harley Izaguirre - Izzy is the fastest man in the 92d! His calm cool demeanor and quiet patience disguise an incredible temper. If you make his list you had to earn it!

SSgt Nick Daniello - Nick is coming to our unit from Public Affairs. After watching booms carry the mission from behind the lens, Nick decided to walk across the street and be a part of the best mission in the USAF.

SSgt Kyle Hunt - has a collection of useless skills, stupid human tricks and beer pong accomplishments that make him welcome around the cornhole boards. He flies on occasion too.

SSgt Cam "PUZR" Miller - Cam can get moving faster than any boom in the squadron. He doesn't even stop to poop. Nothing can keep Cam from crushing an Alert response. He can't tell a story to save his life. Anyways....

SSgt Gage Fontenot - It's a great day in the state of Louisiana when Gage Fontenot is selected for Instructor upgrade. If you're visiting his compound be sure to call first. He's in the safety office so if you need him you cannot find him in his office EVER.

SSgt Christopher Vilmont - Chris doesn't fly anymore. Not because he doesn't want to, but because because...TYFYs.

SrA Payton Olson - Payton has quick feet, and quicker hands. His first deployment to CENTAF let your boy stack some Air Medals, maybe he can learn to fill out the test this year.

SrA Jeremiah Guinto (Cocktail) - Cocktail is our squadron's newest instructor. He flew more at home than our LTAG crowd. The gig is up because he no longer lives with life partner PUZR, since his wife came to town.

SrA Jose Retana - Jose came to us from Mildenhall 4 months ago and has said 4 words since arriving.

SrA Victor Menchaca - Menchaca came back from his first deployment a master of EMCON 4 in and out of the jet.

SrA Lyndsey Sheil - Still deadly with a nerf gun or a ukulele. Uniform regulations are for other people.

SrA Kyler Lacer - Lacer is the second best Mortal Kombat player on the crew. His video game rage hopefully doesn't transfer behind the wheel as he recently got his learner's permit. Again.

SrA Jordan Watson - Jordan likes to keep it low-key. Until somebody tries to rush him. He would have won the Quarantine 40m dash but he slipped out of his slides.

SrA Dvlan Vu - Dylan is coming into his own as a boom operator. Keep him at ARMS length.

SrA Genny Hall - Genny has won the war to get back in the air! Pretty soon she can restart her boom training and become a damn good boom!

SrA Matthew Baxter – On his way to become our newest instructor upgrade. He's not doing good, but he's not doing THerrible. Make fun of him and he'll add you to his lith.

SrA Abrena Irons – Impatient SrA to a point where a paper over her old nametape to stay in regs will suffice.
Quarantine Hours > Combat Hours

SrA Jaden Allen - Jaden is motivated and ready for increased responsibility. He's taken on bigger and better tasks and is making life better for his fellow booms.

NEWEST "A1C" Caleb Leverich – New. I have a new Porsche. Energetic. I have a new Porsche. Determined. I have a new Porsche. Ready to Deploy and TDY. (To pay for his Porsche)....Also.....have you seen his Porsche?

A1C Torian Mather - Mather had a big year! Deployment and impending fatherhood can take up a lot of time. His life is an open book, just don't ask him too many questions about it.

A1C Ryan "DASH" Flores - Deadly in the boat and slippery behind the controls of a moped. Or is it the other way around? DASH is back from his first deployment and ready to start riding motorcycles and locating appropriate restroom facilities.

A1C Austin Cullers - Cullers has the same number of marriages as deployments. And the same number of times he's dropped trash on his AC.

A1C Dawson Lapolla - From yelling "ATM" at full volume or his love of Lime-a-ritas and desert floor beds sans sheets, Dawson is a character among characters. Future cargo SME.

A1C Jerry Gonzalez - doesn't like to clap because a T-Rex can't do the same. During A/R Jerry will gladly describe how he makes his signature BBQ Chicken sandwich, just ask MOAB.

A1C Constance Cassens – She kept licking handrails and doorknobs, and couldn't deploy with the sq. Thanks COVID. (She survived)

A1C Dimagio Carey - Calm down, we want you to be here. You're good at your job. We know you are. Quit being scared we are going to find out about that thing. We already know and we don't care.

A1C James Weale - Weale is 19 going on 29. He's the oldest looking teenager we've ever seen. He and his brother from another mother, Lt. Kopp, are interchangeable because they look like they came from the same embryo.

A1C Christian Lawhorn – Can't make a good contact to save his life, he even misses at the gas station pump. Sharp as a knife though.

A1C Josephus Straka (Suits V.011) - SUITS got a new house, selected for instructor upgrade. He singlehandedly raises the squadron average for cigarettes and cheap beer consumed. Also, the longest running A1C in the Squadron!

Ann Braydon Kapperman – Jailbird is a new nickname made by his good friends from SECFO this past year. Not only did he get DG out of Altus, he also got DG out of SERE as he put his new skills to use playing tag with his SECFO friends.

Mr. Jeremiah “DOC” Docken /SMSgt Ret. DOC – Youngest old man in the unit. Max performs his TriCare Retirement plan. The heart of Stan Eval. He takes names, breaks legs, left shoulders, tricep muscle, head, right nut sack, etc.

Mr. Richard “Reaper” Bailey/SrA Sep - Mr. Bailey will 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. Bailey Appreciation week is approaching when he finally takes time off to wrench on his VW or his Jeep.

The Forgotten SSgt Joseph Fromm – Sorry for missing you last year, Stardust from State Line says hello.

FAIRCHILD AFB, WASHINGTON

93rd ARS

“MASTERS OF THE ART”



SUPERINTENDENT:

SMSgt Ryan Clauss - Our fearless E-leader! He's content now that he has a few SNCO's running around to rope in the mass amount of new members to the squadron. He's led the squadron to cinch the wing nom for the Spaatz back-to-back since taking the seat. The squadron "Santa" Clauss when it comes to evaluators. When he's not handing out EQ's for every checkride he's holding down the fort in the 93rd.

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Augustine Marshall - He came back to the squadron from OGV and was immediately farmed out to OGT for assistance with restructuring it. He's working towards the callsign "Mountain" for the typical reason you may be thinking. He's constantly tempting to get surgery for his boom neck and boom brokeback.

A-FLIGHT FLIGHT CHIEF:

MSgt Bobby Cash - A recent steal from the 92nd (he wanted to be part of the actual best squadron at Fairchild) and he rolled right in to fill the Ops Supt position. Currently learning the members of the squadron and A-Flight and trying to become the "Hammer" evaluator of the squadron...there's always one.

TRAINING NCOIC:

TSgt Dave Ballmer - THE Ohio State, Waffle House, COORS, and an immense knowledge of any football player you can imagine! That is all.

ASSISTANT NCOIC:

SSgt Darian Edwards - Recently PCS'd in from Kadena and was eager to upgrade. We promoted him to DOT Assistant NCOIC after staving off CFIC as a 2000 hour boom. He's currently getting beat up in Pre-CFIC and ready to be super busy when he gets back. Welcome to an AMC unit with very few instructors.

TRAINING BOOMS:

SrA Riley Noel - Dude is the Yoga master of the squadron. When he's not making you do his 10-hr pre- and post-workout stretching routine, he can be found challenging randos to a rastlin match.

SrA Nathan Vasquez - After completing CFIC and bringing back COVID/Pneumonia from Altus, Nate has his eyes set on attending the Grizzly Adams School of beard growing. Working on the fine art of shutting up for once in his life...not going well so far.

SrA Riley Shin - BTZ winner! Don't know if I have ever seen her in the Squadron though. Sounds like she has done a lot of great things!!

A1C Dalton Eggleston - Egg head. Loves to be called Eggs or any other form of the chicken derived byproduct. Great dude but don't get him scrambled.

A1C Bradley Betts - When he shows up for work, he stays for at least 5 minutes. Enough to make fun of the moustache whenever it does pop out of its mask.

B-FLIGHT FLIGHT CHIEF:

TSgt Nathaniel Scheffel - COVID has afforded him the opportunity to fulfill his lifetime dream of being both a bar hand and carpenter. He has led the way on revitalizing the squadron heritage room and has kicked ass in the squadron to the point where the wing attempted to steal him from us.

FLIGHT NCOIC:

TSgt Ian Southerland - Nicest dude you will ever meet. I don't know if I have ever seen him upset. If so, he's so damn nice about it. He's been working hard and making sure the squadron is running smoothly. Just welcomed his 3rd child into the world and continued the pattern of having girls. Good luck buddy...

TSgt Andrew Keepers - After a stint in OGT dealing with rowdy MCT students, Andrew came back into the squadron and is now fully engulfed with those same MCT students. He's really loving life and shots! NCOIC of a branch-off from B-flight called Professional Development Flight. High expectations for him and his new job.

READINESS NCOIC:

SSgt Daniel "Duke" Collier - He succumbed to the dark side and is now cross-training to be a great ARO on a lemon aircraft. At least he'll have plenty of time to revamp his next squadron bar and use his LRS knowledge to teach others how to load cargo.

ASSISTANT READINESS NCOIC:

SSgt Derek Stiles - Derek has been killing it in readiness and is a stand-out supervisor. With his comb-over and pencil moustache, he looks like one of the characters from the 90s TV show "Doug". When not getting great trips to South America, he's staying busy with COVID vaccines and managing squadron deployments while still getting a good feel for the aircraft and all of our fun exercises.

READINESS BOOMS:

SSgt Adrian White - He did the reverse crossover from Reserves to AD. He's at Altus now learning how to be a boom! Excited to get him in the squadron!

SrA Chris Moody - The squadron's newest SrA! Single handedly holding down the Readiness shop along with our contractor and Stiles. Single handedly is a loose term but he's been doing a great job hacking the mish!

B-FLIGHT BOOMS

A1C Cydney Graves - Cydney is gaining experience and prepping for our deployment. Also, when not panicking about exercises or flying, she has an excuse as to why she can't do it because of broken nails and New Yorkers love their nails.

A1C Tasia “Taz” Rias - Super soft spoken but isn't afraid to show the real Tasmanian Devil side if you push those buttons. Gaining experience and learning the ropes to be a great boom operator!

A1C Benny Trevizo - We're happy to add Benny to the team. He's always full of smiles and has a great attitude! Looking forward to our deployment and gaining some experience.

A1C Phillip Fowler - Recently joined the 93d hailing from Kentucky. Completing MCT so he can make our squadron deployment.

A1C Gregory Shuetz - Currently in MCT and starting his story off strong. When he's not trying to stow the boom while it's extended 10ft he can be found claiming to not be nervous on the aircraft.

A1C Shane Silver - Another new boom. His first flight was the entire fighter fleet. Knocked F-16s, 22s and 35s off the list all in about 20 minutes. Man those 2 seater 16s are rough. His IB wasn't having as much fun though!

A1C Brielle Springer - Decided to join the AF at the young age of 26. At least she can still retire before she's 50! Brand new and expecting great things.

A1C Gabrielle Stallings - Brand new to the AF hailing from a small town in NC. Going to be a great addition to the squadron!

A1C Matthew Diaz - Brand new to the squadron and starting MCT after FTAC. Dudes got a seriously deep voice.

C-FLIGHT FLIGHT CHIEF:

MSgt Steven Saunders - New cross trainee from the 2T2 world. Steve is just happy to be in a squadron where people actually talk to one another without trying to get them on the AMN/NCO/SNCO page. Trying to learn the job so he can go do more training at CFIC. He brings a wealth of cargo knowledge and has been studying to learn the job while taking care of C-Flight like a champ!

SCHEDULING NCOIC:

TSgt Jayson Swift - Swifty is a go-getter scheduler who spends more time looking for people to fly and sim than actually scheduling. He claims there is an on/off week process but I think he's really just getting some reps in for soccer.

SCHEDULING BOOMS:

SSgt Connor Wilkins - Connor is the squadron hobo. If you have something you don't want any more he is the man that will find a use for it. He'll even pick it up for a frosty Coors Light and tell you how he can't wait to cross train or get out...he just signed on the dotted line again!

SrA Ryan Baillie - Ryan came back from his deployment and really opened up the shell. He's a quiet worker and will knock any task out of the park. Balancing work and family and has been great around the squadron!

SrA Dominic Dunham - When he's not stiff-arming Russians out of the boom pod, he's puking over his shoulder and rallying. Dom has been a great asset for the 93d and hopefully we can figure out how to keep him in.

SrA Austin Buller - When not trying to avoid NORI testing and prep, we are happy he's progressively moving up the scheduling chain of command. He was practicing for the NORI and thought it would be a great idea to start making a full-on deli sandwich while taxiing down the runway. Come on man!

STAN/EVAL SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Lauren Powell - Our newest arrival from Altus! We welcome her back to AMC with open arms to get ready for deployments and flying with as many MCT students as possible because she didn't do that enough at the school house.

NCOIC:

TSgt Chance Italiano - Sharpest EB in the squadron. Planning to use those smarts to hopefully get his OTS package approved and become a real pilot. Found a surge of effort to submit for every (and I mean everyyyy) award imaginable. Funniest thing is he's actually winning them all.

STAN/EVAL BOOMS:

SrA Devin "Wobbles" Battle - When not "Catfishing", Battle is up shredding the slopes so well he was one of many victims to be conquered by the slopes with a concussion. Recovery is going well and we expect him to be up and flying again soon.

A1C Jacob Ellis - Razor sharp and earned BTZ but not sharp enough to know when his moustache scares others and is now forbidden to go near schools or children.

Ann Diego Hernandez - When not "catfishing" with Battle he can be found cuddling his Anime body pillow and watching Naruto. He's been a true rock star for our NORI prep earning a

SAFETY NCOIC:

SSgt Brendan Herberts - Our safety guy that has kept the squadron nice and safe throughout COVID but will soon be off to bigger and better things outside the AF.

ATTACHED/ON LOAN:

CMSgt Chris Rueckert - The Supreme (read "Old") Leader of our 1A0 force here at Fairchild. Not sure what happened but when they say the military ages you 5 years faster I'm beginning to believe it. Half blind and half deaf, he's still finding ways to lead us through the crazy times of COVID and squadron deployments. Not to mention a million exercises and a NORI to cap it all off. He's a huge wealth of knowledge on many subjects and we're very lucky to have him as our OG/CCC.

TSgt Chris "Innovation" Fitzgerald - When Fitz isn't nose deep in creating Excel Sheets from sheer boredom, and driving dangerous cars he's ensuring that everyone gets their COVID shots so we can finally see each other's beautiful faces.

SSgt Stephon Sharief - PCS'd in from Kadena and is now working at OST. Happy to get any and all instructors we can at the moment so his life will be slightly less difficult.

SSgt Zach Pennington - He moved from OG/CCC Exec to Wing Scheduling. I'm beginning to think he doesn't like the squadron. He's working to finish his degree so he can cross over to the O-side of the house!

INBOUND:

A1C Savannah Mann - Altus

TSgt Jacob Aufderheide - Kadena

OUTBOUND/DEPARTED:

(S)MSgt Orlando Infante - Altus

MSgt Brendan Balko - Altus

TSgt Jonathan Rogers - Altus

SSgt Craig Vandenburg - Altus

SrA Doug Barnett - Separated

SrA Patrick Choy - Birmingham

SrA Connor O'Connell-Keleghen - Separated

SrA Rocco Yannucci - Macdill

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“KICK ASTRA”



SUPERINTENDENT:

SMSgt Chris Staton – Senior comes to us cause...the ponies across the flightline didn't want him anymore. He's in bright and early every morning making sure his Airmen know everything about PME, but still realizing he still wants to be an Ops Sup most days. The fact that he's in the office is a major change for the Squadron too...the last guy was more of a myth in the Squadron. Welcome to the Astras!

OPERATIONS SUPERINTENDENT:

MSgt Joseph “Ek” Ekker – When not making new Groupme chats Ek can be found ~~micro-managing~~ asking for detailed plans for everything that is going on and then giving unsolicited advice on how he would do it. If his door is closed, everyone can still hear him telling “Back in my MC-12 days” stories. Thank God he's more hands off than that last guy.

A FLIGHT FLIGHT CHIEF:

MSgt Derek (Daddy) Greene – Is filling into his new role as a SNCO, lately he's been showing up with coffee and delegating a lot...For being a young guy, he's pretty disgruntled. ..Thanks Dillion! Jumped on a 6 month NON-FLYING deployment just to get away.

TRAINING NCOIC:

TSgt Jake Spencer – Jake started the year in CSS, but we're not really sure what he does around here (and neither does he), but were fairly certain this was a move to protect the younger Booms from him. He thinks we made a job up for him. So we moved him to Training. To this day, he still won't answer the phone when an Ops Sup calls.

TRAINING BOOMS:

SSgt Rafael Duncan – Made the long drive from MacDill to Fairchild with nothing but a trailer loaded with Video Games and a used toilet brush for some strange reason. He's still trying to figure out what its like being at a super tanker wing as well as what all this white stuff on the ground is during a northern winter.

SrA Justin Schaeffer – COVID has done great things, made Schaefer finally cave and become an Instructor. Something about “I’ll never fly alone again!” (he cried a lot) He would totally help out with those MQT flights but the thing is he’s DNIF and just happens to have an interview with the Pittsburgh Guard today. Maybe next week he’ll look at coming back to flying status?

A1C Zack (Cadet Bullwinkle) Lavier – Filling into his new role helping with the shop and falling back on his past experience and connecting well with the Co pilots on everything except pay. Regardless, Zack will still tell you how amazing his base model 2020 F-150 is. As a Four year A1C with no paper work he considers himself the senior A1C. He still tells his “back in my days of the Academy” stories regularly.

TACTICS:

SSgt Seth Corliss – COVID delayed his A1C class but its back on track. Little does he know that a W code wont save you from Altus, nevertheless he’s spent a year practicing using his elbows to point at things and he says cranium a lot.

B-FLIGHT FLIGHT CHIEF:

MSgt Thomas (AFSOC) Perry – Not sure this guy is a real boom or just loosely attached to the squadron. He’s listed on the manning document so we assume so. Our very own 6 million dollar man he realized that looking cool in AFSOC wasn’t worth that much pain and decided to roll the dice on his 11th career field. Tom also had a goal in 2020 to work a total of 7 days since COVID started...he came really close to meeting that goal! All the jokes aside, he is a top notch SNCO!

Flight NCOIC:

TSGT Joshua Knepp – One of our brand new booms fresh from teaching Airborne Mission Systems Specialists at Lackland. After coming to his senses and realizing there is no hope for the future of that career field he jumped ship and became a boom.

READINESS NCOIC:

TSgt Andrew DeCrosta – This year Andrew learned why you don’t leave flight gear in your car and why SpoKompton got its nickname. He’s had a pretty busy year getting us spun up for our first deployment. He probably would’ve pulled all of his hair out if he hadn’t lost all of it when he was 16.

ASST READINESS NCOIC:

SSgt Casey Weldon – Casey, ANOTHER RETRAINEE, comes to us from Whiteman and the CE world. Managed to have back surgery before starting MQT which is impressive. Must be all of that BOWST time. He’s in competition with Amn Kim for longest MQT duration.

READINESS BOOMS:

All rental staff

C-FLIGHT FLIGHT CHIEF:

MSgt Matt Nelson - Matt finally got out of staff duty at TACC and is back in the real world. First thing he does is try to justify why Fairchild never gets the good TDYs. Yet, he will never call up and ask for a favor. We will have him off to A1C in no time to sit staff at the CAOC.

SCHEDULING NCOIC:

SSgt Robert (Bobby) Kniveton – Someone needs to give him the birds and bees talk because he had ANOTHER kid. At one point this year a photo of him was getting passed around with Fairchild on fire in the background. Silver

lining to his year was finally getting a ugly contact with a B-52, too bad it was on his check ride (No evidence this actually happened though) .

SCHEDULING BOOMS:

SrA Courtney Reimann – All she wants to do is go TDY and fly, too bad she works in scheduling and doesn't know how to get added to any of those flights. Maybe if she had a better supervisor to show her the way. She has taken up the role as squadron photographer and is always chasing that instagram clout.

A1C Alyson (Nomad) Molloy – When not going on a tactical quarantine Ally is a little too busy to come in to work today because she's moving again. When not down for a Target run Ally can be found somewhere around Malmstrom.

A1C Jensen Kokou – You know that sweet Camaro he got for only 21% APR, yea he wrecked it. Thankfully it was just the base mode! Who would've thought that'd be a bad car on winter roads?

STAN/EVAL CHIEF:

VACANT...cause no one can be on top of the NCOIC

STAN/EVAL NCOIC:

TSgt Christopher Ramey – Ramey took home the 2019 AMC Instructor of the Year Award. With over 5000 flying hours and 17+ years in the Air Force, Ramey was selected as AMC's most disgruntled IB and is at the moment lecturing a baby boom about how things were "back in his day". Rumor has it he'll be going to OGV when he returns from a 2 month vacation in Turkey where he's been playing a lot of golf and working on his dad bod.

STAN/EVAL BOOMS:

SrA Sean (Don) Ellis – Sean is our very own E-4 Mafia Don, he knows how to do just enough work to stay off Ek's shit list, but not enough to come to mind when work comes up. If shaming was on the EPR he he'd be to the far right. If you have a minute like and subscribe to his twitch.

SAFETY NCOIC:

SSgt Jason (Dead Sea) White – One of our newer booms that came to us from MXG at Whiteman. Were fairly certain half of his household goods was just emotional baggage from how bad his last career field was. If you have a minute he can tell you how many days/hours/minutes he has left on his commitment before he goes to the Alaska Guard.

SAFETY BOOMS:

VACANT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT NCOIC:

TSgt Matthew (Frugal) Henry – Matt has introduced new levels of psychological torture on our new airman with his nihilistic lack of belief system. Occasionally you can find him drunk on a TDY challenging other crews to arm wrestling matches. He still considers Ramey to be a "human sized rat" and has threatened to get entomology involved. Maybe next year he will decide to become a "real" aircrew member and wear a one piece flight suit more than once.

PROFESSIONAL DEVEL

SrA Brooke (Vick) Griffin – When Brooke showed up from Kadena we thought we'd have little to no problems, little did we know that she would be “breaking up” dog fights on the weekend.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FLIGHT:

SrA Demian (Golden Boy) Solis – Truly the child that can do no wrong, that or he was the only airman dumb enough to come in during the time of COVID. His hard work and dedication hasn't gone unnoticed and he'll be ~~Altus sacrifice~~ one of our victim for Altus once he's eligible.

A1C Cole (Invisible Airman) Swink – Managed to miss four meetings with the commander before finally making it to his inprocessing brief. This kid's going places, just make sure it's on his calendar. This kid is also a magnet for EPs. His first solo flight out of MCT consisted of 9 emergency checklists and lowering of the gear and flaps manually. Welcome to the -135!

A1C Elijah (Tweedle De) Drexler – Rather quite last year the only thing we know about him is three unconfirmed reports of him holding Belmonte's pocket. These two can be found attached at the hip. It reminds me of that Matt Damon movie “Stuck on You”

A1C Nicholas (Tweedle dumb) Belmonte - How can you screw up jalapeno popcorn so badly you get the nickname Orville, especially since there are instructions printed 10 inches from your face!?!? This should have been the first cue that checklist discipline would be an issue. Expecting great things from you!

A1C Alexander (DTS) Danclar – This sweet child is still trying to figure out what a voucher is. This year he will go for a new record of 5 months with a voucher not approved. Still thinks about that M10 with Ramey and proceeds to ugly cry.

A1C Aziel Alvarado – One of our newest booms. Only thing we know is he's from Texas so we have lowered the bar for him. Inspired by the words “deployment” & “tax free”, managed to complete his MQT in record time to punch his first class ticket on the 13 hour non-stop flight to Incirlik.

A1C Andrew (Jiff Lube) Miller – Our very own squadron auto mechanic he is always down to fix (or potentially illegally) improve your car. Miller is a go getter who will volunteer as tribute for just about anything for a BTZ bullet. If only he could read big signs that differentiate between long term and short term parking locations. The 97th Supt gets a phone call from the Security Forces about once a week. Thinking about holding an auction soon.

A1C Harlan Cheatham – Cheatham's smartphone lacks a calendar. As he's running out of a college dorm room yelling “Call Me”, he finally realizes he's missed 15 calls from his leadership and messages stating “Sq Recall Report to work ASAP”..that was a long 2 hour drive back from Pullman.

A1C Christopher Neuman – When he's not gaming to his heart's content or calling breakaways on IB's he can be found practicing his instructor speak for when he grows up one day.

A1C Ester Kim - She heard there was a competition for longest time to complete MQT and she's trying to set a record! It's getting close. However, she has managed to help inprocess our newest booms in less than 3 days and start their MQT. Well done!

A1C Caleb Schoen Caleb – Schoen has been looking for a checklist on how to operate a pressure cooker for some time now. Only man to burn and stab himself in one meal. Expecting great things from this guy!

A1C Sawyer Wentworth – His hairline is about as mature as the last couple girls he was seeing. The only person I know to blow his stimulus check before it reached his bank account. Keep your drone away from airports.

MQT BOOMS:

Welcome to the Team Astra! You'll leave your mark soon and we'll have plenty of stuff to put on here next year.

Amn Joseph Lopez

A1C Anthony Maglione

ATTACHED:

SrA Matthew Ronnfeldt – Matt likes Fairchild so much, he decided to come back after 2 years abroad. Like every other boom, he's been promised a decoration coming from Kadena, but after 4 months here, his SURF is still empty. Matt is doing great things over at the tactics shop!

OUTBOUNDS:

A1C Jonathon (Pig-Pen) Gaston – The only person we know that is so dedicated to the 801X mission he blew off a squadron recall to do testing that he was exempt from. We've already warned the 46 instructors to speak slow for him.

A1C (Legs) Brown – Allegedly was a Boom here but CSS still can't confirm because he out-processed before fully in-processing. He'll be heading to the 46 early next year and hopefully someone at McConnell can help him get a drivers license.

INBOUNDS:

SSgt Dean Lovingood – Reverse pipeline, not a real person until he's a MB. Speaking of which, he's been down at Altus for a lonnnng time.

RECENTLY PCS'd:

(S)MSgt MATTHEW (MATTY) HUNSINGER – Left us this year for ~~the land of the lost~~ Altus. We were fairly certain that this years Senior boards consisted of the sharpest flat tops and unsettling mustaches, or they wanted to make a senior citizen a Senior for comedic effect. Since he left us there have been unconfirmed reports that he managed to stay on flight status for 6 entire weeks before going DNIF (again). Still holds the title for oldest Active Duty Boom.

MSgt Dillion (AAA) Poole – After getting his wife's approval, he accepted an assignment to RAF Mildenhall. As soon as he was notified he started ~~having car problems~~ out-processing and we didn't see him much. We think he made it to his flight but no one cared enough to check.

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“SQUAREPATCHERS”



Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Larry Nahalea- Fresh in the seat as Superintendent and healing from back surgery and TBI. Waiver's finally got approved for a TBI and herniated discs, we don't know if that has any relation to him scolding the young airman.

Ops Superintendent:

MSgt Matt Machala- When he is not busy being WIT full time he spends his spare time yelling at the few NCO's around to stop slacking or sneaking out of the house in uniform to play golf.

Stan-Eval:

TSgt Jon Nigl- As one of the few who volunteered for Altus he will be leaving us soon. Winter during COVID has hit Nigl hard he spends more time in the Sq than fishing now!

SSgt Tristen Lang - Newest Instructor and Staff Sergeant in the Sq. After 5 attempts at Altus to get his check he finally received a Q1. On a side note he previously matched with an OG Commanders daughter on a popular dating app... it didn't work out. Awaiting assignment to Altus.

Training Flight:

MSgt Michael Garcia- Finally an instructor! Just got back from Chief Booming at RF 21-2 had so much fun we still haven't gotten those Airman EPRs

SrA Dustin "B-Told" Bechtold- That old guy who lives in the dorms. Finally has a vehicle and sweet honey and started hitting up the gym still no driver's license though delivery it is!!

SrA Rae "where are my keys" Robinson- Unknown status went two weeks with driving her bae's car cause she couldn't find her keys still has time to be VP for the Rising Four!

A1C Ben Hawley - Seems to always be busy in training. Currently finding way to meet the Superintendent intent on the future of boom training.

AMN Legea Howard- One of our newest Boom Operators she is New Orleans born and raised, so she's got some southern hospitality and southern Sass.

Scheduling:

TSgt Josh McClanathan - Picked up for Travis CRW still is keeping the Farm. Going to bank his California BAH to support the farm back home living out of a camper. Egg and dairy shares are already dropping in CA upon news of his impending arrival.

SSgt Chris "Uncle Rico" Cicogna- Just got back from a six-month deployment at the Deid working ARCT but still not sure if he works here? Bet you I could throw a football right over those mountains!

SrA Dylan Gordan- Knows first-hand SQ relationships don't work but we kept him as a scheduler and has to pick up smoking again to keep his sanity

SrA Nicholas Guerrieri – Was approached by some Turkish dudes to market Pert Plus for those beautiful locks. When you pull it snaps back like a pig's tail. One of most experienced of the new booms stays quiet so we don't have much dirt all we can say he has some beautiful locks.

A1C Jose "RODROM" Rodriguez- Super quite but ends up on every good deal perks of scheduling I guess.

Admin:

MSgt Thomas Carrell - One of the few SNCO's that is always around spend more time working on awards to avoid the twins he recently spawned. Will stay late at work so that he does not have to go home to his four kids. Prepping for a PCS to Scott

TSgt Fonseca Cruz- Prior Port Dawg now In Charge of most of the airman which keeps him gainfully employed. One would think being aircrew wouldn't have problem children he's got his hands full.

TSgt Jake Zahn- Promoted then went straight to the KC-46. Still at Altus getting spun up on the new training aircraft meanwhile his car is still in pieces in Shaffer's garage.

SSgt Johnny Mayr - Finally a MB supervises all the young booms. Job hunting three jobs in advance so when he gets to the next one he's ready to leave that one too. Recently sold one of his vehicles to an airman who failed to register it guess who got the ticket?

SrA David Gabriel – Don't let this tough guy persona fool you, this dude has some pipes. When he sings it sounds like doves crying. He was turning mad heads at karaoke night. Overall great guy blast to be around however has the memory of a goldfish ask him about step 5 in our preflight checklist.

A1C Karin "KC" Boerboom- She is the FBOA Swag master. She is also the squadron hippie (bee happy! :) who wears "moron" to moral Fridays? She has led the two yearlong Little library's Project and is close to breaking ground on it! Extremely motivated and will go very far in her career

A1C Sage Ledet- He secured a sweet TDY to refuel A10s, along with increasing cross MAJCOM relations with the local dorm residents, but shortly after lost his next TDY by not knowing the difference between the Vol 1 and Vol 2.

A1C Dakota Griffis- a prime example of what the responsibilities of being Dorm Chief entail, such as spending all of your time there, including during the work day apparently.

A1C Arianna "Mama" Jupiter- When she's not busy driving the baby booms to school every day she's actually pretty chill... As long as you don't ask her to do any CBTs since that causes her physical pain.

A1C Jhaivear Clayton- Sims, flights, Commander's Call, Medical appointments... nothing stops this man from getting his beauty sleep. And trust me, he needs it.

A1C Tyler Jones- Much like Clayton, enjoys his sleep as he can literally fall asleep anywhere. Recently discovered that the drinking age on base is 21.

A1C Zacariah Henderson- FNG super quiet but that mustache SCREAMS AUTHORITY!!

A1C Gilbert Martinez- FNG still not much is known he recently took some leave in Vegas to celebrate his birthday with the “Boys” We believe he drove his pimped out Ford Fiesta down there!

A1C Walling- She is a brand-new boom here in the office, but I can tell you she is not brand new to TikTok.

Readiness:

TSgt Brandon Wright - Most recent victim to catch the COVID first one we know of that was vaccinated and still tested positive.

A1C Joey “reckless” “Boerboo”... I mean Svoboda- Typical airman who bought a 30k Mustang with a 26% interest rate, hair out of regs and a rust bucket jeep, actually does really well in the squadron recently award BTZ only because the Wing commander called him out for his loud exhaust.

A1C Daniel Harris- Still Struggling to makes ends meet to pay for his jacked up truck with under glow. Recently had a mishap at Red Flag you should ask him how that Red Air performed. Remember above how we mentioned Sq relationships....

Tactics/SE:

TSgt James “CHAW” Shaffer- Pre WIC Shaffer was a pretty nice guy. He now wears a pretty shiny patch, and he has gained the name “raincloud” in the office. If it’s raining outside you know where Shaffer is. The reasoning that most believe is due to never leaving the office and yelling at baby booms. When he does connect with the Amn he gets a “Pedi” and paints his nails Majestic Grey!

A1C Jonathan Nevarez- Surprisingly he hasn’t broken a jet here like he did in Altus. Watch out for this guy when he’s manually dropping the nose gear. Finally bought a car so he can drive to visit his soon to be baby momma.

A1C Travis Coultune – Crushed it on his first deployment, actually created a chicken breast shortage at Incirlik “I don’t knooow maaaaan.” First Fairchild dorm member to be quarantined for COVID, but surprise had swine flu instead.

Executive:

SrA Zachariah Reynolds- Currently prepping his application for AIC while waiting to go through IBU. In the meantime he is busy mastering the art of fishing for whales.

On Loan/Attached:

MSgt Marcus “Marcu” Barnes - Still working in the Vault Squadron has been trying to get him back but he just can’t bring himself to leave the vault.

SSgt Kurt “Kurtburt” Herbert - got selected for a commissioning program. He will fit right in at the dudes only college campus’s hipster hangout sipping fancy coffee reminiscing on times of old shredding the nar nar on the slopes in Washington.

SSgt Morgan Hendley- Also got selected for commissioning! Off to Cornell to study the physics involved in snowboarding and skiing to prevent future mishaps.

SSgt Mark Harnish - Recently married and on his way to the CRW in Jersey. I guess that is one way to leave OG mobility.

SrA Thorne Fritts- living life as the Chief's Exec Betting on being selected for OTS still trying to make more than his wife.

Departed:

CMSgt Andrea Inmon- Just recently left us for the brown pastures of Altus, Oklahoma for the second time. Chief is already trying to take our booms even before they upgrade to IB.

SMSgt Mike Russell- Enjoying the last few months at Fairchild working as the OG Ops Super and getting gouge on airman at Kadena. Maybe after a long Bike ride he will rethink leaving Fairchild and stay with us.

MSgt Chad Holloway- Chadwick deployed just in time for COVID, had to run the squadron, and fell through the bottom of the shower in the quarantine trailer. Chad is off to Europe and will be missed.

TSgt Nicholas Hauck- One of the first booms to be allowed to PCS to Ramstein to play Army with the CRW up there. After his deployment yelling at all the booms for not complying with 36-2903 he made a name for himself he will be missed.

SSgt Dan Daley- Recently left the Air Force and still can't help but show up to the squadron to show off his beard. The guard didn't accept his application so he took a job fixing our EFB's

A1C Joe Espinosa - cross-training if you see him congratulate him on his assignment to Grand Forks

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Superintendent:

MSgt Jeremy “Radio” Hall

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While he didn't make Senior again, Radio *did* find someone to buy his SpoKompton home.... Just in time to buy another which he is currently flipping. He lives in an HG TV show without the money or fame or free time or life. He has a natural affinity for spectacularly failing at leadership positions and excels at “forgetting” to do DTS. He has actually worked to get a W-Coded billet in each unit for an AIC grad and is currently devising tactical ways to circumvent AFPC in order to actively manage the Weapons grads.

Advanced Instructor Course Flight Chief:

TSgt Robert “Buck” Medeiros

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In his time as Flight Chief, he has advanced the AIC syllabus quite a bit... by just aligning all the classes with the WIC syllabus so the Officers teach everything. He got that great idea after getting a weird sinus infection from a performing artist in Louisiana. He changes his vehicles like his underwear and is now on car number 3. Yes: you read that right. You can still find him on Tinder, Bumble, SpokaneHairClub, Hinge, Grinder, eHarmony, Elite Singles, Farmers Only, and Cheney Meetup. Just search “ThatOneBoomWithTheGoodHair”.

Stan/Eval NCOIC:

TSgt Travis “PacMan” Peirce

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Pacman and Ms. Pacman just celebrated 2021 with the birth of baby #2! At least, we think. We generally can't find him and when we do, he is usually stuffed in a corner somewhere trying to re-sync everyone's ipads. The one time he *actually* took leave without just randomly disappearing, he went to Hawaii, caught a 2 foot high wave, wiped out and nearly broke his shoulder and his back. The injury that nearly made him useless however, was his finger, which would have rendered him unable to update our ipads.

Scheduling NCOIC:

TSgt Christopher “Cracken” Shelton

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We are glad to welcome in our newest instructor...’s wife: Sam! We can’t wait to have her come through the course! Cracken however, has made a huge splash as our squadron’s diversity coordinator! And also, he doing important scheduling stuff. But he did just buy a motorcycle... so he’s got that going for him, which is nice. On occasion, Cracken gets around to instructing but only after he is done venting about how some thing is BS. Hands-down, the coolest thing he has going for him are his OCP Chuck Taylors. If you ask, he will email you a link to the company so you can buy your own.

Training NCOIC:

SSgt Nicholas “PATR” Sowder

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Was that a freaky cold winter the US had? No. Its some “unnamed” place that froze over because a female decided she could deal with all of PATR’s dip spit and marry him. They took their honeymoon to Copenhagen, Denmark only to find out that is NOT where they make the chewing tobacco. He has done a great job of taking lead on most of the missions so far. Now if we can get him to stop saying “Um” every other word in his briefs, we might make a good instructor out of PATR.

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KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



Greetings from the Fairchild KC-135 ATS Boom Shop.

Training here at the Fairchild BOWST is still going along smoothly. We are getting back a lot of positive feedback and the booms using it are getting a lot of “hands on” experience with multiple and unique malfunctions! We’ve been pretty busy with other units coming in other than Fairchild and hope to get more in the future.

The current instructor staff :

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FORBES FIELD, KANSAS

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“Coyotes”



Greetings from the KANSAS COYOTES! 2020 was one hell of a year. If 2020 was a TDY, it would be one of those trips where you drank too much and end up throwing up in crew trans while going to shopette for tornados and Gatorade. Don't judge.....It happens to all of us. The positive from 2020 is that no one stares at you weird when you go to the same liquor store every day for a fifth.

Chief Boom:

CMSgt David “JED” Clampitt – Jed just received his 30 year service ribbon for the KSANG.... Has been in longer than majority of the booms have been alive. Doesn't fly much but makes sure people EPR, promotion and other items are in order. Constantly talks about buying a sailboat when he retires to sail the ocean blue.

Full Timers:

SMSgt Jonathan “JONKNEE” Swinney (OGV Boom) – Jon is on the short timer list, and has already submitted his application for AARP and Social Security. Often caught in the breakroom telling stories about the old “great war” (Desert Storm), and how great things were in the A and E models. His age waiver was finally denied, and he'll soon be on the golf course everyday prepping for the Senior Tour.

SMSgt Jamesson “JACKAMO” Dunbar (OGV Boom) – Jamy for some reason hit his 20 years AGR, and is sticking around; might call the flight doc to see if he's having psyche problems. Still coaching wrestling for High School and kids club so he does well with the new “Snow Flakes” that show up in the squadron. Oh, and he got a taste of being a lawyer.....

MSgt Nathan “DOGG” Neidhardt (Squadron Superintendent) – He's settled into his role as the superintendent, drank the “Kool Aide” and re-blue himself and makes sure our patches and mustaches are within regulations. Constantly hounds us about not filling out the 791 properly and has an excel spreadsheet for everything. Don't look through his browser history. You've been warned.

MSgt Mathew “POW” Crawford (OST) – Has a side hustle of selling “slightly” used mattresses on Facebook marketplace; don't hold a black light up. Has more product in his hair than an 80's teenager on prom night. Likes to go against the grain on every leadership decision as his knowledge (4 years) is all knowing.

MSgt Collin “NOT TICE” Vaughn (OST) – You would think marrying an officer would be a jackpot, but instead he lives in a van down by the river. Recently purchased a VR system to play games..... Doubt it's for games. Enjoys flying his drone and taking pictures.... Make sure your blinds are closed.

TSgt Gabe “WIND SHEAR” Ramirez (Off Station) – Gabe is a special little animal. He is our only part time full timer in the squadron. He is currently working in off station planning our few trips in this COVID world every other Tuesday from 9-2 when he is actually at work he is CLOSED FOR TRAINING. He has had COVID19 19 times and quarantined twice as much. In his free time (all the time) he is a persistent and calibrated internet troll picking fights with his keyboard heckling everyone. Grandmothers, children, the handicapped, no one is safe.

TSgt Brandon “BOOBOO” Gray (XP) – Hides in the vault, not sure what goes on down there, but when you call they are always “in a meeting”. It’s classified, don’t ask. His brother is now an A10 pilot and BooBoo makes sure everyone knows that.... Hell rest of us can’t refuel A10 because he is always on them.

TSgt Chad “CHAZZ” Broome (Local Scheduling) – Our newest fulltime hire, not sure how he got that sweet deal. Trying to build his hours so he can become the newest IB but still doesn’t know how to strap down a battery properly. Still wears his medical badge on his name tag.... Guess he is proud of giving prostate exams. Glorified Flight Nurse!!!

Mr Mark Sweeney (SMSgt Retired, BOSS contractor) - Can’t stay away from Forbes Island. Spending all his retirement money from AT&T, Forbes, and now his contractor to put his daughter through law school. Marks blood pressure goes up when we start using the BOSS as instructors are constantly crashing his system.

Traditional’s:

MSgt Jennifer “J-LO” Velazquez - Gave up handing out peanuts and drinks as a flight attendant and is now a fulltime mother. Still can’t break her of handing out peanuts, drinks and blankets when we haul Generals. She enjoys wearing bathing suits that look like a naked man in Guam giving all the tourists heart attacks.

MSgt Jason “BUTTERS” Sebring – The most senior guy in the group who’s successfully dodged CFIC for several years. He’ll be that old guy at CFIC someday with a wreath on his wings and telling young booms to get off his lawn.

MSgt Megan “DORA” TRENT - Lives on a farm, trains for ironman events where she will probably crush the skulls of most of the dudes. Somehow is also the nicest person in the world.

TSgt Samuel Wirstrom – Sam has managed to stay on flight status for a couple years now, to the surprise of everyone, including himself. Fulltime DoD contractor milking taxpayers of money at Lockheed Martin.

TSgt Michael Tremblay – Jack of all trades. From sewing Velcro on flight suits too making water jug harnesses there is nothing that Mike can’t do. He is our go to boom with any new projects who hits the ground running.

TSgt Chynna “LIZZIE” Carey – Newest IB in the squadron. I hope you spend your money wisely with the raise you get being an IB.

TSgt Adam Gilfillan – Has deployed, and sat on some kind of “Gravy Train” orders the entire time he’s been a boom. Recently going on his first TDY, probably has no idea how to do customs still.

TSgt Stephen Zeckser- You can see him from across the room when he smiles, a mix of Freddie Mercury and the Cheshire cat from Alice in Wonderland. We don’t see him, he’s usually on alert. He might as well pretend he is in Alice in wonderland because one can only dream of being in a magical world where you can get full time pay without ever showing up to work. During his time away from work, he has learned a new skill of flipping houses. We may not see him at work very much but you might be able to catch him on HGTV. Think more Joanna Gaines, not Chip.

SSgt Kenneth “SKINNY KENNY” Vadakin – If Bill from Bill and Ted had a kid with Butthead from Beavis and Butthead, and then became a boom operator, it would be Kenny. He likes to fly drones that always appear outside of bathroom windows for some reason.

SSgt Jonathon Piland – Piland decided that an AGR gig was too good of a deal, and decided to move to Colorado and enjoy the scenery. Can somehow never be found when it's pee test time.

SSgt Aaron Laux – Part time fire fighter, full time “Gravy Train” orders. Rough life. Only fire fighter we know that started a fire in the squadron oven and didn't know who to call.

SSgt Sebastian Adame– A little cousin of Ramirez. Won the “Top Stick” award his first year due to deploying for 75 days and racking up that flight time.

SSgt Kelsey Warren – From Forbes, to McConnell, back to Forbes. She's settled into her role as the person who always volunteers to go to the beach. She's doing her best to replace Swinney as the permanent Hawaii boom. You need to do a better job carrying bags for Colonels.

SSgt Matt Ferguson – Another police officer in the building who will help get us out of tickets. Funny though, he still didn't shoot expert in 9mm training.

SrA Jacob “CHIMP” Fandrich – Only boom we know that ran so fast on alert response that he had to change his superman underwear. Blazed through MQT training somehow but still doesn't know where the ORCE door is at on the KC135.

AIC Wokutch - I've only met this guy once, and I don't even know his first name yet. Our first pipeline boom in years who sat in the breakroom for 2 years waiting BMT dates.

Honorable Mention:

SMSgt Mike Money (NGB) - 90% of Mike's day is bitching at people about money, and I'd be willing to bet 60% of that comes from his bros back at Forbes. He now signs his emails as \$\$\$, which pretty much qualifies you to be an extra in a Ludacris music video.

In Training:

SSgt Connor Remboldt – Finally tired of being a grease monkey on the jets and came to Ops.

SSgt Trevor Dark – Ex Marine..... not sure if there is enough Crayons in the squadron for him.

SrA Ryan Ewing - He's quiet. Someone get this guy drunk ASAP so we can see some personality.

Recently Departed the Fix (Last 5 years):

CMSgt Jim Spurlock (Retired)
MSgt Wayne Walls (Tinker)
TSgt Ben Tressler (Edwards)
SSgt Travis Bryan (Pilot)
SSgt Pat Murray (Separated)

SMSgt Brian Dillon (Retired)
MSgt Ben Fulton (Retired)
TSgt Adam Boeckman (Tinker)
SSgt Ben Heiliger (Pilot)

MSgt Mac Torrez (Retired)
TSgt Austin Reed (Separated)
SSgt Matt Tice (Pilot)
SSgt Jenna Bausch

Gen Billy Mitchell ANGB, Wisconsin

128th ARW / 126th ARS

Brew City Tankers



Greeting from the Goodland! Apologies for the lack of submission last year. There's a lot to catch up all up on so we'll do our best. OPS is still wandering aimlessly in the COVID world with the majority of fulltime staff telecommuting. Don't be worried though. There's still a sufficient number of crew dogs around to steal from the snack bar and leave dirty dishes in the sink. With base plans to renovate the building it looks like we'll continue the telecommute lifestyle through 2021 and maybe all of 2022. If you though all those AGRs had excess leave just wait until we finally move back in. 2020 wasn't a total \$hi!show though, at least we can enjoy a cold one after a flight. It's just a little difficult to drink through the mask. Well..... On with the show!

NKAWTG...N!

Fulltime:

CMSGT Donald Strickland- Program Manager – While he isn't riding his bicycle, Chief enjoys inviting all of us to his house for parties... and then canceling them.

SMSgt Patrick- "Children's Lunchbox" Sosinski- STAN/EVAL – I heard Pat once took 2.5 hours to walk from one end of the building to the other. Impressive if true. This OG Boom will defiantly hustle you on the Golf Course, bring lots of cash.

SMSgt Kurt Ignasiak- Training NCOIC– I don't think we've ever seen Kurt angry... there's gotta be something wrong with him, we'll keep you posted when we figure it out.

MSgt Peter Gauerke- STAN/EVAL/EFB WHISPERER – Pete "Cheated Death" Gauerke, it's going to take more than cancer to keep this old Crew Dog out of the Pod. Just do us a favor, don't puke on us when we drive you home from the winery. "Thanks." -Everyone

MSgt Anthony "A-Train" Walter-Scheduling – Our resident expert on Bourbon and Cigars, don't approach his desk without using a Sir Sandwich while at Parade Rest or you'll be on the wrong side of a OG addressed email faster than you can call a Breakaway on a Schoolhouse C-17. Someone get this guy a snack.... He is HANGRY.

MSgt Bryan Storbeck- Wing Plans – Brian LOVES being locked in the vault. Between dodging all group activities, and eating way-to-large lunch options faster than you can call a breakaway, he enjoys family time and hanging with his cool son Grant and new baby girl. Oh, and stealing deployments from guardbums. (Enjoy your brand new Tesla!)

MSgt Brad Love – STAN/EVAL – This lovable soul-less Boom has grinded every angle of the game since day one. It's not hate, its love for the player, Brad. Being the most educated person in the squadron has its perks, I suppose.

MSgt T-Roy Johnson – Where do I start? The ole' sarge loves it when you leave beer cans in his desk trash can, he'll even be nice enough to let your Squadron Commander know about it. He's on track to shut down post flight beers faster than John Taffer during a Stress Test.

MSgt Karley Holtz-Scheduling – Known for being one of the only people that can keep Chief on task, Karley now also has to keep Anthony in line. No easy task. Good luck, you'll need it.

TSgt Lavontia Harper – MPC – Tae is at Instructor School. There's only one thing that is certainly happening there... crying.

Traditional:

CMSgt William Mattered-State Investigator – “The Other Chief” makes his appearances from time to time on active duty orders, I'm sure it isn't about the money. Wink Wink.

MSgt Justin Jung- NEWer BOOM- Justin decided he had enough giving us Intel Briefs and wanted part of the action. A sound decision if I do say so myself.

TSgt Mat Gryzb-Fireman – Mat doesn't talk much, maybe that's how no one hates him. Mat has been a boom for 15+ years, and just recently went to the Died for the first time. Not mad, just impressed.

TSgt Lynda Matthews- Guardsman– WELCOME BACK! Lynda is back with us after being condemned to a non-flying career field. Sometimes the highroad pays off. Sometime a wrong can be righted. A measure of faith has been restored.

TSgt Jordan Jungwirth-State Trooper – One of the best Scammers in the game, and he's proud of it. He'll stay with us until we drag him out in handcuffs. A favor some of us fear he would return, just for kicks, if were ever caught in his area.

TSgt Jason Lacher- NEW BOOM- Jason quit his Elec/Enviro Technician job (more sound decisions) in MX to be a Boom. Heard he was hired to bolster the OPS Bowling Team, could be a rumor, but probably not.

TSgt (Select) Nick “L12” Lichtenwalder- Sleep deprived new daddy Nick is an active duty defector, and he couldn't be happier about it. Jury is still out on whether our Guardbums looking to get on fulltime are the same. Always great to grab a plug and play option for free.

TSgt (Select) Jacob Dunsmore – UW Madison- Jake comes our way via the Altus transfer portal giving up the teaching life to hang with the 18-22 co-ed crowd on one of the best party campuses of all time. Then COVID crapped on his college experience☹. When he free he's been an awesome addition to the IB force.

TSgt Luke “PenaltyBox” Ellis – itslukeellis@gmail.com crapped the bed on our submission last year. So I called to ask if it was done this year the night before I would give him his checkride. Fear and intimidation aren't the horrible tools they say they are! His new bride Kim fully agrees with me.

TSgt Carla Villarreal- Full-Time Guardsman – Everyone who works in OPS, and the rest of the base, is surprised when they find out Carla isn't fulltime. Pretty sure she runs MPC most of the time. Keep it up. You'll be hired before Luke in no time.

TSgt Kurtis Strasser – We poached Kurtis from the C-17 community. He recently moved out of state for love as well as the absence of cold weather procedures for 6 months of the year. In turn he is giving up his first love, Eagle Park Brewery.

TSgt (Select) Zack Pulido – Where do we start with this guy? If Karley keeps the Chief inline Zack drives him insane and he has no shortage of his fellow booms egging him on to do so. Luckily for him he typically says yes when asked so he stays somewhat in the Chiefs good graces.

TSgt (Select) Bryan Groshek – Bryan continues to thrive in the COVID telework environment. As a fulltime teacher it's easier for him to double dip and he's sucking up extra pay days like a seasoned pro. He's learned well from his mentors. Now if he could apply the same to bowling....

TSgt Nate Walters-Nate, a former avionics nerd, has kept busy with us immediately out of BIQ. His accomplishments include a deployment and 2 babies in min turn time!

SSgt Donovan Cole – Donovan came to us from active duty services a couple of years ago and has been hell-bent on completing his degrees knocking out his undergrad before half the SQ knew who he was and now well into his MBA.

SSgt Alyssa Rholeder – Alyssa might be the shortest Boom to ever do it. Forged in the MX fire, she is quick with the one-liners. Let us know if you need help closing the Crew Entry door, Alyssa, we'll find you a milk crate.

SSgt Joey Patterson- NEW BOOM- Joey brings quite the personality from the Clinic. This former Medical PaperPusher loves to hear himself talk. I mean, he talks... a lot! And fast too! Jokes aside he never says no to a tasking. Sad to lose an ally in the med clinic, good to gain a quality guardbum.

SSgt Dana Polzen- NEW BOOM- Dana is back from school and in MCT after quitting her job in POL (More sound decisions!) From Ground Refueling to Air Refueling! Who says you can't achieve your JET-A Dreams?

SRA Samantha Cardarelle- We've been known to steal talent from MXS for a long time but with Sam we took it to a new level by offering her a boom slot the night before she left for Basic Training with follow on dates for tech school. Needless to say, Flightline was pi\$\$ed!

Defectors:

LT Col. Paul Matthews –From Crew Chief, to Boom to EP. This is Walleyes! It's a celebration!

Cpt Nik Ilich – Not really sure what Nick is up to on a daily basis, but I can guarantee one thing, he's smiling.

Cpt Andrew Kueffler – Former AD boom turned guardbum, now fulltime pilot spends his free time shooting things.

MSgt Benjamin Casper- Airfield Manager – UDM, various additional duties, Assistant to the First Shirt or as we like to say, a\$\$shirt. When you sell your soul for an AGR slot this is what you get.

MSgt Christopher Winchell – Chris checks in now and then from his gig down at Scott. Ideally he would retire like any great, wearing the patch where he belongs.

TSgt Elvis Alvarado – Still rocking the recruiter gig. Elvis is "The Mayor of Nonnerville"!

LT William Pelkofer – Will is off at UPT. We look forward to his return someday, where he will likely immediately get injured and be long term DNIF.

Stowed and Latched

The list here can get pretty long and we apologize for those names missing. A few of these last names may look familiar, gotta love legacies. 2020 was rough year that saw the passing of a few of our greats. With the approval coming down nearly simultaneously with the crew stepping the Squadron and Wing proved its love for their own by jumping through all the hoops needed to provide a tanker flyby at the services of **SMSgt(Ret) Earl Gauerke** who passed in late June. The sight of a KC-135 passing over the beautiful lush green Wisconsin countryside at the conclusion of Taps, while a cemetery full of family and friends dominated by the uniform at attention in respect to those who came before them will live long in our memories. Earl served nearly 37 years, more than 26 as a boom. After retiring in 1988 with 9500+ hours aboard KC-97 and KC-135 aircraft he continued to regularly attend retiree functions as well as the Boom Christmas party. God Speed to Earl and all those who have left us.

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

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

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

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

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GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

72 ARS

“The Dark Side”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

GRISSOM ARB, INDIANA

74th ARS

“Fighting Red Tags”



Greetings from Grissom. This year was full of ~~Covert~~ COVID Ops and consistent bans on our accustomed lifestyle, like all. We are changing the guard in the 74th squadron and this will be our last Signal with Booms from an era known but to the Sim/ BOWST instructors. Ending FY21 we will no longer have Booms that were in the Strategic Air Command (SAC), who flew the A-model, E-model, used a Load Adjuster “Slip Stick”, and used a sextant to give the Navigator celestial positions. We had the first HP-41 W&B calculator introduced in 1983, (Max memory 6437 bytes). We gained a rite to eldership by showing air refueling prowess with an F-4 at night. And now, just like the many aged jets they’ll enter the Boom Boneyard. “In Case of War Break Glass”. It’s up to the new generation to continue our legacy.

CMSgt Jeff “Heffe” Maier (ART/Evaluator) - “I love you Chief ... “Ahhhh What”, I said I love you Chief ... “I heard you the first time YPOC”. Chief is going to retire this year so say goodbye to the whiteboard and stick figure drawings. In addition, no more Willie’s Roadhouse, Coors banquet and endless questions like what psi will a B-52 disconnect. He says he’s not giving anything back to the community in retirement and he’s going to be Clint Eastwood in Gran Torino, but with a Z06.

SMSgt Nick “Shandy Man” Obusek (TR/ Evaluator) - Nick has missed out on a number of Opportunities while TDY’s were on ice during COVID. Otherwise, he’s still bitter about being 50 feet inside the commuting area. Nick sometimes dreams of actually killing an elk but “no joy”. You wanna find Nick ... he’s either in his garage, in the woods looking for antlers, or on the streets of Fort Worth during a C-5 Business Effort.

MSgt Bryan “Lamp” Lampinen (ART/ Instructor) - While being somewhat on a roller coaster of flight suit sizes, Lamp has continued to “grow”, just ask BWow. Bryan just uses the tight flight suit to demo the Velcro’s symbolism of not having 3Gs restraint to the new Booms. Outside of being an awful hockey player he has sharpened his skills of basement remodeling and could be an HGTV contender.

MSgt Chris “Knick” Nack (ART/ Evaluator) - While teleworking in Mission Planning, Chris has completed all required training to be a Telework Instructor/ Evaluator. Chris has also started a “Loofah/ Luffa/ Loofa” farm, helping people to remove dead skin cells, stimulate blood circulation and leaving their skin smooth. And if you didn’t know, it’s an actual edible fruit of the species.

MSgt Jeff “Taxi” Navarre (ART/ Instructor) - Jeff’s been busy this year. Jeff has deployed, graduated CFIC, sold a truck with hubcaps, bought a bigger truck (dent included), and has taken thousands of selfies. Jeff is also working on completing his master’s degree and is either going to remain an ART or apply to work for Capital Tours, Inc.

MSgt Tracy Purdy (TR/ Instructor) - Tracy came to the squadron from somewhere up North (64° 45' 2.1132" N, - 147° 21' 3.0420" W). She’s recently deployed to the sandbox and is selling real estate at home, which is a short 3,700 mile commute to Gus.

MSgt Debbie “Yoko” Wood (ART/ Instructor) - Debbie is now working in Tactics and “LOVES” flying locals. If you want to see a live-stream of her dog Oscar/ Oliver/ or whatever, she’ll send you the link and password for 24/7 access via Arlo.

TSgt Scott “SunFlaryd” Floyd (TR) - Scott is building his portfolio with the grand plan of getting rich by the entrepreneurship of exotic sunflower oils and cutting in on the dumpster business. Reality is ... once the Sopranos find out he’s in the waste management business he’ll be “advised” to just focus on the coveted 74th process of Pre-CFIC, (6 months min).

TSgt Rob “POSH” Haswell (TR) - Aside from his new management job at Lowes, Rob has also began a new company: “..-. *Your Buddy Go-Karts*”, company motto - “*As is, No Warranty, Assembly Required*”. Rob is only months away from 20-years and still doesn’t know what’s next. Stop by Lowes to audit his specialty workshop if you’re in Kokomo.

TSgt Vicki “Icky” Maxwell (TR) She deployed for the squadron this year and really enjoyed the sandbox prison camp. Vicki is working in the Crimes Against Children unit for the State Police, even though she still has to come down here to put up with us. She’s still beautiful, smart and funny as always.

TSgt Sam “Sam Dirt, Gump, or Dang” Roberts (ART) - This year Sam has learned two valuable lessons. 1. You have to turn your pay paperwork in if you want to get paid, (weird). 2. You can turn in your homework up to one month past the due date. When Sam’s not scheduling ARs he’s rebuilding a steering knuckle or installing a barefoot gas pedal on his Blazer.

TSgt Josh “Lamont” Sanford (TR) – Josh stays busy with a new kid every year to take full advantage of stimulus checks and 12-weeks of parental leave. This scam leaves about 3-days a pay period for his OG Resource Advisor job. If you see a dude on the beach with a Jormungondor skeleton back tattoo that’s him.

TSgt Jason “Highwater” Vinson (TR) - Jason has 5/5 availability for night flights. He’s been non-current in getting his own water jugs or Form F’s.

SSgt Michael McNally (TR) Deployed for 120 plus, he must like desert chow. Mike currently works in San Antonio for Boeing assigned to the E4B program.

SSgt Brian “BWow ^{Meh Meh Meh}” Wright (TR) - If you are missing a bag of Gold Fish or Alert tours BWow has already taken them. If you happen to be looking for him you might have better luck finding a mouse. Outside of the shop you can find him keeping close track of spark plugs and rims at Base Trans.

New Booms:

SSgt Nathan Geist (TR) - If you find yourself in a smoke filled room feel safe that there is a boom nearby that will save you and the other two fire fighters. He works out, just ask him. He just graduated BIQ.

SrA Brandon “Bieber” Reiber (TR) - Brandon has departed for BIQ and will be back sometime in 2021

Retired:

SMSgt Tim “Missing Link” Stibbe (ART/ Senior Evaluator) - Much like Brooks, Stib became institutionalized at Grissomshank. He started here in May of 1985 in the 70th ARS, 305th ARW and never left. This guy was a true SAC Warrior and has flown in all of these jets - EC-135A/G/L, KC-135A/D/Q/R/T. A lot of Booms can now say “I knew a Boom who flew on the EC-135 at the Gus Air Park”. A true “old-timey” instructor who would use his colorful language to make you understand the Boom essentials!

MSgt Doug Preece (TR) - While his description might be short. “In my (his) defense” he has officially retired.

Blanked on AFSC:

MSgt Josh “Radio” Welch (ART/ Evaluator) - Josh departed the squadron and will now be living the life as a stunning “Butterbar” in our Intel shop after 6-months of CNN flute camp.

TSgt Cory “Whole” Beck (ART/ Instructor) - Lt. Cory is graduating UPT in April and is going to return to pick-up his bass guitar and “Slick Boy” his way into a TDART position.

TSgt Zach Holmes (TR) - Zach cross-trained into structural maintenance because we didn’t have a Hydro position for him to **Red X** MPRS jets.

HURLBURT FIELD, FLORIDA

USAF EOS DET 1

Soon to be 435 TRS



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

AD:

MSgt Kai Bresser: Hurlburt's one position for a Boom is still the best kept secret. Most Aircrew at Travis are still happy that he's not on TDY's, putting extra "equipment" in their bags. Kept his house in CA due to the market and Covid. The extra income was nice and helpful in FL., but it is finally time to sell.

AFRC:

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

Retired:

Mr. Rich Geraci: Has bought yet another truck and is still the computer guy at the DET.

Mr. Devan DeBarr: Still the Dets primary research analyst. Has pretty much stopped flying little airplanes (Heart attacks will do that). He's also our Korea expert, as he is constantly over there for the exercises. Still commercial fishing when he can...said something about working to fish???

Local Area Booms:

Luke Mullins: Living the good retired life in Panama City. Retired last year and snuck out of AFNORTH without anyone seeing where he went.

Van "Doc" Gibbs: Doing that slimy contractor life. Working on Hurlburt on aircraft specific training courseware. Still has that long pinky nail.

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.

Mr. Tyler Stone: Stone(rrr) Has completed school and has degree. Found a job doing metalwork. Hasn't stopped by the DET lately, probably because civilian life is a lot more work than military life.

Jill Miller: Former Castle instructor and now the retired base SARC. Her and her Husband are doing well living the retired life here in the local area.

Not so local but in Florida:

Jeremiah “Doc” Love: Living the retired life down in the Mouse trap area of Florida.

Eric ‘Pork chop” Moyer: In the Tampa area with Benny Smith.

Former Det-1 guys out of the area:

Mr. Blaise Rohan: Still working at Amazon...and loves living in Texas. He informed us that he feels like that is where he should have been all his life.

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, NEW JERSEY

76th ARS

FREEDOM'S SPIRIT



SMSgt Jimmie Rush, EB (Acting Chief/Training/Stan/Eval/Basically Everything) – Since everyone else in leadership decided to retire or do something else in the Air Force all in the same month, Jimmie was left behind to pick up the slack. He is usually seen with a Wawa coffee cup in his hand or over the shoulder of a struggling aircrew member sitting at a computer desk.

SMSgt Kevin “Loco” Locascio, EB (Asst. Chief Boom) – Our last Boom Signal highlighted Kevin’s promotion within PetSmart back in 2014. He has since graduated from PetSmart and is now the CEO of the bargain toy outlet Five Below. Just Kidding, but he does manage every single store on the East Coast or something... who cares. Also, if you’re in a rush, don’t ask him about skiing. O yea he’s assistant chief now too.

TSgt Todd Dallmann (Scheduling/AGR) – Todd signed on as our first ever AGR for a three-year tour and then two weeks later everyone but Jimmie left. Weird. If you ask anyone in the squadron where they would go if a zombie apocalypse started, they would say Todd Dallmann’s house. While single handedly funding the NRA, Todd has recently found extra time to complete his PME and has put a cap on his long standing record of oldest Tech Sergeant in the Air Force. Check Boom Signal 2036 for updates on Todd’s career progression.

A – FLIGHT:

MSgt Markos “The Greek” Moraitakis, IB (Flight Leader) – Markos can normally be found in the locker room washing and drying his shirts over and over so they fit tighter. In the last few years Markos went to IB upgrade and is now the 76’s newest EB. Some say he’s gunning for Jimmie’s job next.

MSgt Brian Kelly, MB (Asst Flight Leader) – Brian bought a huge house in the middle of the woods in north jersey for like \$300 and re-did the whole thing, so now it’s worth close to a million. He got a job as a cop, had a 2nd kid, got promoted to MSgt, took on a role as career advisor and somehow still has time to plan Bob’s retirement party.

MSgt Shane Lester, EB – Once a luxuriant young ART, Shane recently got married and stopped working at the squadron full time; so now he’s super boring and somewhat useless (which is what UB really stands for). I think he weaseled his way into a job as a BOT instructor too, which is weird because he’s not 75 years old. If one day you turn on the food network and see an angry drunk man in a flight suit cooking up delicious meats and veggies, it’s Shane.

TSgt Vince Samuel, MB – Vince still holds the record for the most relaxed guy in the office, that’s not changing anytime soon. Vince has a lot of cool stories that I can’t talk about here, but if you’ve ever TDY with Vince ask him about the protection detail with a specific code name.

SSgt Cedano Eirk, UB – He is a current KC130 ANG loadmaster and soon to be gained if medical will complete his paperwork.

SrA (For life) Tim “Timmay” Harman, MB – Look up the definition of “TR” in the dictionary and you’ll see a picture of Tim Harman. You will only see this guy during a UTA. And probably just on Saturday. And probably only from 0800-0815. And it was probably someone else who looks like him. Did he mention he flies for Piedmont? Nope! That’s because he doesn’t exist. If the E-4 Mafia is real this dude is the “Don” of the E-4 Mafia. *update* He just got promoted.

SrA Nathan Miller, MB – Not much to say about Nate since he is one of the new guys. All we really know is he’s got a pretty good K/D in Call of Duty Warzone. We also know that he’ll promote before Tim Harman even though he’s only been here a month.

B – FLIGHT:

MSgt Vic Torres, IB (Flight Leader) – Vic is a prime example of leadership, professionalism, and dedication. He is also a great role model to all the other booms in the 76th. This man has taken on additional duties left and right, and has surely set the standard for most productive part-time Boom Operator. Brian and Phil; take notes.

TSgt Alissa Andersyn, MB (Asst Flight Leader) – Alissa recently got married in New Orleans (Jealous) and went from being called Alissa Anderson to Alissa Andersyn. Seriously. She made us buy her new name tags. Can you imagine? The audacity. Seriously though whenever I see Alissa, no matter how many flights have MX CNX, or how bad the internet is, she always has a smile on her face, and we need more of that around here.

MSgt Dan Timko, FB – Dan is back from long-term DNIF and a hiatus at AFRC. Dan is blowing through requal training as if the weapon system was coming to an end or something and should be on the hunt for active duty orders again.

TSgt Dariel Benjamin, MB – Dariel went from hydraulic shop extraordinaire to boom operator and is realizing that UTAs are much more vibrant on this side of the base. This jolly young fellow is usually seen overly laughing at peoples jokes. Great guy.

TSgt Ryan Woods, MB – Ryan recently dipped his foot in the 76th full time staff pool and quickly undipped his foot. He mentioned he may be interested in full time employment and the squadron responded by throwing a multitude of additional duties at him and ruined his spirit. Come on guys! You should know by now the correct way to do that is to hire someone full time first and slowly let the system destroy their spirit.

SrA Caryl Armour, MB – You ever go to a bar so much you get to know the bartenders? You ever go to a bar so much you hire one of the bartenders to refuel airplanes mid-air? Didn’t think so. We did, or rather Todd did. Introducing: Caryl. Caryl recently became qualified and has been busy flying every chance she gets. With Covid restrictions we were able to strap Culotta to Caryl’s chest in a babybjørn and count them as one crew member to accomplish her training on time.

SrA Zena Fuller, FB – Zena is one of our newest recruits from parts unknown and just passed her initial cargo check ride. Congrats, also your travel voucher is officially late as of tomorrow. Just wanted to remind you. I know three other people won’t.

SrA Chien Than, MB – Turns out, ol’ Than here knows a recruiter! And welcome him to the 76th we did. Than, if you’re reading this, Jimmie called, he’s looking for you, call him NOW.

C – FLIGHT:

MSgt Phillip Culotta, EB (Flight Leader) – Since we last saw Phil he went from assistant to lead in his respected flight. Quite the accomplishment; only took 7 years but who's counting. He also went from TSgt to MSgt, but we're not gonna mention how long THAT took. We also last saw him at Taco Bell... we're actually not really sure where Phil is, but you can bet he will be the first crewmember to show at the hotel lobby the next morning no matter the location or what happened the night before (Hawaii is the exception that proves the rule). It's actually kind of impressive.

MSgt Dana Granteed, MB (Asst Flight Leader) – Dana is a fireman in North Jersey. He also squeezed a promotion out of the old Boom Chief right before she retired. *squints eyes and says hmmm while scratching chin*

TSgt Alvaro Fable, MB – Fable has decided to take on the role of instructor and should be in training while you are reading this post. He transports prisoners for a living so we think he'll be alright. If you end up being one of his students just know that his speaking volume doesn't go higher than about a 3.5.

TSgt Juan Jurjo, MB – Jurjo has recently volunteered to be head of the party planning committee for all the new Master Sergeants in the squadron. He said he couldn't think of a better way to remind him of all the ways he's messed up by voluntarily taking off a stripe for a year to come here.....Seven years ago....Welcome again, TSGT JURJO.

SSgt Russel Lee, MB – Lee came to us from Active Duty during covid so not much is known about him yet. We'll get back to you after our first "Training fly away" to Key West, after we've ruined him.

SSgt Daniel Mauchly, MB – This man is known as the "Golden Boy" of the 76th. He is often mistaken for Charles Lindbergh throughout the hallways of the squadron because of all the awards he has won during his short Air Force career. Another cool stat about Daniel is that although he is only 24 years old, he has been the squadron UDM since 1992.

D – FLIGHT/ATTACHED:

CMSgt Tige "Tiger" Platt – Tiger isn't technically in the 76th ARS anymore, and he isn't technically attached (yet), but he is technically the Command Chief of the 514th and we couldn't be prouder. Tiger is also a Chief at his other job at the Brigantine Fire Department, he's also the Chief part time guy at Pinnacle as a BOT instructor, and we assume when he's home he makes his family call him Chief.

SMSgt Robert "Chief" Culbertson, EB – Bob is a former Boom Chief who now works at the BOT. He has been with us for a long time and is edging closer to retirement which is planned for the end of 2021. Bob enjoys playing golf, poker, and coming in 1st place every year in the Boom Fantasy Football League. He will be greatly missed and will leave behind an incredible legacy. No matter who is in that corner office, you can be sure we'll always refer to Bob as "Chief".

SMSgt Aaron Hendrick, EB – Aaron's favorite movie is planes, trains and automobiles, oh no wait that's his resume. Aaron was a flight attendant, Amtrak engineer, and is still holding strong as a boom even though he currently spends his time with 4th Air Force. I think he has like 13 siblings too. This man does it all.

SMSgt Joe Jones, UB – Former Chief turned current ops, Joe is retiring July 24, 2021. Congratulations Joe! We'll never forget you or your cooler of justice.

SMSgt Garret Rayno – Rayno left us for a stripe and moved on down to OGV to be the smartest boom in the building. He's, lost weight, looks ten years younger, and just seems generally happier downstairs. And we couldn't be happier for him. Hey, you guys don't think it has to do with leaving leadership, here do you? Guys? GUYS?!?!?

MSgt Dean Reck, EB – Dean has continued impressing us with how well he works with his wood. He is our go to guy for any retirement gifts for departing aircrew members and if he ever figures out how to work the internet, maybe he can start a business and you can all order his wonderful wood art. We just taught him how to unlock his iPad so we're on our way!!

MSgt Bill Simurra, IB – Old Billy Bagels! Bill recently became the first ever flying first shirt for the 514th. Bill also became the very last person in Ops to realize how “special” everyone outside of Ops is. Sorry for your optimism Billy! Some of us are here to fly airplanes, some of us are here because the judge told us it was either this, or prison! Spoiler alert, none of THOSE guys made it to ops. But you already know that now, don't you Bill....

Departed/Retired/Honorable Mention:

CMSgt Kimberly Asewicz – Retired 7 Dec 20.

TSgt Chris Foley – Full time cop and departed 23 Dec 20.

SrA Brandon ‘griffy poo’ Griffin – Cross-trained to medical 1 Jan 21.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

78th ARS

“FIRST AND FINEST!”



Another year in the tank, and we are really starting to round out our shop with some fresh blood. It couldn't come at a better time too, since we are leading the charge here at JB-MDL in terms of sending able-bodied (and willing?) reservist operators to KC-46 transition training. It's kind of odd considering that we still have crews taking care of business in the sandbox, but we are handling it all. All of us in the 78th will be incredibly sad to bid adieu to the mighty Big Sexy, but we are happy to know she will be taken care of for at least a handful more years by the rest of our KC-10 brethren.

As always, if you ever find yourself in lovely NJ and you need a cold one and some inappropriate jokes, feel free to stop in – we can guarantee a fresh supply of booms willing to partake. Cheers!
NKAWTG...N!

The ART Force:

CMSgt Victor "Queso Grande" Guzman – Vic is still the big boss as he figured we could use some guidance as we continue to navigate our way through transitioning to the KC-46. He's been a little testy lately as he has been without his tiny soccer ball for a few months now – he's convinced it was stolen by the LT mafia, but we are pretty sure he lost it in the mountain of crap outside his office door that he refers to as 'my things'.

SMSgt Chris "Joan" Baez – Chris is still filling the ART scheduler slot, and all these new, young booms are starting to run him ragged. He's turned into a bit of a hard-ass and has been seen actually telling our fresh FBs and MBs that they will fly instead of asking them. As a result, the kids now referred to him as Big Daddy Pain.

MSgt Ray "How Can I Help You?" Cruz Eye Eye Eye – Ray is still hanging out in Stan/Evil and keeps all of us on the straight-and-level. He's been really excited about all of the new Dress & Appearance changes coming down the pipe, and as a result has taken to wearing two Bluetooth headsets: one legal, one illegal. In addition, he carries a 55" flat screen on his hip which he claims is a phone, but I only ever see Golden Girls reruns playing on it.

MSgt Ryan "I'm Just Savin'" McFadden – Ryan is still killing it in the training sector, and he does a bang-up job tracking all of us knuckleheads and our individual training needs. He's been a little hush-hush about it, but we have reason to believe he's seeking to expand his venture capital funded potato empire back home in Idaho. We're pretty sure he's gonna stall, though – he's trying to push whole-potato French fries he wants to brand as "Freedom Bricks".

The Consigliers:

SMSgt Joe "Shadow Chief" McGann – Joe spends his days as a BOT instructor over at Pinnacle, and he still flies whenever and as often as he can. One of these days he's going to retire, but we think he likes to keep the rest of the

MSgt's on their toes. It's getting kind of annoying though because he keeps requesting elaborate retirement ceremonies and then cancelling at the last minute. How many nude dancing girl ice sculptures do you want us to watch melt, Joe??

SMSgt Rob "Rip Van" Rodriguez – Rob recently retired from the NYPD and is really excited to spend all of his free time at the squadron now. He's super sad about the impending KC-10 retirement, and he's speculated that maybe the new jet will make him feel young again...but for now he's too old to stay awake through all of his KC-10 fini-trips. You snooze, you lose, Rob!!

A-Flight:

MSgt Jason "If You Ain't First, You're Last" Craig – Jason is still kicking it as a civilian puke over in Current Ops sucking in the same air as one of his most-cherished mentors. He is the first one of us heading to KC-46 transition training, and he has convinced himself that the camera system is a rumor started only to piss him off. Good luck out there, Jason! Oh, he was also the first runner-up of the Unofficial 1st Annual COVID Mustache Contest, and he charges \$1 per ride. It's a short line.

MSgt Ted "Hot Teddy" Morales – Unfortunately, Ted's catering business has been on a hiatus due to COVID. It was either that or his customers didn't appreciate the fact that he preferred to do business in the nude so as to not detract from the deliciousness of the food. At any rate, he has taken the banking industry by storm and likes to offer lines of credit to fellow booms before screaming 'DENIED' and running out of the room.

TSgt Rob "MF Jones" White – Rob is doing excellent work supplementing the FTU as an instructor, and he's ensuring that all of the rumors about the reserves circulating around active duty are true. Recently, Rob tragically died temporarily of a self-inflicted laughing fit, but was resuscitated by a terrified FTU student on a local flight. He refuses to repeat the joke, but he says it was the best one he ever told.

TSgt Angel "The Good One" Gonzalez – Angel recently retired from the NYPD, and he's been using the extra time to focus on getting in the seat more in preparation for IB upgrade. This is good because it'll be just in time to cross train over to the KC-46...and then do it all over again. Timing be a cruel mistress, but we're sure he'll weather the storm and become a go-to IB.

SSgt Kyle "Hero Bro" Breitenbach – Kyle has been keeping busy purchasing literally all of the abandoned cars currently rotting in the squadron parking lot and then relocating them to his front lawn. We speculate that he's erecting a statue in honor of himself made of discarded automobiles. He says it's art. His wife disagrees. This man is the official winner of the Unofficial 1st Annual COVID Mustache Contest but does not offer rides. He's a true gentleman.

SSgt Jamila "Are You Serious?" Lopez-Daniel – Jamila is now fully qualified, and we're pretty sure she still works here. Rumor has it that she's been keeping busy at Southwest, but we're suspecting she'll be blowing up the scheduling line looking for TDYs now that the dregs of society are getting their stimulus checks and want to find out what them there flying machines are for.

SrA Anas "Rico Suave" Sohail – Anas is definitely coming into his own – he was pretty shy when he first got here, but we wasted no time in ruining him. He's in kind of a limbo state right now being cargo and heavy AR-qualified but still in need of fighters and some actual TDY experience. He can be found knocking on random doors in Vegas asking for alcohol handouts...was doing pretty well until he shaved his mustache. Update: Mustache is back...all is right with the world.

B-Flight:

MSgt Rick "The Geek" Taylor – Rick was on UDM orders until this past fall and then took over at the KC-46 PIO. He's set to convert to the new jet behind Jason, and he's already started drinking the Kool-Aid like a good boy. We keep asking him when he is going to return to Lockheed, but he keeps recanting the same story about how one time he colorfully complimented a coworker's desktop ornament and was sent to HR. He can sometimes be found curled up crying beneath Vic's mountain of crap...it's some sort of metaphor.

MSgt Kingsley “Mystery Discharge” Rose – Kingsley has taken to becoming our in-house Google search expert. This man can find anything on Google except the receptacle. In addition, he has started sabotaging structures in the squadron building so that he has things to fix when he's in town. Some of us swear that right after the big whiteboard in the boom shop fell, you could hear a Red Stripe can pop in the hallway.

TSgt Greg “The Orb” Coburn – Little Greggie has been busy down in the UDM hole taking care of our warfighters and enabling the KC-10 portion of the GWOT until the very bitter end. He's been doing a great job for us thus far, but he said his dad wants a phone call from a supervisor to prove it. Greg is also competing with Vigilante and Rick for the "King Trougher" moniker. Pay attention, kid.

TSgt Melissa “The Perfect TR” King – Melissa is still living in Florida and soaking up all the sun...along with the overstocked Ensure. When she isn't up north keeping current and passing on her knowledge to the kids, Melissa can be found hosting weekly pinochle tournaments for all of her neighbors. She continues to be one of our go-to booms and she rocks.

TSgt Silvio “Loudmouth” Ng – Silvio still works for a police department somewhere in the United States...I mean, we're pretty sure he does. All signs point to the DC-Metro area, but every time we ask, he whispers the answer. Maybe he went full Bob Ross on us and has taken a vow of silence. At any rate, he kills it on the jet and should be headed to IB upgrade soon.

SrA Carla “Smiley McGee” Luna – Carla is our resident den-mother of the boom shop. She has adopted an "if you love someone, set them free" approach to raising us, her children...which is why we're all so messed up - HELP US CARLA! She continues to fly when she can, upside-down smiling the whole way, and she LOVES speaking in public.

SrA Anne Marie Pirrelli – Anne Marie is currently stuck at FTU right now fighting for local flights. She's hoping to get qualified on the KC-10 sometime before the end of 2021. Her time there has not been a total waste, though as she received a medal for bringing Rob White back to life in flight. Great job Anne Marie!

C-Flight:

MSgt Bill “King of the Deal” Vigilante – Bill was the go-to guy in the PIO until Rick took over, and now he's waiting patiently for his 1095 time to fall off. That's what you get when you do too much for the Air Force, Bill – you get punished. He also got married this past year to a wonderfully patient woman, and his new wife assures us that he is very happy. Congrats Bill!

TSgt Matt “Duuuuude” Yockey – Yockey continues to venture back to JB-MDL for a long weekend when he's had his fill of the Ohio oil fields. In case you were wondering, yes Frostbite Fest is still an annual staple and yes Yockey is still the annual Master of Ceremonies. In addition, he can be found teaching calculus after hours to our newer booms. “Imaginary numbers, am I right dude?”

TSgt Darel “Doomsday” Matthews – Darel recently took his brew master hat off, and put his chemist hat on. He also bought an RV. And spends a lot of time in the desert. It's fine, he's fine. He's loaded now, too. It all happened so fast. Still finds time to intimidate students into submission like the boss that he is. It looks painful when you smile sometimes, bro.

TSgt Arriel “Giggles” Bromley – Unfortunately, Arriel is getting ready to leave us and head to the 79 ARS on the left coast in order to escape the impending attack of the Pegasus here at JB-MDL. We still didn't get our personalized, knitted underwear that she promised us all. She's been one hell of a crew dog and friend to us all, and we absolutely hate to see her go. We'll miss you Arriel!

TSgt Kirk “Baby Smooth” Archibald – Kirk is now a fully qualified MB, and he does a great job on the jet. He has aspirations to move up front, and lately he's been trying to grease the gears with a new puppy - I realize that sounds violent, but we're just petting it. The dog is alive. Keep it up, Kirk!

SSgt Matthew “Who’s a Good Boy?” Darabant – Matt is literally the nicest guy we've ever hired, and is fast approaching “great boom” status. He just got qualified, and this guy is amazed by everything and wants to know everything about you and how you're doing. Every time we ask him how he’s doing, he says "It's amazing" being a boom. Keep doing an amazing job, Matt!

SSgt Andrew “Working Man” Utterback – Andrew just came to us from AD a little while ago, and we're still power washing the stank off of him. He is starting to come around, though and has started nodding in approval every time we start complaining about the "real" Air Force. Let your freak flag fly, Andrew! We’re all nuts here.

Attached:

SMSgt Angel “Legend in His Own (Fading) Mind” Gomez – Angel just recently finished his final tour of the sandbox in a KC-10. It was really sad because all of his grandkids started crying when the doors opened and he didn’t have his bedpan and walker. Angel outright refused to exit the aircraft upon arrival at JB-MDL and was found by SF wrapped around an O2 tank in the pool room. He has no memory of the incident... because he is old.

Boom Stowed, Leaving Position:

TSgt Nicole “NCO of the Millenium” Gansert – Nicole has left us for bigger and better things, and she’ll soon have bars on her shoulders. She got hired by the Willow Grove UAV squadron as a pilot, and she keeps promising us all rides when she gets qualified...does she know? If not, who’s going to tell her? She was also a 2020 12 OAY Award winner – she absolutely smashed it this past year. Congrats Nicole and we’ll miss you!

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

305th AMW

Wing Staff Agencies



Plans and Programs (XP):

(S)MSgt Kevin Stockwell – When not flying with the 2nd ARS you can find him planning exercises for the Wing, because the squadrons aren't busy enough.

KC-46 Program Integration (CCI):

MSgt Justin Tavdus - Attached to the 32nd ARS for flying the KC-10 but still finding the time to prepare the base for those shiny, brand new KC-46s that we are told despite delays are still scheduled to come to McGuire.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

305th OG



Operations Group Stan/Eval:

MSgt Brad Lego – You can find him auditioning for Forged in Fire television series. Always one-step away from burning his house down.

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305th OSS

“The Rock”



Formal Training Unit (FTU):

MSgt Debbie Lego – Mama Bear, likes to make sure her cubs are protected from the cruel world out there. Is it time to submit a new 1206 for something yet, or did someone not update the student tracker after their flight? SHAME!

TSgt Phil Gordon – If you haven't heard this name before, you obviously haven't done receiver AR in the KC-10 before. Pretty sure he's replaced Matt James for being the most used name written inside the window tracks.

SSgt Jeremy Maradik – COVID really helped him be Mr. Mom, he didn't even need to take his baby leave until he was about to lose it.

SSgt Danny Jakab – Always the first to volunteer for the Saturday flight, we are very happy to have him here. If only he wouldn't try to fix everything with his brute strength, he might not break the jets as much. Also, we're not sure how his brute strength can break GTIMS, but he is really good at that too.

TSgt Jason Vance – Our newest FTU instructor, he hit the ground running by taking the Shirt phone. Glad his priorities are on flying.

TSgt Rob White – AMC in their infinite wisdom decided that we don't need no stinking reserve help. Would have been nice before we scheduled him for the night his orders expired. He's moving back home to North Carolina to be a traditional reservist on the KC-46 at Seymour.

Tactics (OSK):

MSgt Justin Pascoe – Even though he could hit that retirement button any day, he's having trouble figuring out what he wants to be when he grows up. Pretty sure he's going to string the Air Force along until he gets forced out. Still flying for FTU every chance he can get.

OST:

MSgt Michael Chenosky – Recently took over at OST. Between his woodworking, egg farming, and full blown beard, we're pretty sure he's moved into the mountains somewhere.

OSO:

TSgt Trevor Jennings – The experienced guy at Current Ops now, he's been teaching Becnel everything he knows, including how to post on Facebook. Still having a blast watching his little dude growing by the hour!

TSgt Jeremy Becnel – Thought we could help Current Ops by putting some FTU experience in the office. Instead, we just have someone to blame when things go wrong, even when it's not his week to work.

RECENTLY DEPARTED:

TSgt Tim Lowman – Lucky dog is in Ramstein at their CRG now. Enjoy all the German beer, save some for the rest of us!

TSgt Brian Doane – He's over at the Expeditionary Center now, but loves to leave his job to come over and fly and teach for us, even teach our IBs on professional development. Just when he thought he was out, the Air Force sucks him back in.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

2nd ARS

“Second to None”



CMSgt David “Gaba” Lang – Just arrived back to his home in the DUCE as our new Squadron Superintendent. His nickname is “Gaba” but some of the old heads still call him “Angry Dave”

MSgt Mike Thomas – Boom Superintendent. Dealing with one boom issue after another. Cares a ton about people and shows it. Recently decided to blow 5K and build his dream PC with that Zone E bonus.

MSgt Kenneth “Sean” Dell – One Stop Shop! Crossed over from the PORT and quickly became Ops Flight hief, Interim Chief Boom and Interim First Sergeant. Time to deploy him.

MSgt Fritz Thompson – The sole person keeping this squadron running in Stan/Eval. He always has a stressed out look on his face, but I think he does it on purpose to get out of work.

MSgt Drew McGarrell – Came to the Duce from the CRW and started his RQ... 10 Months later became an IB.

(M)Sgt Justin Schultzhart (Schultz) – Highly motivated legacy Boom Operator

TSgt Josiah Harris – Came to the Duce from the CRW. Assigned to Mobility then Stan/Eval as sole EB.

TSgt Chris Revell – Cross trained from a couple things, wants to be an officer or interior designer.

TSgt Marcus Mitchell – Just PCS’d to Mcguire and is currently DNIF UFN

SSgt Matthew Millard – This guy is like a real life Peter Parker. He is always looking for opportunity and challenges. He walks around as if a power cart is hooked up to him 24/7 because of all the energy he has.

SSgt Austin Wilson - Vanguard award winner! If you go to the bathroom and OD you can expect for Wilson to have your back and safe your life

SSgt Taylor Lucas – Was in the reserves as POL, somehow made it to AD as a Boom.

SSgt Justin Draffen – Brand new MB and currently hard at work on deployment

SSgt Patrick Tracy – Coast to Coast to IB upgrade to NCIOC of training to SOLE IB.

SSgt Jarrad Montgomery – Father to a brand new baby and currently sitting in training flight looking out of a window.

SSgt Tarek Herschleb – Fine collector of all old Volvos and Sh*t Box F series trucks

(S)Sgt August Bueltmann – likes is coffee and cuisine but loves his dirty mustache

SrA Aaron Scott – Half-Man Half-Amazing and he always finds a reason to take his shirt off to display his hard rock physique

SrA Giovanni Castillo – Like a Cracker Jack box, you have no idea which Castillo you will get from day to day

SrA Dorian Cozart – Working on getting out to start his own workout business.

SrA Ethan Sudtelgte-Pronounced (Suh · Tell) – He is 27, but looks 37. Unfortunately he was required to live in the dorms for a bit because of his rank and continually ask to leave the dorms ASAP.

SrA Brady Zwick - Big teddy bear, loves Jurassic Park, but he will faint on you if he gets too nervous.

SrJonathan Ervin – Finally became an MB after over 2 years in the DUCE. Do not let him drive your car and if you need a reason just ask Sheppard.

SrA Jared Jensen – Quiet as a mouse. He is always looking to do his job without creating too much static. Extremely humble and truthful.

SrA Jalyn West – likes to head to the back immediately after passing 10,000Ft not to be seen until AR

SrA Timothy Robitaille - If he is not at work you can find him fishing. He thinks he is Phil Mickelson at golfing, but check him out for yourself.

SrA Austin Savage – To cool for school. You can always depend on him to execute when needed. Apparently he is the only boom in the squadron who understands how to track their own currencies.

SrA Dominic Baverso – He wants to deploy or go reserves or go 1A9 or go KC-46 or pretty much anything to get him out on the road.

SrA Anjelica Sheppard – Always rocking the waves making people sea sick. The only person I know who had a fresh haircut during Covid.

SrA Alexander Shutz – Dude has more cars than days in a week. I am pretty sure that his parents pay for his vehicle insurance

SrA Benjamin Gauspohl - Shows up late to everything because he is busy playing Fortnite in the dorms. You can depend on him to never answer the phone.

A1C Matthew Zielinski – This guy is the push up champ for JBMDL. If you struggle with push-ups and need a few extra just ask this guy for a few to borrow.

A1C Brandon Kim – Where is Kim? It is like playing “Where is Waldo?”

A1C Benjamin Varnell – Makes his family a priority. So apparently he got tired of all the hard touch and go’s and decided to pursue his private pilot license while on active duty.

A1C Jake Distant – You can find this guy practicing for the walk test with (S)MSGT Stockwell. He found out early that Stockwell's walking speed is pretty close to running speed.

A1C Jonathon Soo - Pronounced (Sue) – From Jersey and decided to join the Air Force and ended up right back in Jersey. If you think that's weird...guess what??? He is actually excited about it.

A1C Thomas Robinson – This guy is so chill that when he walks I swear you would think that he is sleep. Takes him 6 minutes just to say "Hello how are you doing today".

A1C Daniel Franey – He has so much confidence that when he provides answers to question....you would think he was right even when the answer is dead wrong.

A1C Hannah Pinchefskey – Sharp boom operator ready to head to the KC-46 ASAP

A1C Brian Rochette - Enjoys playing Skyrim.....enough said. That explains everything because most people swear that his thoughts go wondering into Middle Earth if you leave in a corner by himself.

Amn Steven Holland – Heart of gold. One of the nicest booms operator that you can ever meet. He also has the fastest hands in the East to complete a cargo restraint exercise.

Recently Departed:

MSgt Javier Mendoza – Came from the CRW for a short stint and held it down as one of our great instructors. Ended up getting an assignment to Hickam. Airmen love him.....enough said

SSgt Brandon Minto – Professional race car driver part time Boom Operator

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

32nd ARS

“PASSING GAS AND KICKING ASS”



SQUADRON SUPERINTENDENT:

SMSgt Jessica Stockwell – Came back to the squadron after a year working in the Wing CAG. She is always smiling and trying to inspire others. Currently doing SMSgt things and preparing to move on to Scott AFB where we are sure she will continue to do SMSgt things.

CHIEF BOOM:

MSgt Garrett “Keith” Machon – Nobody like this guy.

STAN / EVAL:

TSgt Bryce Smith – Just got back to the squadron from “teaching” at the FTU, apparently 4 years at the school-house causes male pattern baldness. Thankfully, he was ready to accept the challenge of evaluator upgrade just in time to give 3 evaluations before getting PCS orders. He thinks he’ll be missed. Only time will tell.

TSgt Uriel Escamilla – He can’t wait to get back on the west coast one day and soak up the Cali sun. Nobody has seen him wear a flight suit since COVID started so he may not actually be in the military anymore, we can’t be sure.

(T)Sgt Tiffany Irby – Recently re-enlisted and started making “married people decisions”, whatever that means. She’s a real work horse in Stan/Eval and dreams of being a pilot... but numbers are difficult.

SrA Sean Cook – Lovingly refer to as meatball and always keeps his wits (...and clothes) about him when TDY. As a SELE he works hard to keep the evaluators paperwork flowing, but he can't ever seem to get GTIMS to work when reviews are due, or so he says.

SrA Shaina Cox - Always the professional, she ensures that individuals are given all the respect they are due. Which comes in handy as the newest helper in CCV. She so excited for her new position, that she is going to Spain for a month instead.

TRAINING FLIGHT:

TSgt Steven Porter – Came back to the squadron from Scott AFB just in time to start his requal training during COVID. Once he was up and running, he tackled a 6-month CAOC deployment and is riding the sunset towards 20.

Sgt Sebastian Dewsnap – He is our resident Australian Exchange Boom. He is always ready to step up to a challenge and is currently attending Instructor Upgrade training. He also has an accent that sounds really cool on the radios.

SSgt Ezrick Whaley – Ezrick recently completed instructor upgrade and has hit the ground running since moving into training flight. His only questionable moment has been telling people that Polo G's version of "Changes" is better than the original, but he's still young and has time to develop a respect for the classics.

SSgt William Hulse – He has been the consistency in our training shop and has continued to develop his students.

TRAINING FLIGHT STUDENTS:

MSgt Kevin Simon – Kevin just recently came back to the KC-10 and is attending FTU in preparation for his grand entrance back to the good life. He's always got a positive attitude and takes time to mentor the Airmen. Just don't take him up on his offers to have a contact competition in the jet until he gets all the rust knocked off. Years of laying down in the KC-135 has thrown him off his Gucci game.

A1C George Parlier – Recently completed his MCT training and is waiting for his change to deploy.

A1C Brandon Woody – Recently completed his MCT training and is waiting for his change to deploy.

OPERATIONS FLIGHT:

MSgt Kenneth Pryor – Kenn will be retiring in August 2021 after many assignments, deployments, TDYs, EPRs, awards and Animals in the Woods. Going out on top with 305 AMW TEAM of the Year with his JREAP-A project! Now we just have to figure out how to get him a fini flight as an MEP.

(M)Sgt Joshua Chrisman – Joshua is our newest (M)Sgt select and resident HTOS guy. With almost a decade in NJ, he is confident that he can try to squeeze out another one.

TSgt Javier Garcia – Sweet, we got another TSgt in the squadron, quick let's upgrade him to instructor! While still finding the time to deploy, be NCOIC of Ops Scheduling, and trying to keep his sanity.

SSgt James Balser – While being the one man scheduling shop James is another squadron workhorse. He participates in almost every tasking that comes across the squadron. Sometimes we have to remind him that it's OK to take leave and not come to work. Celebrating the arrival of his first kid and recent selection to become an IB. Congrats!

SrA Kwame Ansa – Loves JBMDL and everything about it. Can't stop talking about how happy he is being stationed here *may contain sarcasm*. Congratulations are in order for his recent marriage and arrival of his new baby. As he nears the end of his enlistment, Kwame is working toward a Palace Chase to become a firefighter.

SrA Seth Phillips – When he isn't winning awards (BTZ, 32nd ARS Amn OTY) he is out hacking the mission and is currently attending instructor upgrade.

SrA Brentan Collins – Continues to do good work in scheduling while deploying, taking care of his new baby, and ensuring the mission is hacked and beans are completed. Now if only he could file his vouchers on time he'd be GTG instead of GTC.

READINESS FLIGHT:

TSgt Ethan Bowen – He is a recent cross trainee from security forces and is enjoying the good life. He recently completed his MCT training and is waiting for his change to deploy.

SSgt Michael Mason – Michael is a previous loadmaster, but we don't hold that against him. He recently got the opportunity to attend AFWERX and is excited to put his new skills to work.

SSgt Nathan Cardona – As one of our newest SSgt's he is starting to embrace NCO responsibilities, but he still takes the time to show off his fashionable/patriotic headband whenever he can, even if it is on national television.

SrA Daniel Husmann – Another BTZ recipient. Dan has been the quiet professional since the day he showed up. He also recently got engaged and is looking forward the wedding.

SrA Nicholas Eddings – Nicholas is one of our mobility experts and newer booms. Once he is done getting everyone else trained in the office he will finally get is chance to deploy himself.

A1C Abram Harris – One of our newer booms who is continuing to perfect his craft.

A1C Tsering Dadul – Quietly progressing and honing his skills. Tsering recently completed his first deployment and a stint with honor guard.

COMMANDER'S SUPPORT FLIGHT:

SSgt Gregory Cyr – One of the newer qualified boom who cross-trained from supply. For whatever reason people keep calling him "Sergeant Sire" and bowing in front of him. Super excited to be here and looking forward to deploying in the future.

SrA Alexys Gomez – Alexys has been with the squadron for a few years now and continues to impress us with his work. He's currently trying to build up his hours for instructor upgrade and goes TDY whenever he can.

SrA Danika Chaapel – Another recent BTZ winner and just returned from her first deployment. She has been taking care of the "baby booms" and her tiny dog, personally I think the dog probably deserves more of the attention.

(S)Sgt David Simpler – David recently found out he made SSgt. He is going to be a great addition to our group of NCO's and future instructor.

SrA Jacob Stahly – Jacob is another one of our booms who has been with us for a few years and is building up his hours and experience. Now we just need to get him to stop asking booms questions about cargo while they're on their initial cargo checks in front of the evaluator and he'll be solid.

SrA Tyler Kelly – Yet another BTZ recipient and has recently completed his MCT training. He is anxiously awaiting his change to deploy.

SAFETY:

TSgt Austin Fowler – Recently completed his MCT training and is waiting for his change to deploy.

SrA Kyle Agnor – Recently completed his MCT training and is waiting for his change to deploy.

INBOUNDS:

SSgt Jorge Hurtado – Prior Marine, Prior Private, Current Airman, and Future Guardian??? Jorge recently came to the base and is currently attending FTU. We look forward to getting to know him more once he gets to the squadron.

SSgt Keifer Bowes – Currently attending Pinnacle/FTU

SrA Justin Wood – Currently attending Pinnacle/FTU

A1C Rosendo Garcia – Currently attending Pinnacle/FTU

A1C Nicholas Yoshida – Currently attending Pinnacle/FTU

A1C Nia Womack – Currently attending Pinnacle/FTU

A1C Noah Greiner – Currently attending Pinnacle/FTU

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

141 ARS

“TIGERS”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

305 OSS/FTU

“SUPPORT FOR GLOBAL REACH”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

321 CRS



TSgt Michael "BRUCE" Buchanan: TSgt Buchanan is new to the CR and still working on getting his certs complete. He's busy trying to improve the gossip on the new tanker since he is currently the only person qualified on it in the Wing. Maybe one day he can get everyone to change their minds. Hopefully we can send him out on the road on his own before the KC-46 shows up to McGuire at the end of 2021(or '23).

SSgt Miles Humphries: SSgt Humphries' is chomping at the bit to get back into the -135 to flex that IB badge once again. Sorry bud you still have a little while to go. Contemplating swapping to the 46 since TSgt Buchanan arrived but still believes the old girl is the way. When he isn't TDY you can probably find him running his servers or trying to put his WRX back together. Not too worried about that car though since he just upgraded to a sweet new fully loaded Audi.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

621 CRW EAST



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

Lead East Coast Boom – SMSgt Michael “Roddy” Rodriguez

Working through COVID has had its challenges but it has not hampered what we need to do to be ready to answer the call. Also, if you’re looking for a new adventure, and an opportunity for the time to go to school, or build those lasting family memories, then contact your boom leadership for more info.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

621 CRS



MSgt John Hester – john.hester.1@us.af.mil “Out of office, please leave a message.”

SSgt Victoria Turan – Victoria.turan@us.af.mil “Ah, I am out of office, please leave a message.”

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JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

621 CRSS



SSgt Jacob Bitter – jacob.bitter@us.af.mil “Ah, I am also out of office, please leave a message.”

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

621 AMOS



MSgt Jason Mellein – After nine years in New Jersey, the Air Force finally decided to make Mellein move. Too bad that they only gave him two months’ notice while he was on a month long TDY. Now he’s discovering how great it is to try, and out-process while stuck in quarantine. MSgt Mellein is headed to USTRANSCOM at Scott AFB, and like most people who get an assignment at the AMOS, no one has a clue what he will be doing there...

TSgt Steven Mertens – After years of ignoring advice from NCOs telling him to get his school done early or he’d regret it, Mertens finally enrolled in classes. Now he’s one of those NCOs going around and telling anyone that will listen that they need to get their school done early.

TSgt Patrick Murray – Murray has taken advantage of the teleworking posture by cycling hundreds of miles over the past year. When he isn’t busy on his bike or complaining about how bad the Philly teams are, he’s doing everything he can to figure out how to leave the AMOS early, and get back to flying.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NEW JERSEY

621 MSOS



MSgt Heather Harp – EAGLE Member/Flight Chief Operations – Harp came in like a wrecking ball. No, seriously the week she arrived, the squadron was doing some “reno” but nobody had a clue how to paint let alone “fix” anything. She strapped on her trusty tool belt and yelled at the incompetent (loadmasters) to go sit in their offices while she fixed this. Harp’s goal is to stay at McGuire until retirement.

TSgt Michael Marquez – EAGLE Instructor/NCOIC Tactics – What can you really say about Michael Marquez. The dude is the epitome of chill. Pretty sure his goal is to spend as much of winter as possibly tearing up the slopes on his snowboard. He recently purchased a Jeep so he’s working on that “Jeep wave”. He will be leaving us soon to return to the KC-10 and transition to the KC-46.

SSgt Taylor Gaughf – EAGLE Team Chief/Exec – Gaughf may be the cause for all the “sickness” in our squadron. Due to his horror film hobby and love of Halloween, he brought his Annabelle doll to work. Next thing you know the whole squadron is getting mysterious illnesses. He was outlawed by his wife of bringing the doll back home, so of course he hid it in her trunk!! Gaughf’s goal is to get picked up for AFOSI.

SSgt Deandra Draft – EAGLE Instructor/Training – Draft probably has a whole shop by now at her house. If you need a t-shirt she can sublimite it for you. Next, up is laser engraving, but in all seriousness, Draft will be leaving the AF soon and we wish her the best and know she can be successful in whatever she does.

JOINT BASE MCGUIRE-DIX-LAKEHURST, NJ

KC-10 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

203RD ARS

“ 'A'OLE MAMA O LOA ”



Superintendent

CMSgt Yoshikawa CMSgt Yoshikawa is new Chief Boom of the 203rd. When he's not walking around the unit telling the pilots how to do their job, you can find him in the gym making gains.

Asst. Superintendent

MSgt Wheeler After being stuck at the AOC for what seemed like years we finally got DW back. He's still handling all our electronic/ipad issues along with MSgt Cordeiro. MSgt Wheeler is our Assistant superintendent.

OG Manpower

SMSgt Morse I value my life so I'm going to leave this guy alone. SMSgt Morse plays dual roles as a evaluator and works with manpower up at the OG.

Flight Chiefs

TSgt Victorino Paki still comes into the unit every week with a fitted hat and a fat gold rope chain around his neck working weekend dedicators and deployment missions. TSgt Victorino is in scheduling and is A flight chief.

MSgt Sindiong Maak has made an awesome recovery after battling cancer over the past few years. He's still very active in our unit setting up our virtual programs/training and still pushing out the new schedule to the 203rd. MSgt Sindiong is B flight chief and Scheduling.

MSgt Fernandez At 58 years young this retired fire captain can still be found roaming the unit. You may have to repeat yourself several times before he hears what you're saying but he can still keep up with the younger guys in the unit. His current role is C flight chief.

Stan/Eval

MSgt Cordero The official party planner of the 203rd and holding down stan eval solo LOL. Cal still has some of the wittiest comebacks in our unit and still lives in the gym.

Training

TSgt Cavaco New to training Pua is laying down the law making sure all the booms are constantly ready up to speed with the latest and greatest. Keep in mind she is no longer scheduling so don't call her at 8pm asking about mission details or else.

SSgt Kahalelehua Kimo is usually the first person to be seen at the unit most days. From scheduling Boom sim training to LMS CBT's, he's got you. You can probably catch him at the beach when he's not in the unit CHEE!

Scheduling

TSgt Souza If he isn't in SARM helping push crew papers and accounting squadron funds, Pres is part of Execution, working the best deals to get aircrews out on the Weekend/Weekly Dedicated missions. Find him either shredding the surf or banging out his commercial flying ratings to soon join the seniorities of the airlines.

SSgt Smith-Kamakeeaina Kalen is the main man pushing the local flying schedule out for all 203rd members. This guy is practically lives in the ocean. He's still making sick surf edits on his laptop at home or using his drone to set his line when shoreline fishing, yessuh.

UDM

TSgt Bolo As the 203rd UDM and DTS guru, Mary Claire processes everyone's paperwork packages who's going out the door on deployments, making sure peoples training, currency and home prep is good to go. During the morning hours, you'll hear her on the air traffic radios requesting takeoff clearance when flying supplies to the neighbor islands with Kamaka Air.

DSG (Pearl Harbor)

TSgt Kam Travis had a newborn this past year so I'd say he's got his work cut out for him. Outside of the guard he can still be found bossing his minions around at the Pearl Harbor shipyard.

Boys in Blue (HPD)

MSgt Abellana Officer Abellana is said to frequent the Ewa area responding to the typical riff raff that goes on in that busy town. After taking a tour with the OG Bronson is back to DSG status for now.

TSgt Agonoy Officer Agonoy is still waiting for a boom instructor slot and holding down the TDY fort. Vaughn is currently cleaning up the streets as a DSG.

TSgt Lazaro When SGT Lazaro isn't flying locals or on a TDY you can find him responding to the occasional car break in or car fire in his patrol car. Cesar is currently DSG with the 203rd.

TSgt Shimabukuro Officer Shimabukuro is still very active in the 203rd as our Tactics Rep. He is also one of the newest Boom instructors. Outside of the unit you can find him dealing with the protests going on at the capital or subduing the occasional bad guy.

Off the beaten path

TSgt Williams Shane was recently picked up as a pilot in the 203rd and is currently at OTS leaning how make smores and turn simple directions into the most complicated, mind jarring riddle. But as always we wish him luck.

JOINT BASE PEARL HARBOR, HICKAM, HAWAII

613TH AOC

“NOT GONNA SUBMIT-O ”

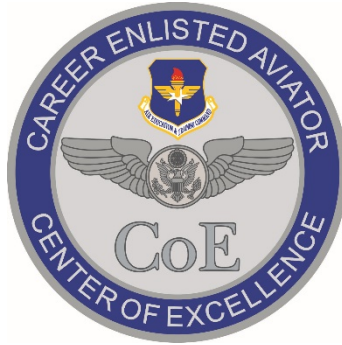


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JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO-LACKLAND AFB, TEXAS

344th TRS/COE

“SPARTANS”



MSgt Theo Dinwiddie (KC-135) - Theo has escaped the shadows of OGV and is now bringing light to all future Boom Operators via his Big Bald Head!

TSgt Randy Miller (KC-135) - Randy is our friendly neighborhood BBOC Section Chief and still the same gentle giant we've all come to know and love. In addition to leading our 3-level course, Randy is currently building an 8-foot wide set of CEA wings with to make sure all of our non-flying squadron mates know how awesome we are.

SSgt DeJahnay Fort (KC-135) - Recently inbound from MacDill AFB, DJ is set to teach Aircrew Fundamentals to our newest CEA students. She's come a long way from being quiet as a "church mouse" and has definitely found her voice in mentoring junior airmen.

SSgt Brandon Minto (KC-10) - Brandon is our resident OU fan, which will surely work out for our entertainment here in Texas!

OUTBOUNDS:

TSgt Patrick Reynolds (KC-10) - Pat is our outbound Section Chief and currently at Altus earning a KC-135 Form 8. He's extremely knowledgeable and a hard worker. We appreciate all that you've done for us here at COE!

TSgt Tyler Ploof (KC-10) - This is Ploof's last Boom Signal because he's switching over to be a 1U this summer. Best of luck to you and the family on your new endeavor!

SSgt Tyler Williams (KC-135) - "Uncle Tyler" has spent countless hours working to bring online our newest training device: Virtual Reality! With an assignment to Kadena, though, I'm sure he'll prefer actual reality in near future!

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HQ AETC/A3FH



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

HQ AETC/A3VM



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

KADENA AB, OKINAWA, JAPAN

909th ARS

YOUNG TIGERS



Greetings from the land of the Rising Sun! Operating less than a two-hour flight time from North Korea, one hour from China, and along with COVID-19 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. We still haven't figured out how to enjoy this joint with all the restrictions in place. We do not even know what CSD series we are on anymore. In the meantime, take a gander at the most over-worked booms on the planet.

Operations Group Superintendent:

CMSgt Kevin Wilson- Finally all grown up as the Operations Group Chief. Done amazing things and is inspiring our younger Booms. You can catch him after your local golf tournament shotgunning beers in the parking lot, then coming to the realization he might have to go back to work...

Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Casey 'Hulk/Big Swole' Southern- FINALLY RETIRED! THANK THE MAN UPSTAIRS! He's on to bigger and better things where the grass is green. He's currently on Terminal and somehow still has his hands in all the EPR/PCS Decs that comes across MSgt Villanueva's desk. You're retired....you can relax now!

Ops Supt/Chief Boom:

MSgt Christian Villanueva- Just got here from the AOC in Osan and immediately stepped into being the Chief Boom, then Senior Southern retired and had to step into being the Superintendent. Welcome back to being a Boom and flying. Now that you are dual hatting, you won't get to fly...except the desk! He's got big shoes to fill but he's motivated and he doesn't want to accept the 'Kadena Freestyle' mentality....Soon young padawan...very soon!

SMSgt Evangeline ‘I can’t get out of Re-qual’ Palmer- Got pregnant, had a kid, went to Wing Safety then got put into several Re-qual programs, then went to vSNCOA, and she’s still in Re-Qual...5 months later. Please, for all of our sake, just get your Checkride done!

MSgt Kevin ‘I been retiring for the last 2 years’ Toney- Worked CUOPS once COVID kicked off but was literally never there to pick up the phone. He just came back to the squadron after SMSgt Southern retired, coincidence? He’s finally got a date to retire but he’s un-qual’d except for TDY’s...he’s great at trying to snag em’ from all the Amn as his ‘Fini TDY.’

(M)Sgt Jacob ‘Crypto’ Aufderheide- If you need Crypto financial advice he’s your guy. He can talk about it for days...trust us! He’s getting ready to PCS to Fairchild and he’s getting salty. You can tell this assignment has changed A-10 a lot. He’s grown up and speaking his mind more...that might be a good thing or a bad thing. Only time will tell!?!?!?

(M)Sgt Michael ‘I just want to Fly’ Weidman- He’s been flying his ass off and knocking out all the checkrides while the other Evaluators have been slacking. He once flew 6 days in a row, while the young booms complained about flying 3 times. He’s been a HUGE addition to the squadron!

TSgt Brandon ‘Mask’ Harmon- We have no dirt on him because he’s too cool to hang out with the Booms. Actually he’s just really scared of COVID, you’ll never catch him without his custom Under Armor mask on, mainly because his wife makes him wear it 24/7.

TSgt Tyler ‘I’m the Interim Chief Boom’ Williams (Patient 2)- Hit the ground running when he arrived and got upgraded to evaluator, interim Chief Boom, and Mike Lawson’s supervisor...YIKES! Has been an amazing addition to the team, and is someone all the airman look up to.... probably because he still acts like one. If you go downtown, keep an eye out for him losing his phone, mind, and all his money on a bar tab.

TSgt Chris ‘Gen Only’ Hawkins- He’s a great Flt Chief, just ask his Amn, but he doesn’t know how to be a Boom. The pilots once asked him to downgrade the APU to GEN ONLY and he decided to just shut it down completely. He has his moments.

TSgt James ‘KC-46’ Walker- This isn’t a SHORT joke, but he got the SHORT end of the stick by getting non-vol’d to Altus on the KC-46...Traitor! Sorry my guy! Good luck as a single male in Altus...Val’s is calling your name!

SSgt Lucas ‘I work at OGV but I’m not an Evaluator’ Balcarse- Has the sweetest gig working at OGV doing all the extra duties and loves it. He’s a cross dresser, I mean cross trainer so he’s still trying to figure out how to be a boom. As of now, he’s not doing such a great job. Just kidding...or are we?

SSgt Conor ‘Ghost’ Brown- No idea where he is or what he does. He’s never at work nor does work.

SSgt Ray ‘I’m still an E-4’ Brown- Ray still hasn’t filled his SSgt roles, he still thinks he can act like a SrA and get away with it. He’s more worried about his Gainz in the gym, then his role in the squadron...other than that, he’s doing great! Also, why is your hairline so far back?

SSgt Andrew ‘Make a Wish’ Chance- He’s our resident Make A Wish kid. He’s an old man that has endless amounts of Dad jokes...please don’t laugh at them, they aren’t funny. He’s also our high flyer for the semester but since he’s a cross dresser, I mean cross trainer....he’s still learning the job!

SSgt Jesse ‘Chief Talk’ Cutright- This man, when he drinks, has very in-depth conversations about life choices and the Space Force. He’s going to be our next Chief of Space Force, if that’s even a thing?

SSgt Brandon ‘Patient Zero’ Divins- He’s an AIC Graduate if you didn’t know! Brandon Lee Divins, as he likes to refer to himself, we refer to him as Patient Zero, single handedly started the COVID pandemic in the squadron and took out 6 Booms, almost causing the 909th to be un-operational for the first time since its opening. Whatever you do, please don’t compliment him on his looks or fake diamond earrings...his ego is already too big.

SSgt Tyler 'Combat Bob' Espinoza- Still trying to figure out how to be a boom. AE had to teach him about where all the EPOS were on the jet. He also still likes to tell SecFo stories...BORING! He took over as B-Flt Chief for what seemed like 2 minutes before getting fired, and sent back to Mobility. Sorry buddy!

SSgt AJ 'I'm a Flight Chief' Gac- Recently took over as the Interim C-Flt chief and is letting all the young Amn know he's in charge. They just look at him dumbfounded because they can't understand a single word he says...lose your terrible accent Gac, it makes you sound like Sylvester Stallone popped 4 ambien. Also, can't handle his alcohol, had to have his pregnant wife take care of him.

SSgt Samantha 'Save the Kitties' Grendahl- She's our local animal shelter. She literally can't turn down a stray animal out here in Japan, there's a lot of them! She just got done with CFIC and killed it! She's been doing awesome and we look forward to utilizing her new IB skills.

SSgt James 'Pit Viper' Kennedy- Finally starting CFIC and is actually taking it serious. He also loves to wear his out of regs Pit Viper glasses while doing AR because it looks 'cool.'

SSgt Erica 'She' Lawson- By the time you read this, she will have graduated AIC. She's been killing it back in Squadron Tactics and now that she is re-blued, she's looking to implement all the Tacti-'Cool' stuff into the tanker world...rolls eyes!

SSgt Josh 'It' Lawson- Just got here and if you didn't know...he's an instructor. Came from Fairchild and while in ROM, had at least 80 Tinder matches, and also has a Japanese girlfriend...GO HIM!

SSgt Mike 'He' Lawson (Patient 3)- Mike is the YES MAN to every additional duty. He's getting ready to have jaw surgery and will be down for 6-9 months. If you go out with him, be prepared to have Tequila shots every 6-9 minutes, no kidding, he has the bar tabs to prove it! Also, he doesn't F with Rattlesnakes...

SSgt Andrew '3 Sense' Liddane- Andrew was originally patient zero and had COVID but he didn't spread it, he lost his sense of smell and taste. Waiting for him to get off DNIF so he can actually be useful.

SSgt Dmitri 'Upper Limit' Macintosh- He works in Tanker Scheduling at the OSS so of course he never flies. He's been working hard up there, we think? Also, if you didn't know, the new upper limit for a fighter, per the Dmitri v3, is 20°

SSgt Justin 'Excuses' Pauleon- You can find him by the dumpster smoking all the time. He is currently in scheduling, but never schedules himself to fly or instruct. He's gonna be put to work here shortly and get all the instructor hours. Tried to make an excuse for not having his Chem Gear for a Chem Gear exercise...Bro, you been here for 2+ years, you can't have an excuse for that.

SSgt Josh 'What's an ACA' Rials- A new boom who cross-trained from Crew Comm. We gave him a troop and his first question when we told him he had to do an Initial Feedback was...What's an ACA? Poor guy!

SrA Nick 'I'm Fightin' Selly- Word on the street is Nick can fight, just ask the Marine on the Seawall. Cops were called, it was a whole thing. Just a few bruises/cuts on his knuckles. Watch out for this one! HOOOOORAH!

SrA Liam 'AE Expert' Kilbane- Literally has launched on AE every time he sits Alert. Don't ask him to mess with the temperature controller though since he doesn't believe in making anyone on the flight comfortable.

SrA Melachai 'Patient 1' Epps-Carpenter- Another Covid+ case. Epps lets you know straight up how he's feeling and doesn't hold back on the jokes. He's ruthless and doesn't give a crap how you feel about it...either you accept it or you don't.

SrA Zyrie Gravalis-Palmer- Only person known to mankind to get beat up by a "basketball pole". Getting ready to PCS to MacDill but, his only contribution was the tiger mural that he painted the last 10 days he was here. Tried to PCS earlier to visit family but before you go heres 2 weeks of ROM.

A1C Abigail 'Speak my mind' Stiles- She's a very strong and opinionated woman. She hates Amazon, Jeff Bezos and flying more than once a week. Also, don't come at her with any of that 36-2903 bullcrap, her rainbow colored 'Oki Girl' patch is legal per the Stiles regulations.

A1C Dillon Neal- What hasn't this man done? A1C Clement owes him his life, Dillon performed the Abdominal Thrust on him to dislodge a Boneless PopEyes Chicken Sandwich from his throat... way to go Dillon! He's got his PPL and is extremely smart but sometimes lacks common sense. He's coming around though and starting to apply himself.

A1C Nasia 'Not a Boom' Harris- Our only hard worker. She fly's her ass off and doesn't complain. She's our local Alaska resident that is TDY to Kadena. She never wanted to be a Boom and she's attempting to cross train into Medical. Also, don't be around her at level off...she lets em rip with no shame!

A1C Keri 'What's your Zodiac Sign' Williams- Can't catch a break at all. Upon first getting here, told every person she met how beautiful they were and asked what their zodiac sign was, even the CC. Also, just got into a car wreck, she's doing fine. She has a great attitude...just needs to focus on flying, not peoples zodiac signs.

A1C Brandon 'Roger Federer/Johnny Manziel' Clement- Another one that can't catch a break. He is fitting in perfectly fine. He's already had the 1st Shirt help him find his room after a few too many drinks. Also, you can't pay a cab if you don't give him money/card.

A1C Race 'Bet' Cockrell- After an eventful trip to Australia (Pizza Gate 2020), Race finally grew his eyebrows back, got paperwork, but on the Brightside, is \$500 richer. He will literally do anything if you bet money on it. He's getting ready to PCS to Fairchild, good luck with that!

A1C Ethan Parker- Our resident country singer. He was in a quartet with his father. He's a new guy so we don't have any dirt on him, nor do we care.

A1C Bryan Weishaar- Just got here as well...no dirt on him either. Currently in ROM...please don't break it like 'It' did.

INBOUND:

SMSgt Michael Russel- Coming from Fairchild...we look forward to his leadership and whatever other good things you're supposed to say about your in-coming Superintendent.

TSgt Anthony/Kat Owens- Dream team coming from Altus. Hopefully the Kadena Freestyle doesn't taint their greatness.

SSgt Tyler Williams- Coming from the Lackland School House, heard he has a lot of tattoos.

SSgt Kalif Richardson- Sold all his belongings, then got his orders delayed...sorry about that buddy. See you soon.

A1C Duell Arnold- FNG

KEY FIELD ANGB, MISSISSIPPI

153 ARS / 186 ARW

“MAGNOLIA MILITIA”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

LINCOLN ANGB, NEBRASKA

155 ARW / 173 ARS

“HOME OF THE HUSTLIN’ HUSKERS”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

MACDILL AFB, FLORIDA

50th ARS

“Red Devils”



Superintendent

(C)MSgt Kenny Harwood – KP! The man, the myth, the CHIEF. From his Band of Brother’s leadership lessons & continuing to turn a ‘quick minute’ into a 30 minute lecture about understanding P.I.E. We would not have achieved the milestones that we did without his guidance. The man slimmed down and bulked up on the deployment; only to yell at each of us once during the deployment. He graduated from The Citadel this year and proved to us that “the journey is ran at your pace...not by others.” Chief will be heading over to the Group to fill in as the Ops Superintendent. Then will take 34 days to travel to Fairchild AFB. You guys are getting a great one! Thank you Chief Harwood...for everything.

Operations Superintendent

MSgt Mike Fulton – Mike has continued to do amazing things and has almost reached super hero status. From saving lives at the Al Udeid gym, being selected at the Wing SNCO of the Year as well at the AMC Dutch Huyser winner, this guy is unstoppable! He will be taking the reigns as the Squadron Superintendent as (C)MSgt Harwood moves up to the group. If though, he was detained at the gate while deployed. Yes, he made the blotter. The squadron remains in good hands!

Stan/Eval

MSgt Kenny Arcibal - This future “Chief Cody” was only in the 50th for 3 months in 2020 but was in our hearts for all 12. Most Days, MSgt Arcibal can be found either in the scheduling shop complaining about having too many cargo trainers, or at his desk scheduling more cargo trainers. This office ninja is a master of passively making you do more work without you knowing. The Red Devils are lucky to have him!

MSgt Paul “Mr. I Am Here To Serve” McIntyre – At last Paul comes to us from Altus, we’ve been waiting on him forever! Just got to the squadron and really loves in processing here at MacDill. This dude is cooler than the other side of the pillow. Paul is a great addition to the squadron and will help mold these young booms. “Mr. I Am Here To Serve”

SSgt Jamar Campbell – This man loves to give check rides. He loves it so much; he was the only one giving out evaluations as the sole evaluator boom in the sqd. Whenever he needs help with stan evil office “work,” it typically gets done on Fridays and invites the Chief Boom for some mentorship. Caught orders to Mildenhall in the summer. Enjoy the Bloody Hundredth!

(S)Sgt Blake Thomson – A fast burner by accident. BTZ winner and selected for staff on his first try! Blake has been in a whopping 2.5 yrs and is very afraid of any responsibilities. Giddy up cowboy, we are going to send you to IB school soon. Welcome to the real world, Son! It’s time for him to get out of CCV and lead Airmen...

CSS

SrA Teresa Minardi - Teresa is a straight workhorse. Willing to get shit done even though she might be a little timid, but always kills it. Teresa is slowly trying to fly local sorties with the 63rd in hopes of being hired when she separates later this year. Good Luck! How did she get out of her fini flight?

RA

SSgt Sam Gulley – Gulley thinks he’s Usain Bolt but after his foot race with Foreman, he feels more like Caitlyn Jenner. Spends more money reordering nametapes due to his spelling errors. That Georgia public education hasn’t paid off. C’mon man, we’re trying to save money, not waste em! This man can be seen at everyone else’s office, trying to tell them a better way to accomplish the task. “Sam Gurley go find a job”

A-Flight

TSgt Joshua Foreman - TSgt Foreman is currently the A-Flight Chief. He is also the chief operating officer of the Crown Peach Club and usually buys out the liquor store whenever they restock on the liquid gold. Currently going through Pre-CFIC and will be a great addition to the instructor corps... and making these new baby booms cry. How long will this man be on DNIF.

Scheduling

(T)Sgt Korey “Big Country” Gibson - The man who loves being a boom so much! Trying any which way to get selected for a DSD or any Special duty listed on AMS. Korey keeps scheduling lively and is doing great things, to include trying to make contacts with a B-1 for the Super Bowl Flyover. His wife was finally able to get him an assignment to McConnell; FL400, he will remember that forever.

SSgt Travis Nelson – Crosstrained into the Boom career field from AMMO IAYAYAYAYAY. Got done with MCT and immediately deployed. Recently went on a TDY to Greenland and had a lot of fun strapping down a towbar. This Miami native loves going to cold places! But let us not forget this man broke MSgt’s computer because he thought the bag was too heavy. Why are you in the gym if you can’t catch a bag? Explain this to us.

SrA Seth Amriott – Deployed as a planner, and flew a bunch. Loves to take lunch from 1100-1400. Has aspirations of becoming an IB so he can volunteer for Altus to join his little friends. Missing Twiddle Dum, since we moved Stinson to DOT. The only Airman that would be upset about having MacDill and Kadena as his first two assignments.

SrA Malachi Greman - Another BTZ winner and AMN OTY! Recently picked up for the AF Academy and wants to be a zoo nerd and fly planes. Greman, let some of these other Airmen get some awards, Jeez!

B-Flight

MSgt Smith -This grandpa crosstrained into the career field and just missed going on the squadron deployment. Congrats on finishing MCT, your reward is being the stand-in Squadron Superintendent. Smith is currently the Flight Chief and stand in readiness guru. Just bought a hot tub and looking forward to retirement in a couple years.

Readiness

TSgt Rachel Urquhart – After spending 8 months in MCT, she is now a fully qualified boom. Hesitant to fly by herself at first but is finally getting into the swing of things. Remember your mantra, “What would Beyonce do?”

(T)Sgt Austin Willis – Another former IYAYAYAYAYAYAYAYA AMMO troop. Ed and his wife went in for a normal check up with the OBGYN and found out she was 6 cm dilated! Ed and his wife welcomed a new baby girl, 4 weeks early! He is a hard worker, reliable, and fun to have around the squadron. He just loves his AC so much that he avoids conversations with his Chief Boom/Shirt because his AC said he didn’t have to.

SrA Kylie Strawser – Another BTZ winner! Fast burner and ol reliable, can’t say the same for her 1990s Chevy Cavalier. Every time we started her vehicle for her while she was deployed, we feared for our lives! She will be moving to Tactics to follow her mentor...Piggott.

A1C Casey Janusz – This sharp boom is pretty quiet but does great things for the squadron. Not surprising, as his father is a full bird. No kidding has the cleanest dorm room. (Much better than last year’s boom signal, which had a sock so stiff; it stood up by itself.) Let us get this young man out of the dorms!

Mobility

TSgt Kris Echols – Finally, back on flying status and got through RQT. Pro tip- do not schedule your check ride, if your training folder is not complete! Scored a 6-month deployment to the CAOC at the Deid. Congrats Kechols ☺

SSgt Dakotah Zacot – This little guy hooked us up with an air conditioning cart from AGE when our AC went out. Thank you Jesus. Zacot, you will be the DNIF cover for the NORE... ummm I’m DNIF.

SrA Mark Moore – Dude is bringing back the Fresh Prince haircut with his flat top. Must be a South thing. Mark is a crossflow guy from the KC10 and is quick to realize how hot our Jet is and better. I had mark tie down a piece of “cargo” during one of the 801X trainers and I was mind blown! Y’all do this in the -10?!?! WTF young buck!

A1C Gregory Casey – Casey is still MR. GROUCH #RBF. Finally re-enlisted and ended up being screwed by finance. Gotta love it. Another pro-tip, don’t throw your headset when you are upset. When do you become about of the E-4 Mafia?

A1C Dakota Evans – Amn be doing Amn shit. Checked in to the squadron, bought a brand new 5.0 Mustang, got married without telling anyone and spent 6 months in MCT. Currently trying to help the mobility shop and whatever tasks we need him to do...key word... “trying”.

C-Flight

TSgt Johnny Gurley– This super loud guy is coming to us from the E-3, #Nerd. Word on the street is, Chief Harwood flew with Johnny during the deployment and was directed to go back to MCT after Chief observed his contacts with a F-16. Yikes!

Johnny got some practice with KLAXON responses... God bless the pavement.

Training

(M)Sgt Vic Boyd – Vic crushed CFIC and is back helping our training shop with all things training. I knew I liked him when he asked me if I liked Crown Peach. Vic is another one of those bright and shiny's winning NCO OTY at the Group! This man will not have to worry about a "Passover Party" anymore. He got his stripe and said "get me the hell out of the 50th, Mike is in charge". He's over in OGT complaining that he doesn't have enough IBs, then he complains more about the IBs that we send over to him. You will never be able to please this man. Good Luck OGT.

TSgt Andy Piggott – Piggott recently moved to DOT right before the sqd deployment. Held the Chief Boom seat, but didn't do anything with Training. #ThanksAndy. Andy kept the sqd lively when everyone was deployed. Andy is currently going through AIC. What a nerd. Still not allowed to go near any schools or playground because of his stache. So what do we do with a 50 hours as an IB (most of those are BOWST/M10s) who is now a "Weapon System Expert"...did someone say OSS?

SSgt Ashley Upton – This newish IB has about 135 Instructor Hrs. Still hasn't done a single TAPR. #Mind-blown. Ashley is keeping our training shop afloat while Piggott is gone. Recently clicked the button for Altus and will be departing us in the summer. Have fun in Oklahoma!

SrA Cade Stinson – This guy has awesome time management. "You are only 69% done with Pre CFIC and you leave next week!?" WTF Stinson. Cade just got back from Altus and is flying his butt off and prepping the next candidates for IB upgrade...God Help Us!!! Another one who is pressing the button for Altus to join his rugrat friends.

A1C Jarren Sheppard – Shep is our sqd TikTok famous superstar. Doing great work in training and trying to help keep the admin side of things straight. Just got married to another boom from the 91st and enjoying the married life with their new pup. Give him a follow, like, or comment @thatflyinboy

Attached/On-Loan

CMSgt Lee Adkins – Currently deployed to the deid. Recently restored his classic car, only to mess it up on Bayshore drive. Chief is by far the tallest boom we have.

SMSgt Justin Poteet – WSA Superintendent and still scares the crap out of the young booms. Earlier in the year, during an aircraft emergency, he got a tainted oxygen bottle that had mold inside of it... Luckily the years of cigarette smoke in his younger days protected his lungs from the formaldehyde.

SMSgt Odnial Gonzalez – Holding down the OSS as the interim OSS Superintendent. Trying to fly more so being a Boom Operator isn't so boring... I mean foreign.

MSgt Lamar Daniel – Lamar is coming to us from our rival *sister* squadron but will be taking on the XP Supt duties. We know that with his past expertise, 801X will be in good hands.

TSgt Jeff Sieff – Recently moved to Wing XP. Trying to upgrade in-house. Jeff quickly realized how things can go south if he doesn't speak up and ask questions. Sike...he will be going to OGT now via NCOA and in-house upgrade.

SSgt Corey Drummond – Corey and his wife are still trying to make it big on YouTube. When he is not flying his butt off with students, he is nowhere to be found. Trying to bring him back to the squadron so we can grow him to his full potential. It is time for you to come back to the Squadron you have too much time on your hands.

SSgt Daniel Zopfi – Got to MacDill and quickly went to OGT. Zopfi loves being in OGT, spinning up our new MCT Booms. They love him too, just ask them! This guy has an armory in his house, just in case those crazies down in St. Pete decide to do something funny in his sleep.

SrA Rocco Yannucci – Yannucci came here from Fairchild. Rocco recently started dating a girl who cooks for him and since then, he had been going to the bathroom at least 10x a day. He is hiding out in Wing Scheduling.

FNG

A1C Zach Bosnjak – Clean your dang room! IDK how he has so much crap. Finally out of MCT and flying solo!

A1C Deandre Williams-Grant – Deandre is very soft and slow spoken. He is from Lower, Slower, Dover. This man, has about 20 hair brushes to make sure his waves gives everyone sea sick.

A1C Dillan Stewart – Dillan is still in MCT, likes to hang around the rugrats (Stinson, Amriott, and Casey). Very quiet guy but will be a great addition once he's out of MCT.

A1C Ayden Geilnger – So new, he is still wearing his black leather patch. One of those errors caused by Gulley and his spelling errors. Thanks Gurley!

A1C Cameron Andrews – Looks like a straight marine with his high & tight and flat top haircut. Did half of a deployment and is now in Base Honor Guard. Killa Cam is doing great things for the sqd and is motivated.

A1C Nick Moser – Spent 2 extra months at altus trying to get fighter certs, until they decided to cancel that plan. Thanks Altus! Just got here and will start MCT soon.

A1C Chad Jones – One of our older Airman. He is a family man and is doing great in MCT. Great addition to the squadron!

Ann Keegan Salas - YO!! CLEAN YOUR ROOM!! Trying to break Rachel Urquhart's record being in MCT. Quickly figured out that having unaccompanied guests in the dorms is a big No-NO! Salas has a good attitude and will be a great addition to our young boom corps. Please, no snapchatting during nighttime AR!

TSgt Craig White - Currently new to the squadron. Sometimes too motivated. Is that a bad thing? IDK, maybe. Almost done with MCT and will be the section chief of integration.

TSgt Robert Erickson – Recently checked in to the squadron after cross-training from Comm (not the smart comm). I spent some time with Roberto in the CRG. He saw how cool I (Kenny Arcibal) was and decided to cross-train into our career field. Erickson is the muscle of the 50th. Don't mess with us, or I will have him call his cartel family.

SSgt Billy Pflugh – Billy is fresh out of MCT and is one of the NCOs in integration. He has a maintainer background and likes to fall asleep in the jet. During P280 training in the jet, his IB thought he was unconscious... he was just taking a nap. Impressive! He's starting to look like an Exec...

PCS/Separations

MSgt Roger Vula – Roger left us for some good kimchee, bulgogi and Korean BBQ! Still emails me asking for some DTS help. Hope you and the family are enjoying Korea!

TSgt Logan Berry – Logan is currently at Altus getting smart on all things -46. Will be PCSing in the summer to McConnell. Thank you for your services!

SSgt Jesse Barber – Someone sold Jesse a pipe dream on going to Altus. Currently transitioning to the -46 as well. We miss you Turtle!

SrA Shuntravia McCullough – This speed demon sped away from the Air Force into the Civilian world. Congrats and thank you for your service! Good luck on the outside!

MACDILL AFB, FLORIDA

63d ARS

ARRG! (Air Refueling Reserve Guys)



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

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91st ARS

“BOLTS”



Superintendent:

SMSgt Myron Somero – He has been dubbed SMSgt “Doogie Howser” because he looks like he is barely old enough to enlist...Luckily he managed to find time to become an instructor but it doesn’t matter much because he is stuck in his office. I am sure his wife and new baby would love to see him come home before the sun sets!

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Dustin Sheldon – He came to us in a drug deal from the 50th ARS while he was on loan to the OG working in OGX...needless to say it was a pretty sweet deal! Still learning which hats he needs to wear. Found out he was the winner of the “most likely to get non-vol’d to Altus” award, so he controlled his own fate and punched the button. He might go stir crazy when he realizes the KC-46 does most of the work for him.

Stan/Eval:

SSgt Kevin Satherry – Still rocking NCOIC for stan/eval title and rocking the old school methods in a modern world. We are sure he has been living the dream fishing as much as he possibly can.

A1C Cassandra Wesley – She has been showing her husband what it’s like to have a real job in the AF...he can only wish he could be as cool as her! Anything she has been tasked with she kills it! Gear up. Nose gear indication...Oh ****! Turn that TDY airplane around.

Training:

SSgt Miguel Perez – Finally got off DNIF and hit the ground running! He has found a way to fly more than be in the office...smart! Looks like his new home in the future will be in OGT grooming the new generation. That’s two deployments dodged!

SrA Layne Gullede – Looks like someone finally decided to take the leap and become an instructor! His skills were put to much better use in training. It looks like Altus should be in his not so distant future! He now understands the importance of Air Medals getting processed on time, so ask him about tips and tricks for submission!

SrA Brenton Collins – Here’s another one that decided to become a big boy and upgrade to instructor! His sarcastic wit is unmatched at MacDill and he will be the first to tell you his boom operator skills are at that level as well. We all know that means soon enough he will be plucked off to Altus.

Scheduling:

TSgt Michael Eiland – He came to us from the KC-46s at Altus. He tells us how much he misses that jet everyday...How many more times we need to hear the 46 has A/C on the ground!? Now that he is back to the classic tanker, don’t let the flight doc see his air sickness bag! Between getting unsolicited free laser eye surgery and realizing that he is now the adult supervision, he has hit the ground running. In all seriousness he has been a truly great addition to the squadron and we couldn’t ask for a better person!

SSgt Bet Davis – When he isn't talking smack he actually does a pretty good job in scheduling...wish his smack talk was as good as his work though! Wishing his public health knowledge would help him get off DNIF faster, just kidding buddy, heal up and get well.

SSgt Alejandro Garcia – Here’s another one that thought 2020 was a good year to promote, one of the few bright spots of a year that saw all of his plans annihilated by COVID. With that fancy new Supra of his he needs every dollar he can get!

SrA Andrew Bain – Adaptation expert, went from not knowing how to tie things down in the airplane to being a prospective instructor candidate. Keep him on this trajectory and this guy is unstoppable. Congrats on BTZ!

SrA Paul Rietveld – If anyone could have the motto “used and abused” it definitely would this guy. We ran this man through the ringer in 2020. I guess he can finally have a break now...

Mobility:

TSgt David Foglietti – Even the commander has to tell this guy to leave work before him. Most likely to be turning the lights off in the squadron, we have absolutely no idea where this man gets all of his energy. Somehow found the time to get married all while exerting a herculean effort to get the entire squadron mobilized for deployment. We should call him the “fixer,” everywhere he goes he will do it right, even if it takes ALL of his time.

SSgt Marcus Norman – Silent but deadly, Marcus is also one of our three security managers. His heart was set on the squadron deployment, but alas, he was just a backup. He was probably the only happy member in the squadron when we got the last-minute call from AMC that we needed to add more crews.

SrA Ava Sheppard (Browne) – Got her first taste of a deployment and got hooked. Somehow she managed to keep her tech school romance alive and tied the knot.

A1C Jonathan Ross – Quiet, but capable. He is (still) ready for his first deployment. Got a taste of big city life and got to play Grand Theft Auto – Tampa first hand. The car is back, the Air Force’s equipment is not, and he still wants to deploy, so we are taking him with us!

Readiness:

TSgt Travis Urquhart – You want it done? This is your guy. Making a boom-to-boom marriage work (even if she’s over in the 50th). Spends more time in security management than he’d prefer, our readiness has never been better. A Florida native, he knows all the insider information in Tampa. If you want to know anything about the outdoors in Florida, he’s your man. We need to get this guy a deployment and some hours!

SrA Alex Workman – On truck #2 since he arrived here at MacDill, we are thinking it must be a West Virginian thing. Ask this guy if he wants to ride a motorcycle again and you will probably get a “***** No!” Even while long-term DNIF he was doing the good work for the squadron. He leveraged his “contacts” in St. Pete and got us some

sweet logos for the walls of the squadron. We are glad he's ok and back on the track of progressing in the airplane, even if it's with a few less layers of skin! Ask him about his visit with Gen Bibb.

SrA Trevor Busby – He's still got hours to go and IB to conquer before that happens, but he's still on track to one day make it back to the Motherland (Altus) one day. At this point, he's just happy to be in an airplane and hacking the mission. Not to worry, we have a full deployment coming up to work on that!

CSS:

TSgt Ashley Watson – She has perfected the art of TDY's. She will explore every part of a city and have a blast doing it! I am pretty sure she doesn't bring any of that Per Diem money home... She seems to have connections everywhere and busy is a part of who she is. Overqualified and underpaid, she's more educated than most of the officers, maybe we can get her a commission someday.

RA:

SrA Dillon Tucker – Got to go on a last minute, all-expense paid trip to the desert. Beyond that, he's been working on getting us all the goods. Just became a new dad, so we're not sure he remembers how to function as a member of the Air Force any more after that 42 day break. Guess we will see when he heads out for the deployment.

Flight Chiefs:

MSgt Paul Dhall - "BABY, PEOPLES CHAMP!!!" When he's not approving DTS and ninjaing EPRs, he's learning the ropes of Det Sup while everyone's deployed. Let's hope he survives the onslaught of squadron supt duties that no one in their right mind could predict. GOD SPEED!!! #doitfortheparkingspot

MSgt Justin VanDusen – Former SF and flight attendant that decided Tampa was where he wanted to retire. He was going to go to the 310 AS but it was shut down before his master plan could take effect. He then worked a backroom deal to become a boom to finish out his career...I think this dude knows some people! Disappointed to "rough it" on the KC-135 where his culinary skills won't be fully appreciated, we are sure he will learn to prepare something delicious using just bleed air and duct tape with only a slight taste of oil and hydraulic fluid. Welcome to the Stratotanker!

(M)Sgt Marcus Hudson – When he's not flying the friendly skies of Tampa as a private pilot he's working as the chief of stan/eval. This fast burner decided it was time to promote. Soon he will be headed to Mildenhall, we wish him the best! Honestly we're gonna miss his expertise and knowledge dropping. Likes to spend time on some weird canoe-boat thing, ask him about it. Good luck taking it to Mildenhall!

Flight Booms:

TSgt Byron Patrick – They could write a trilogy of this guy's journey to become a boom operator! Probably a new record for time spent in a retraining status and it's to no fault of his own. He finally made it through Altus after they found a way to fit him into the boom pod. He is midway through MCT now and will one day be able to fly alone as a boom.

SSgt Tyler Fee – One of our newer SSgts, so what does that mean? Pretty sure he's an expert at urinalysis detail by now. He's also getting to leverage that experience of dealing with large mission crews back in JSTARS as the NCOIC for ALL of our inbounds.

SSgt Jacqueline Gross – A boom unicorn, previous member of the United States Marine Corps who came to us by way of a quick civilian stint in West Virginia. Somehow a recruiter hooked her up. Just eight months into her Air Force career and she's probably wondering where she needs to go to pay for this all-inclusive resort. All kidding aside, we are happy to have her on the team with her very different perspective, even if writing her first EPR was a mental crucible.

SSgt Juan Rameriez Ceballos – He’s a services retrain that recently put on SSgt. He can’t believe all the free stuff that aircrew members get. Welcome to the aircrew world my friend!

A1C Moriah Williams – Fresh from Altus. This San Diego native decided to leave California to give the AF a try. Honestly why would anyone stay in California!? Still snapchatting about that boom pod flash–blindness, so much for getting night fighters done.

A1C Trinity Gonzales – Brand new to the community. Casually mentioned she got married over a weekend, I guess she’s out of the dorms now?

A1C Tristan Shannon – Getting from Altus to MacDill has proved to be his most daunting obstacle yet.

A1C Adam Salazar – Found out that tough love is a thing in this community and realized real quick to polish up those rough edges. Time will tell the kind of boom he will become.

A1C Bryan Arias – He is the first in his family to join the military. He has a great attitude and is most definitely a welcomed addition to the 91st family!

Attached Flyers:

MSgt Marvin Rottenberg – Moved over to the OG to work mobility. Will talk your ear off with discretion. Get him on the topic of motorcycles and you might as well call it a day. Appreciates the finer things in life, regardless of the price tag. What can we say? He appreciates comfort in his advanced age.

MSgt Desiree Kalkbrenner – She recently added another two to the family. I am pretty sure she has to be getting close to having enough kids to field the starting roster of a basketball team. Either way she is still here at MacDill and on her way to becoming a First Sergeant, so we are sure she found a way to outlast us all here in the Tampa area!

MSgt Johnnie “Duke” Creecy – Moved on over to the Group working in inspections. Most know him from emails about MICT or as scheduling’s go-to option for somebody to send on a TDY.

TSgt Alex Orr – Poor guy PCS’s in from Altus thinking he gets to finally live the normal squadron life. To only find out he’s getting put in charge of OGT teaching students...again! Seriously though, this guy rocks and always has a great attitude. I wish we could have more people like him.

TSgt Matt “ICE” Sadler – Doing his best to get looked at with the same level of respect as a weapons officer, we can only imagine what the deployment will be like! When he’s not repairing tornado holes in his roof over in St. Pete he’s still locked in the vault over at the OSS... for now...We will find a way to steal him back one day! Unfortunately he’ll probably have to stay past 1400.

SSgt Jamar Jackson – Completed MCT and disappeared but then we realized he was stolen from us and put into OGV! What the heck man!

SSgt Mathew Mossing – He was living his best life in OGT not bothering anyone and still caught a 6 month deployment to the CAOC! We can’t wait to get him back in the squadron and leverage what he’s learned.

SrA Jordan Diaz – We are always wondering where this guy is but realized he was pawned off to honor guard duty.

Departures:

MSgt Lamar Daniel – SMSgt Harwood decided to make Chief so he had to leave his dream job and take over as the 50th ARS Superintendent. It was good while it lasted! It was a sad day for us to see him leave. He’s busy wearing the tread off the bottom of his boots over there, but he will always have a place at the 91st.

MSgt Theo Dinwiddie – He did the right thing and supported his wife becoming an MTI. He is now living the instructor life at the Center of Excellence at Lackland.

SSgt Raphael Duncan – Finally managed to get an assignment! Grabbed the first thing that wasn't Altus. Looks like Fairchild is going to have to see all of his airplane watching photos!

TSgt Ron Hart – God's gift to Readiness flight. He had enough of sweating it out on the MacDill Flightline. TSgt Hart saw the light and switched over to the 46. McConnell has him now.

TSgt Derrick Wagner – Here's another one that had been stationed at MacDill so long that people did entire assignments and came back! We finally decided to send him outside of the squadron to wing XP and got orders...really!!

TSgt Michael Jordan – Poor guy got caught in the COVID limbo and took him FOREVER to get a departure date for Altus. We get rave reviews about him from our new guys.

TSgt Philip Nivens – The AF decided it would be best to let him medically retire. Last I heard this guy is dealing with vintage and exotic cars now. #retiredlifefnow

SSgt Dejahnav Fort – She had one heck of a year between upgrading to IB and then getting promoted. She lucked out and decided to get orders to join MSgt Dinwiddie at the Center of Excellence at Lackland.

SrA Luke Kornelsen – Korn decided to go Civilian First Class. He turned in his Wings for a shot at college with hopes of being a music teacher. We'll get that litho to you soon! Maybe...

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KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



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336th ARS

“THE FIRST AND THE FINEST”



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MARCH ARB, CALIFORNIA

912th ARS

“Hollywood Tankers”



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

18th ARS

“CAN DO!”



Greetings from the FRG of the 18th ARS. Busy year! Despite the pandemic, all of our booms are through conversion to the KC-46. We will miss the lack of cargo hauling in the 135, but not the jet temp reaching 135 C.

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(ART): Jay remains the fearless leader of the 18th booms. Jay is a father of two now, and his wife is working on base, so it's safe to assume he will never have a moment alone again. Don't ask about the go bag under his desk, but if it's gone just assume he's “in the wind”.

SMSgt Chris “Hollywood” Norris(ART): Chris is our Superintendent of OGV. He is still kicking butt and telling everyone about it at the ATD. Chris is the closer at the ATD, his instructors teach you everything they can, then Chris pokes holes in your brain and craps on your dreams. If your 46 Booms return from the ATD talking about an angry SMSgt that yelled at them one day and told them the story of that very encounter the next, you can thank Chris.

MSgt Warren “Bear” Bearup(ART): Bear is our NCOIC of Stan/Eval. He'll soon be doing a tour at the ATD. Bear is the 18th's version of an office linebacker. New guy is laughing having a good time, and next thing they know Bear has them questioning their decision to move out of their parents' house. Great news for the new guys is he bought a boat so they might be safe until fall.

MSgt John “Johnny Mac” McIlvoy(TR): John must have decided that since he got a raise moving to the Data Link Manager civilian position he needed more expenses. The McIlvoy family welcomed yet another child to the mix recently, luckily the oldest should be driving soon because they need a fleet to go anywhere. John still can't make a good contact but maybe in the next ten years it'll happen.

MSgt Aaron McLaughlin(TR): Recently got pretty banged up in a motorbike incident, thankfully he was wearing more than the required amount of safety gear and we hope to get him flying again. We like to think that medical will realize even at 50% Aaron will be a better boom than Herod.

MSgt Jim Yokom(ART): Much like taking a hearing test if you sit completely still and really listen you can hear Jim yelling at some knucklehead from pretty much anywhere on the planet. If he ever stops calling us out that's when we will be worried. We just almost snapped his desk in half, what's the big deal?! Jim is doing great things in the OST, he does all the work the training shops won't and for that we are thankful.

MSgt Waino “Y+9” Yrjanainen(AGR): Waino continues to carry this squadron, which has really helped his leg and back gains. This blond, Finnish god has nothing to fear but fear itself, or maybe fixing some screw-up by his cohorts, as he floats towards retirement. Every time someone asks a stupid question, he loses one hair in his fight against balding. Most of that bald real estate can be attributed to a certain airman, but let’s not name names *wink*....ler.

MSgt Justin “Booms Operator” Walsh(TR): Walsh moved up to the 18th from his home in the MPC. Rumor says he was forcefully removed for singing Shania Twain off key one too many times. Before he had any time to celebrate his new found cell reception they sent him off to AIC. Only a few months remaining to find another school to put him in. Walsh is currently the only dual qual boom in the 18th thus granting him the title of “Booms Operator”.

TSgt Giani “Giuseppe” Dossman(ART): Giani is doing all the hard work over in the ATD, pushing students, doing checks. If he keeps it up Norris is definitely going to be a Chief. Giani completed something like 800 events last year from BOTs & Flights to dealing with Norris in general (seriously, like every day). The guy is a work horse hopefully he can relax when he gets back to 18th crew scheduling because some of these guys complain if they do 12 events a year. His car is getting pretty old now something like a 2019? Yikes. Time for an upgrade.

TSgt Wyatt “Billy” Witt(TR): Witt still commutes from a hole in the prairie just east of C Springs every single day, it’s a testament to his mechanical ability that his beater vehicles continue to survive. If he ever invites you out to his place for a fire, pack a lunch. Witt also believes McConnell’s “No Drone Zone” doesn’t include the scheduling office so watch your head. We hear there is another Witt on the way so that’s something the world has to deal with.

SSgt David “ROS” Brink(TR): Report of Survey or ROS Brink has had his car broken into and everything stolen a suspicious amount of times. David “finally made SSgt” Brink, was definitely the high time on station SrA for a while. He figured, “why do ALS, I’ll be a pilot soon” after three years of waiting he finally decided to become eligible to promote. Five minutes later, AFRC called and said he was going to OTS this summer. This will be Dave’s last Boom Signal and we couldn’t be happier, because we never liked him anyway.

SSgt Daniel “Slum Lord” Winkler(ART): Daniel has been filling in Scheduling and will soon depart to teach at the ATD. He is recently single and decided the only way to fill his empty heart and home was to have Herod and Dark move in. We are wondering if this will become a “Golden Girls” situation or more of an “Always Sunny” fever dream. As the owner of the house and man about town, Dan fits the bill to be their Blanche or their Charlie.

SrA Alex Herod(TR): Alex is doing good work helping in training and learning his job as a 46 Boom, but we still wouldn’t let him tend the rabbits. Alex has aspiration of becoming a pilot and is definitely smart enough for that dream.

SrA Isaiah “Young Chillionaire” Dark(TR): Isaiah led a male perm revolution in the 18th. He is working on becoming a social media influencer and maybe an Air Force Pilot, and we say, why not both? Word on the street is if he can’t find the receptacle he will just make his own, which is why we can’t wait until he becomes a pilot, or his influencer dreams take flight #permsforlife.

Nine-oh-fifth’ed

TSgt Sarajo “Swivel-hip” Danis: Sarajo broke her knee by walking(how?). She needs to get that fixed so she can go to the schoolhouse. We got tired of waiting, so we sent her to the 905th. Ok, maybe they hired her as an ART.

TSgt Dustin Confer: I wouldn’t say we lost Dustin, so much as punted him. He’s a great entrepreneur, and equally great at being overdue on all training beans. His loss was Waino’s gain.

SSgt Sam Aguirre: Sam snatched up an AGR position in the 905th. He better watch his back in the parking lot because Cuadra may be plotting to vacate that position.

SrA Robert “Not Eddie” Estagin: We lost Robert since we needed to even out the Airmen between the squadrons. You’ll find him teleworking from a glider port.

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22nd OG

“We bring...da BOOM!”



The 22d Operations Group had an exceptional year due, in large, to our outstanding Airmen, amazing families, and exceptional local community. McConnell Booms have been hard at work providing global air refueling, cargo & passenger movements, as well as aeromedical evacuation support. They have been on the leading edge of multiple squadron deployments, despite being a base in conversion. Beyond expertly executing the downrange mission, our Airmen have also been on the forefront of Special Operations Air Refueling, KC-135 hot-pit defuel capes, and KC-46 Initial Operational Test & Evaluation. The herculean efforts of these outstanding Booms is ever apparent as they maintain the current SMSgt Al Evans Trophy, Gen Carl A. Spaatz Trophy, Dutch Huyser - Boom Operator Award, and AF “Top Nuclear Tanker Wing” Award. We look forward to another great year!

Group Superintendent:

CMSgt Ben Cobb

Between buying new campers and parts for his jeep, you have to know he’s rich. It was probably all that extra money he made on his FLYING LINE DEPLOYMENT that he somehow skirted by on...talk about being in the right place at the right time. He recently got to slow down after the NORI prep, which we all know he hates to relax. Maybe with all this downtime he has, he can get rid of his deathwobble on his jeep, but probably not...In all seriousness he has led this Group better than anyone and we owe every success (which is a stupid amount of wins) to his drive and vision.

Group Chief Enlisted Manager:

CMSgt Lindsay “Who dat der” Moon

Turns out after you make Chief, you have to work in a Group with not only 46 guys. It was hard to break his allegiance, but constant heckling and berating is slowly starting to work. We recently found out he hates one person in this world, but can’t say who mainly because no one would believe it because everyone loves him. As the CEM he has been doing a great job...going TDY. He is the only person to coin the SecDef and CSAF all at once while also giving them guidance at where the Air Force needs to go as a whole. They appreciated his advice and have since swayed their decision making to what Lindsay suggested. He has been doing great, and we are fortunate to have the best Boom Operator in 3 MWS’ as our CEM.

OGV:

SMSgt Ben “Dover” Davis

Recently had to return an \$80,000 camper due to insufficient funds. Poor decision making plus his inability to say “No” to anything makes him the most sought after evaluator for checkrides. Compensates for his “short” comings with loud exhausts and multiple backyards. His hobbies include spending time smoking meat, and camping with his new wife. Recently made Senior, but his promotion ceremony was delayed because his common sense was sorely needed on the WIT team for the most recent NORI. Soon to be the next 349th ARS Superintendent, where he will do an amazing job! We are lucky to have such an outstanding guy, because the last dude was terrible....

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344th ARS

2019 SMSgt Al Evans “Best Air Refueling Section” Award Winners



Squadron Superintendent:

(S)MSgt Ed Soto - Ed started the Squadron Superintendent job on the 1st of the year and has been loving every minute of watching his email refresh since. He tries to get out from behind his desk and walk around the squadron, but then another email comes in that's a "fire" for him to put out. In his downtime he enjoys editing EPRs, 1206s, and other awards; and not doing TAPRs or Form 8s on time. Recently found out he made SMSgt and we are all excited for him to have more opportunities to lead our young Airmen.

Operations Superintendent:

SMSgt Justin Thompson - Stepping into some Chanklas Soto left behind, JT steps down off of his OGV high horse and into the trenches of operations. If he tells you he gave a good hand over for OGV he would be lying. He did such a great job, there was no one capable to replace him...seriously, the position is still vacant. Upon celebration of returning to the squadron, JT was found passed out in a bush at a Boom Campout after 2 cervezas. So much for an "Animals" Veteran!

Enlisted Exec:

TSgt Aaron Hall - Our resident nonner. Left the personnel world to become a Boom so we stuck him in the Exec shop to do personnel stuff. He really likes telling our CSS guys they suck at their job and they really like telling him that he can't have MILPDS access.

SSgt Johnathan Zimmer - Stealth Boom Operator, he's the type of guy you send behind the wire to quietly take out the enemy. He may be blacklisted by the reserves for being too good at his job. He schedules all of the Booms for their quarterly requirements faster than the FRG's can pick up the phone.

Stan/Eval:

TSgt Clay “Breakaway Boy” Wonders - Que Eminem’s Lose Yourself...Because BB Wonders had one shot! His palms are sweaty, knees weak, arms are heavy, Chief of Staff is at Pre-contact stable and ready... He’s nervous, but on the surface he looks calm and drops a bomb by calling a breakaway on General Charles “CQ” Brown while stable in pre-contact. What was Wonders thinking...he wasn’t! Other than that stinky brain fart, Wonders is killing it as an NCO for the Unkindness.

TSgt Rob Fuller - Rob came to us from Edwards with a broken hand, no knowledge of cargo, and poor taste in music. He’s a quite systems expert, except when you get him in a game of Rage Cage out in Guam! In the past year he’s come a long way...with fixing his hand which is pretty tight. When he’s not working you can find him rebuilding his house or climbing some rocks somewhere. We are glad to have him in the 344th and back at McConnell.

Training:

SSgt Ryan Edsall - Ryan is our newest IB (after failing Altus’ upgrade syllabus) so he’s got a big brain, but suffers from a little man complex. We often wonder why the “Pilot for a Day” kid keeps following us around after his incentive flight. He’s about to put those new instructor skills to use as the NCOIC of Training and keep us moving forward!

SSgt Nicholas Benson - Loves “The Office” and tries to insert quotes from the show into everyday conversation. Nick did a stint helping the ATD for three months, went immediately into instructor upgrade, and is now on his way to ALS. Someday we will get him back to the Squadron to do hard work. That’s what she said...

SSgt Daquane “DQ” “BLIZZARD” Spikes - Looking to single-handedly solve the border crisis with his ongoing Homeland Security Degree. Took up instructing as a hobby. Received a waiver to put on Levitow prior to attending ALS. Cons? Not a hard worker—we can spend all day on a project, and he will finish the same project in a half an hour ... so that should tell you something.

Scheduling:

SSgt John Levario - Left his job as the OG Enlisted Exec to come over to the dark side on the KC-46. Recently found himself smuggling illegals across the border to and from Canada. He will be starting Instructor upgrade soon...once we get him to realize the 46 Boom isn’t an A-10 gun.

SrA Colin Gourd - Our token ginger has been recovering from the depression COVID caused. Not because he couldn’t hang out with people, but because they cancelled ComiCon and CES this year. Rides around on a Buzz Lightyear crotch rocket and honestly can’t understand why children constantly chase after him.

SrA Spencer Vick - Just got down to Altus for BTX. Excited to get him back and see what he can accomplish on the new plane.

War Readiness:

SSgt Jared Evans - The only Enlisted sweaty within a lineage of officer pilots. Completed his Master’s degree to make sure they don’t disown him. Jared became an Instructor this year and we haven’t seen him since. He’s either flying a lot or working on his Doctorate at home to overcome his Enlisted shortcomings.

SrA Stanley “YELNATS” Wimberly - Prefers to do things in reverse: remodeled the boom pod AFTER he moved out of it; favorite movie is TENET; answers every radio/phone call with “Go for Shocker.” An Oakland native, he’s a HUGE Raiders fan (post 2017). One of the nicest booms you’ll meet, though he’s happiest when building mobility folders.

SrA Dustan Curran - Just got back from a stint at the ATD. He's going through pre-Instructor training right now and doesn't like that we expect him to speak to other people. We aren't convinced he's ever learned how to smile, although that might be an after-effect of his road rage incident.

Tactics:

TSgt Devaughn Granger - The first Weapon School grad to not get a patch at the end of it all. Married through common-law in 50 states and may one day "put a ring on it", but doesn't want to commit to anything too fast. We often find Devaughn in the ether webs of SIPR, JWICS, and other very important systems that live in the cloud...or at least that's what he tells us.

SSgt Victoria Monfiero - Victoria just got here from the west coast Big Sexy. We are putting her Link-16 background to use in Tactics.

SSgt Mitchell Lambrecht - Mitchell recently arrived from the west coast Big Sexy. He's over in the MPC figuring out our Hard Drives for the airplane. We constantly hear him murmuring "The files are in the computer" while taking a baseball bat to the Mission Planning computers Office Space-style.

SrA Jonathan Sanders - Senior Chief Airman Sanders is working at the MPC with Mitchell on figuring out our hard drives. We are told he does important work, but haven't seen anything actionable come out of him in three months. He's about to put that expertise to the test in Instructor upgrade.

Safety:

MSgt Jeff Sparks - Showed up to his 16th RNC board for certification in the KC-46. He's busy mentoring our young Airmen on how to maximize their disability ratings before his retirement.

SSgt Lacey "MOAB" Pickett - The Mother of all Booms. Reminds us all you can take the maintainer off the flight line, but you can't take the maintainer out of her. She can't drive a real motorcycle so she bought a SlingShot to draw more attention to herself.

SrA Jonathan Vermont - Is the nicest guy around. He's so nice, if you ask him Boom Operator questions he doesn't want to let you down and will start shooting from the hip. He may be from Texas or a state that doesn't hate guns. His outlaw name would be Pistol Pete!

Medusa Flight:

MSgt Russ Hobbs - Returned to the states after his Tanker Planner gig. When asked where do you want to go? He said "To the Best Boom Operator Section!"...those words landed him in the Midwest with "The Unkindness" the current Al Evans Trophy recipients. Since his arrival he has been wondering what he got himself into.

TSgt Dan Hernandez - Jack of all trades, master of none. C-17 Loadmaster turned -135 Boom turned -46 Boom. All that time at Altus has given him some sort of sickness because he can't find his way off DNIF to start flying with us here.

A1C Victoria Hall - Just turned 21 and entered MCT so of course we sent her on the road to Germany, but amidst COVID, it was a bit of a flop. Has to constantly deal with responding to, "which Hall is that?". She promises to break out of her shell as soon as everyone starts using her go-by name, 'Crissy'.

A1C Morgan Faries - Just got back from Altus and we are excited to have her in the Squadron.

A1C Braydon Scarborough - He drives a purple Prius....do we need to say more?

A1C Kory Sawinski - Just got here from 135 BIQ, about to head to 46 BTX.

Pegasus Flight:

MSgt Christopher Plunkett - Finally completed Aircrew Training Detachment as an Instructor Boom! Rumor has it he almost quit ATD because his Type 1 Training made him smarter than the IB's, or the ATD IB's almost quit Plunkett, it's still up for debate. You can find Chris on the road or in PMCR, at least that's what G2 says.

TSgt Ron Hart - Resident plumber. We are pretty sure he's on a High-year Tenure Waiver and still can't find his way to MSgt. We like dropping Democratic viewpoints into conversations and then walk away because we know he will keep the conversation going all day. Ron has recently taken on rewiring the Innovation Lab and auditioning for his post Air Force life.

A1C Juan Boykin - About to head out the door to 46 BTX soon.

A1C Evan Olsen - Just got here from 135 BIQ, about to head to 46 BTX.

A1C Joshua Feiner - One day, some day, maybe....he will fly again. In the meantime, he can be found prepping for the US National Hockey team at the Derby Rec center six days a week. We are pretty sure he's trying to set a new record for longest MCT in the KC-46 program history.

A1C Robert Purnell - Our resident sign language interpreter and recently "put a ring on it". Fairly new, but we all have heard the story of his bathroom escapades during AR. Let's just say he likes to adjust gross weight while we are in contact...

Attached/On-Loan:

MSgt Derek Lyles - Recently moved over to the ATD. Likes to tell everyone about his cool cars and expensive watches. We hope he can auction more of those watches off to pay for his 14th child. The only person we've ever met who volunteered for orders to Altus...and they told him NO!!

TSgt Nick Snyder - Ol' GED may be up for a Hostel Re-naming. Not every day do you get the chance to tell SECAF, CSAF, and the AMC/CC to "Hold My Beer" while you show off your Boom Operator skills. GED has done it, and there's a photo to prove it! He's doing such a great job, he was nominated by the 22ARW for the "Red" Erwin Outstanding Career Enlisted Aviator of the Year Award. On a personal note, GED is engaged! We were scared for a moment with him being from West Virginia, we were all happy to hear it's not to his cousin.

MSgt Eric Flanders - WHO? We haven't seen this guy...we are pretty sure he doesn't exist. But good luck in retirement!

TSgt Padraic Condon - Prefers his cigarettes doused in Tanker fluid with an AE crew on board to save him. Loves getting engaged, just for the photos. He's currently working in our SOAR shop to do those SOAR things that we don't do...

TSgt Joseph DelToro - Wants to be an Instructor with all 12 hours of time in the 46. He's only allowed to fly within the state of Kansas which is good for us. We have a lot of volunteers for TDYs once Joe starts talking...

MSgt Jeremy Pratt - Found out he was selected to PCS to Scott AFB to run A3T/PT. He joins a small group of Booms who have flown all 3 USAF Tanker Aircraft, he joined a few years too late to fly the KC-97.

OSS Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Devin Kay - Is the only Boom that has a field commission in the current era and Commands the 22d OSS. During his Command he has secured his follow on assignment to run the Embassy in Mongolia. If you see a Custom Orange 1977 Jeep Grand Cherokee rolling on the Great Wall of China, chances are its Lt. Kay!

Deployed:

SrA Trevor Mateleska - Decided to quit smoking by adding vaping to his pack of cigarettes a day. He volunteered to take an OCN deployment to save more money for his Big Rig trucking business after he leaves the Air Force. If that doesn't work out, we are told he has a knack for scouting talent at local beach house on a regular basis.

Departing the Fix:

MSgt Phil Stacey - Potential SGTO IB Distinguish Graduate until he submitted to be a Tanker Planner for the AOC at Ramstein. He has limited experience moving cargo on the jet, but makes a mean cup of joe with his imported coffee he smuggled past customs.

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349th ARS

“Bandits”



Squadron Superintendent:

SMSgt Aaron “dude is for real a Bit\$%” Tessmann

He thought being Superintendent was great until his boss asked why he left work early at 1900. Got to do the Supt job deployed too, which turns out is just running lodging. He cried a lot to get through it, but made it home safe with a thousand yard stare, less hair and chest pains. We all know his wife is the superstar of the family, who didn't even need to go to the First Shirt Academy because she has learned how to enforce standards and discipline from taking care of him for the last 14 years. Seriously, dude is a child who needs supervision. Aaron is a dedicated leader who takes the time to know each of his Airman personally, is always there to shape the culture, and lend a hand. His positive attitude is contagious and we will all miss him this year when we put him out to pasture up in OGV.

Operations Superintendent:

MSgt Cleigh “dude is a Bit\$%” Robbins

Filled in as Squadron Superintendent during the deployment, you think he sucks as an Ops supt you should see him as the Sq Supt.... His excuse for running the squadron into the ground was COVID but we all know that's not true. Seems like a cush job though because anytime he had an issue, he just asked Sweatyback to fix it. Everyone knows that MSgt Adams was the real Superintendent while SMSgt Tessmann was gone. Waiting on his next lateral move to the broom closet even though he's come out of one multiple times already. We act like we could survive one day without Cleigh, but we couldn't. He was the reason the NORI was a success! After people saw his job as Rampco, everyone ran when he said he needed to train a backup. Truly selfless and humble (except if you see his new truck), he is an outstanding leader!

A-Flight:

TSgt Lucas “Tasty” Treat

Loved Training flight so much that he selflessly volunteered for a second tour of Altus so he could write TAPRs for the rest of his career. He's super excited and we thank him for his service. Picked up karate again with his kids and is stoked to spend more time with them. Especially since they're all in the same weight class. As the newest flight Chief he is leading in ways we never thought was possible. His flight couldn't ask for a better person, we are sad to lose him but glad we had him.

SSgt Russel “We thought he PCS’d” Molina

Since the last Boom Signal he’s been dragged by his mustache to Training flight. He thinks he’s the NCOIC even though it’s really Shopp even though it’s REALLY Sibinski. In the last six months he’s learned to turn on his computer and attempt to log into GTIMS. His loud and boisterous personality exudes leadership!

SSgt Joshua “Shooooop” Shopp

With more grins than the Cheshire cat, the only thing that phases this guy is his car with no bumper. Comfortably settling into his “Dad Bod” he is looking forward to welcoming his firstborn into the world. The only thing faster than his turbo charged curb cruiser is how quickly marriage, fatherhood and Altus caught up to him. The OG would not be what it is today without Josh’s work, and by that I mean he trained everyone on flightline drivers just for the NORI. Well done!

SSgt Garrett “safety patrol” Tholken

Shows up to work to plan his wedding. Let’s hope when he gets married he will get a different vehicle for once. Soon to head down to Altus, his first year of marriage will be put to the test. If you’re willing to move to Altus, the marriage will last through anything. We will miss him, as he was the most dedicated IB we have!

SSgt Madison Sibinski

Having a complete disregard for the hair standards with her “rouge” streak, we’re pretty certain that she has no knowledge of hair, or standards. Using advanced NCOIC tactics, like a ninja in the night, she sneaks into work, does nothing, then sneaks out just as quickly. With Extra Sensory Perception she is now able to perceive the speed of the jet from the boom pod. #DeidDad #Thirsttrap She has been doing an outstanding job in Training and is looking forward to CFIC soon!

SrA Benjamen “Snake Charmer” Kuhman

His name sounds like an exotic spice but he lacks any type of flavor. Much like a boiled chicken breast. He has one of the dopest comb overs to grace the halls of the 349th. If you look up hipster in the dictionary you will find a picture of the infamous Snake Charmer. The only 21 year old to be married, have a kid and own a house. It’s like he is mature or something....

SrA Brad “Dependa” Magee

Loves selling little girls dresses. It’s no secret that his wife makes more money than him, but he’s constantly trying to prove his manliness. Managed to find it by finally switching from a Chevy to a Ford. His wife directed him not to grow a mustache for March. I feel sorry for the baby boy that him and his wife are about to have. Just kidding, he’s an awesome guy, and the only SrA to carry the OG through the NORI.

SrA Everett “double food poisoning” Dunham

After crapping and puking on the jet, but still executing the mission TWICE...He has realized the Deid food is not to be trusted. Selected to work over at the OG, he comes down to hang out with us lowly folk every once and a while. He will be rewarded with CFIC this year, which I am sure he is excited about...

A1C Andrew “Gainz” Dawes

The smallest big dude you’ll ever meet. He is a recent recipient of “the 1000 lb club” here at the local gym. He works hard at the gym and in the office. Hopefully he can get some real gains in both this year!

SrA Arick “real moustache” Duffey

Still owns the cleanest CRX in the world! After his last deployment he is looking to crossover to the KC-46 asap! He needs some air conditioning because his moustache sweats too much! After all his hard work he needs the easy life.

A1C Brandon “new elbow” Vandyke

Fresh off a surgery for his fancy new elbow he is ready to do this “in-flight air refueling” thing all his friends are talking about.

A1C Edwin “tall silent type” Perez

Literally tall and silent, that is all we know about him. Still somewhat new he has hit the ground running.

B-Flight:

MSgt Charlie “Sweatyback” Adams

The dad we never had. He’s a Senior Master Sergeant in a Master Sergeant’s body. Spent more time in quarantine last year than the rest of the squadron combined. The five days that he did come in to work, he spent his time worrying about trivial stuff like making sure our Booms have jackets, computers, and paychecks. What a waste of time. “Single-handedly” (with the help of 95% of the OG) developed a training plan to make sure we aced the NORI (which he conveniently helped grade as WIT). Charlie is doing so well, Tessmann may be out of a job sooner than later.

TSgt David “19 airframes” Peck

He is going through CFIC now, so he can finally become an instructor in an airframe. After 18 years and 19 jets it is really going to happen!

SSgt Jonathon “RAMPCO” Gates

This man survives solely on Bang, Zyn pouches, and jerky. He gets spun up over the littlest things at the drop of a hat, which is fine because he’s the worst multi-tasker. He is never afraid of his maintenance ways of wall-to-wall counseling. He hands out paper work faster than Ned Flanders hands out compliments. The only way he decompresses is by dressing in all camouflage and hiding from his feelings in a tree stand which he calls “hunting”. Despite his rough exterior he loves hugs and welcomes them randomly without any notice, seriously try it...

SrA Zackery “The Nose” Yamagishi

His thirst to be the smartest Boom carried him through Altus for CFIC. Continues to be a high performing instructor and Readiness member. He defied all COVID odds and power hosed his way through a couple lifting competitions, showing everyone a different type of weight gain during the pandemic. We are ready for him to put on Staff Sergeant. He will make a great leader.

SrA Arielle “the best person in the world” Williams

She is the best, again like always. We all want to be her, but there can only be one! Recently made SSgt and became an instructor. She is going to do huge things. She is the only person 2020 was good to, but rightfully so.

A1C McKenna “I’ll volunteer” Monnolly

Recent Honor Graduate from boot camp, she hasn’t met a challenge she can’t destroy. She volunteers to help anyone at any time. She truly defines what an Airman is and we can’t wait for her to become an MB!

A1C Amari “Flat Top” Austin

This guy can single handedly assist in getting rid of outdated laptops. While most of us would desire to throw them out the window, some could just leave them in Austin’s car just to be stolen in front of his eyes by Dirty Mike and the Boys. He claims the car came back cleaner than he left it but that doesn’t help the fact that it won’t start. Bad luck for his first car...makes me wonder if he got that first car deal of 26.99% APR.

A1C Henry “Hooker” Vander Sys

A “Hooker” who prefers Hank... weird. With dreams of being a pilot, he would be good for Holloman F-16’s seeing as how he is never on time. Showing up amidst COVID, he dedicated himself to spending the most amount of energy doing the least amount of work. It’s rumored he is the reason Gates goes hunting. Not afraid to work his butt off, he will do outstanding for the Squadron.

A1C Issac “The Butcher” Damico

The only thing smoother than his move to not show up to work for two weeks, was the blade that nearly took his finger off. Opting to use a saw to open the keel beam bay on a cargo check, he quickly discovered why it’s white going in, red coming out. He still occasionally comes around the squadron but is rarely heard, kind of like death that way, cold and silent. Looking to head out on his first deployment this summer and end the war in the middle-east.

SrA Hannah “The Carlos Keeper” Clarke

Transitioned to the warm sandy beaches of Florida.

A1C Andrew “full head of” Hare

Also joined us during the COVID lock down. He and his twin brother, Lt Gravdahl (no relation), are experts of deception with their magnificent hair. Andrew leads the shop in most treats that his wife can make for him to bring in to include some Southern Kings Cake. No one, well maybe 2 people, knew what it was. Rest assured there will be more treats when you fall off your sugar high. He held the shop together in preparation for the NORI.

C-Flight:

MSgt Chance “Copperfield” Yoder

When he's not making airman cry he's too busy figuring out how to disappear. His playbook at home is full of excuses. “Three rules- Keep the door closed, no pow-wows, and cover for me when I'm gone.” Lift's every weight in the gym, but manages to rip his bicep on some groceries. Is this guy a boom operator? The world will never know. What we do know, is one foot is out the door, and the other one is “making coffee.” The only thing bigger than Yoder's muscles, is his huge heart. He's literally a teddy bear...

SSgt Megan “Waiting for the next guy for a new last name” Esquibel

Which last name do we use? Yeesh.. This “SSgt” is the master of delegation and the epitome of a blonde girl. Current and former knuckle-dragger, she will drink you under the table with one per hour, no more than 3 in a night. Her awful giggling will drive you nuts. She's so extra, she even got extra flights in CFIC and blamed it on the weather. She's best at looking busy, signing LOR's, and making minute tasks into a HUGE deal. Megan is the real flight Chief of C-flight, between motivating her people to do their best she somehow finds time to be her best! She works her butt off and is going to keep this Sq the best in the DOD again this year!

SSgt Matthew “Soulful” Fitzgerald

Only guy in the world that can win the lottery and still be sad about it. He is the epitome of a millennial but not talented enough to ride a longboard, just drink the IPA's. He might not be able to tell you what a Boom does, but he kicks ass at giving medical advice. He leans so far right he can't walk straight. Don't let OSI see his Instagram, it's as cringy as his “mustache.” What he does best is lead his Airmen, his EPR game is on-point much like his development of his people.

SSgt Charisse “Golden-Child” Laughery

By far the nicest person in the Squadron. She will never donate a dime to the AFAF or Children's Hospital, however if there's a pampered golden-doodle in need of assistance, there goes her savings account. With what little money she has left, she spends on tattoo'd dudes. Her degree in Dolphin Mind Reading obviously didn't cover economics. Although some guys won't keep her, we sure will! She once again has won every award possible....AMC Red Erwin winner!

P.S. Ask her about the sparrow....

SrA Tanner “Tail Stand” Todd

Super athletic closet redhead. Has since broken another bone in his body but it's still his skull, and this time instead of a kick from a horse it was a tail stand to the face. Super good at catching tail stands to the face... not so good at making BTZ. Don't worry though, he recently made SrA In-the-Zone. Too much hair to join Blodgett's cult. The only person to own a nicer truck than Blodgett. The Squadron's pretty-boy is more than just a face, he is one of the hardest worker we have. Looking forward to what he brings to the table this year!

SrA Isaac “Only Bears fan” Carney

Recently back from CFIC, he tried the Trubisky approach down there and threw knowledge so far over their heads he was critiqued on it. Soon to be married (yeah I know...someone love a Bears fan...) he is looking to be the newest mil-to-mil power couple. Looking forward to seeing what he will do this year.

SrA Megan “On-A-Profile” McGonigal

Don't let her busted hips fool you, she will attempt to fight anybody if you act up. What she lacks in mobility, she also lacks in Pre-CFIC. If you can't find her at work, you'll find her at Dolata's house. His hands on approach is helping her to the pathway to success and she is crushing CFIC and will be our newest instructor. She will be killing it when she gets back! We miss you Megan....!!!!

SrA Carlos “Abuelo” Lampon-Torres

The nicest, and oldest, boom operator you'll ever meet. He looks like he used to be a SMSgt, and almost died of Covid, but fortunately made it out strong. He's not only smashing the volunteer of the year award, but also every KC-46 receptacle as well due to his Glaucoma (kidding, he can see and doesn't hit receptacles probably.....). He is the most generous person you could ever talk to and we look forward to seeing him excel.

SrA Caleb "Travel-Size" Mongold

The gender neutral version of Sibinski. If he walks into the wind, he won't get mad about blowing away, but about the fact it put out his cigarette. If you ever need to make a little extra money, make sure your insurance is up to date drop your stuff off at Mongold's house. He has gotten an Ipad for every year he's been in. Currently the slumlord of the Boom community, so come on by for a place to live.

SrA Austin "Toxic Avenger" Blodgett

His Benjamin Button's disease has finally taken his hair. Instead of letting his balding go quietly into the night, he convinced multiple booms and pilots to shave their heads too, and they formed a weird cult. At least he grew a translucent "mustache" to take the attention off of his face. The Russian Mafia is still looking for him after his Thailand trip. He picks up hobbies like children pick up Easter eggs, but unfortunately he sucks at all of them. As a hunter, he shot bambi. As a day trader/financial planner, he lost his shirt and bought an 80k truck. As an ammo reloader, he acquired 4 tons of black powder, but doesn't actually make bullets. He's also a real estate tycoon, a car detailer, and a crappy boom on the side. If you didn't know about all these "jobs", don't worry he'll tell you. Despite all of this he won OG Boom Operator of the year, so what does that say about the rest of us..?? He has been killing it since the day he hit the Squadron and we're lucky to have him!

SrA Alan "The-Spy" Wojciehowicz

Karlson's son Woj is 95% likely to be a Polish spy. He takes long periods of leave to report what the Air Force is doing, and flies back in on a helicopter full of Polish officials... He doesn't say a f*ing word, how do we make fun of him?! He does have the cleanest room in the dorms, seriously....Ladies, you need a clean house ya need to wifey up your boy cause he got you! By far one of the hardest working Booms we have, he has recently become war-hardened and is looking to head back out again!

A1C Charles "Yes Man" Bulger

Ask him to do anything he'll do it, except play basketball. He'll give anyone the shirt off of his back, but since he's built like an expo marker it won't fit any normal shaped human. Get him out of his tank, this goldfish knows how to party. Happiest person you'll ever meet and we look forward to see his career progress.

A1C James "Wine-Bag" Karlson

Don't give this man a bag of wine, he will drink the entire thing BEFORE showing up to a Thanksgiving party. His serial killer like walk and demeanor could scare the doors off of a KC-46. When he crawls out of the shadows, make sure you say hello to him so you get put on his good list. New guy in the squadron destined for success and recent DG out of Altus!

A1C Paul "Glass Bones" Johnson

Highly motivated yet incredibly fragile not only on the inside, but also on the outside. He managed to trip on the ice, and not only break his arm, but spill blue all over the concrete. Johnson's mustang may look slick with the 37% APR he pays on it, but don't get concerned, it's not fast enough to get pulled over. Works incredibly hard, and going to be a Chief someday.

A1C Connor "Tinder Guy" Myers

Terrible conversationalist. He's the guy with the face that looks like every other A1C. Ask a toddler to draw a picture of a white guy and they'll draw Connor. I can prove you can't trust this guy, just look at his duck face twitter picture. All kidding aside, he volunteers for anything to help out except if it requires blues... We can't wait to see what he will do!!!

AMN Jude Springer

Don't let his name fool you, the only thing spring related about him is his hair style. This ball of joy from Na-Bras-Kaa loves taking ridiculous selfies of himself and posting them on Facebook. Even his parents unfriended him and

were ecstatic that he left the home for military life. Although, they weren't thrilled when notified that he would be "PASSING GAS"!

A1C Natalia Berry

Not even sure if this person is in the Air Force. Oh wait, as I'm writing this, she finally showed up. A1C Berry has been on the inbound roster longer than her career. She loves cars and guns and has been known to operate both at the same time. Berry is very new but something tells me she will be spouting out "Office" quotes left and right and will fit in nicely.

A1C Jesus Payes

Don't let his first name fool you. He's not related in any shape or form. Once in a hundred year pandemics are easier to find than Jesus Payes and yet the only thing he has learned from COVID-19 is how to tele-boom. This might explain why all his free time is spent wielding swords in storage lots while wearing sleeveless workout attire. Seriously, where is this kid? We might have to wait for the second coming of Christ before we see him again.

D-Flight:

TSgt Kyle Jackson

Has miles to go before he reaches mediocracy. That's why he's never Q3'd anyone. The man has talents but is very humble and will hide at all costs. COVID really sucked for Kyle, he's all about that bass and no treble. Masks have made it very difficult for him to communicate effectively. I actually believe masks are optional on the flight deck because of his grizzly voice. Good luck MCT students!

SSgt Joshua Granados

Has had many success of the past year. His talents were too great for the safety office and so he was graced with the coveted Evaluator certification and pushed to Stan Eval. Josh pinned on SSgt December of 2020 but that didn't stop him from securing **Airman** of the Year for the 22 ARW. He now does not have a desk big enough to fit all of his bling blings.

SSgt Madison Dolata

Despite his temperament, this grey sprinkle on a rainbow cupcake is working hard on his raw personality and is making great strides towards curbing his inner demons. Any further questions? In all seriousness, he's NOT getting any better. If you need instruction on instruction, here is the man for you. 4 hour hydro briefs, NO PROBLEM. Even the simplest things can become drastically complicated for everyone to comprehend. Madison recently received the distinguished **purple Heart** for trying to use a **Hot Pocket®** as a stress-ball straight out of the Zapper. If you ask him what his favorite game to play is, he will probably respond with "STUMP THE DUMMY". Good LuCk aIr fOrCe.

SrA Tyler Mcpherson

One half of the "G.B."s (ask him what it stands for). Don't let his frail appearance fool you. This super crabby boom is a go getter. We've spent the last couple of weeks wondering what he did to earn that BTZ stripe. Honestly...we're not entirely sure how he got it either. I mean, the guy doesn't even know the difference between a flat head and a Philips head screwdriver. Anyways, He's doing great in Stan Eval fluffing pillows and filling water jugs.

A1C Mya Demarco

She is the absolute worst, she takes her cellular device as gospel. Only reason she is moving to the KC-46 is that she thought it had 5G. She believes in zodiac signs. The following explains why her Taurus personality makes her supervisor and anyone who is not a Taurus's life a living hell.

- Very Dangerous when Provoked
- Wants to figure things out by themselves
- Lives in the moment
- Will bury you in sarcasm
- Has a backbone made of steel ~~and a heart made of gold.~~

XP:

TSgt Nic “this & %\$#Sing guy” Gidalv

The only thing Nic loves more than messing with Airmen is getting the hell out of XP. His scary demeanor and New York accent makes him extremely approachable. When he is not making fun of Lieutenants in roll calls for saying they don't make any money, he is trying to crossflow out of the 135 to the 46. He was our savior NORI!

OGV:

SMSgt Ben “Dover” Davis

Recently had to return an \$80,000 camper due to insufficient funds. Poor decision making plus his inability to say “No” to anything makes him the most sought after evaluator for checkrides. Compensates for his “short” comings with loud exhausts and multiple backyards. His hobbies include spending time smoking meat, and camping with his new wife. Recently made Senior, but his promotion ceremony was delayed because his common sense was sorely needed on the WIT team for the most recent NORI. Soon to be the next 349th ARS Superintendent, where he will do an amazing job! We are lucky to have such an outstanding guy, because the last dude was terrible....

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

350th ARS

“RED FALCONS”



Sq Superintendent:

SMSgt Justin “Sheff” Sheffield

“Sir, the 350th Booms reports as ordered...”Our fearless leader, leading us one un-zipped zipper at a time. Currently leading the Red Falcons on a squadron deployment to the Deid. His parakeets miss him about as much as we miss the uniform inspections.

Ops Superintendent:

MSgt Jacob “Juggernaut” Jewell

Why use a door when you can knock down a wall? With Altus orders in hand, he is off to corrupt/teach the newer bunch of booms...again. You never quite know what Jake’s going to say and who he’s going to say it to. In fact, he still has his Tech stripes on his night stand, just in case he needs them again.

SSgt Christian Bande

“Hey man, you got that Cargo Manifest?” If only he would keep the jet as clean as he keeps his car. Spends more time at the bowling alley than he does on his iPad.

A1C Kaleb Brewer

Showed up to the dorms with a U-Haul bigger than his dorm room. He has so much stuff there is no room in the shared storage unit for A1C Plourde. He also showed up with no wallet or forms of identification, It seem he was the target of the 5 finger discount. In the Airplane he is 3 for 3 for IFE’s, and after work he often stays after for extra professional development with the NCO corp. Now if only we can get him to learn the importance of stranger danger.

A1C Conner Brode

The Red Falcon’s Blue Falcon. Brode was excited to hit the road on his first deployment, and he’s been doing some great things out there. He is the only A1C in the Air Force with a \$60,000 dollar truck, now all he needs to do is figure out the right size tires.

MSgt Somkit “Kit” Chittakhone

You have a better chance of big foot sighting than a Chittakhone sighting. We’ve only got the elusive “Kit” for a few more months before he trades in Kansas for the sunny beaches of Florida. There is a legend that if he comes out of his office and sees his shadow there will be 6 more weeks of NOREs.

A1C Jonathan Covey

Covey is still out on his first his deployment and by all accounts he is one of our sharpest booms we got in the 350th. When he is back home, he spends a lot of his time honing his hunter-gatherer skills. He has also become known as the unofficial Josh Leatherwood.

SrA Kelsi Cox

Currently deployed and making sure everyone out there is getting their daily dose of Cox, whether you want it or not. She has become known for writing a heartfelt love letters, for those that need it.

A1C Daniel Demma

Demma (also known as Redmon), did some really good things on his first deployment. However, we do have some mean stuff to say....(Coming to us from the shire... My Precious). We were able to get parental consent for him to be in the airplane.

Ann Jacob Denker

During his last room inspection a CALL of Duty "Medal of Honor" was found proudly displayed on his mantel (it was being guarded by his suitemate's cat). MSgt Ibarra is currently in the process of writing up paper work for stolen valor. We all know you didn't earn that medal; you can't even beat Garl! We had way more mean things to say, but we found out his dad is a retired 2 star, so we will stop there. In all seriousness, Denker is sharp boom.

A1C Joseph Dopart

Dopart is currently deployed and is either using this deployment to catch up on sleep or he is trying to time travel to the end of it. He sleeps for 24 hours a day, and still has time to run tanker-meme streams. Most booms are known for flying and A/R, but he's known for his Memes.

(T)Sgt Alex "Squibs" Esquibel

Squibs is currently at Advanced Instructor Course, and we are still not sure who thought he was a good enough instructor to attend the advanced course. The other NCO's in the 350th have been trying to find a sport that Squibs is good at; so far it's not golf or wrestling. Maybe sports aren't his thing, but according to the Airmen, he is a pretty good in the kitchen. If you have an empty water bottle, feel free to drop it off with at his desk because he has a tendency to fill his spitters to the brim.

Ann Remington Garl

Garl has aspirations to be a game warden one day, so you would think that he would be the kind of guy that would leave his dorm room to go outside every once in a while, but you would be wrong. In fact, we have a hard time getting him to show up to work on time, recently resulting in him being "gently" woken up in the middle of the day by the sweet whispers of a screaming MSgt outside of his Dorm room. No one wants to be woken up by the Juggernaut! (That's a bad day). In other news, he is trying to break the record for most pizza rolls consumed in a year, prompting "Squibs" to host an Airman's dinner to get them so home cooked food.

A1C Chance Hackenburg

How's Kadena? This Gunny thinks he's a marine, but he's actual Air Force. Upon arrival at the unit, we had to make him shave off his mohawk. This squadron is run by an ex-TI, don't make us bring out the knife-hand.

MSgt Jeremiah "Blue" Ibarra

Blue just got here from the CRW and is currently dragging his feet through re-qual. He somehow has a bachelor's degree, and yet still spells at a 3rd grade level. His squadron in Jersey was on a 1-on/6-off schedule, so his work week consisted of checking E-mails at home, and making fantasy football related YouTube videos. Since he has been here we have determined that he normally identifies as a heterosexual male, unless he gets drunk during karaoke, and then he identifies as Whitney Houston..... We will always love you to, blue.

A1C Ethan Jasinski

Jasinski packed 5 days' worth of cloths in preparation for his 4 month deployment, but aside from his lack of prep, we've seen nothing but good things from this guy. Before I forget, your Mother called from the pentagon; don't worry we took a message.

TSgt Brandon Johnson

Hey man, where is the manifest? Come on Johnson spit it out. Like Terrell Owens “I love me some me.” Keeps a body mirror near his bed. One of the hardest workers in the squadron and is always willing to take on any task. He is currently killing it as a staff boom while deployed, and upon his return home he is ready to take the lead a 350th’s newest Key Spouse.

MSgt Daniel Jordan

He wasn’t patient 0, but Covid hit him harder. He is better now and everyone’s favorite former maintainer is currently deployed as a line boom. How he swung that deal I don’t know.

MSgt Blake Landry

Rumor is he is the best golfer in the squadron, I am sure Marcelo will have something to say about that. The ex C-130 load master still wishes he was a load master. He can be found in stan-eval educating younger booms on Thailand TDY’s, “You need to be careful of lady boys”.

SSgt Jesse Lee

Jesse just got here from Kadena so we didn’t know too much about him, but after interrogating his wife we discovered that he’s a closet nerd. It turns out he is a Level 30 Dungeon Master, but not one of those half-ass DM’s. He dresses up like a centaur-warlock, and he does more voices than a BOWST instructor. At work if he isn’t flying with MCT students 3 times a week he is comparing Ron Jeremy mustaches with Beck.

SrA Andrew “Mr. Clean” Lemaster

He has Lemastered the way of doing things the hard way. Once in a Blue Moon he gets a break, and is now a seasoned veteran finishing up his first deployment. Before he left he got a great deal on a car loan “32% APR? Sounds Good!”

A1C Kevin Long

He can often be found telling people to fill out their safety forms or smoking his vape pen. He is the founder of our “drive a truck older than I am” club. It is gaining popularity. The rumor is his TS was delayed due to mail order bride.

TSgt Eric Lucio

Competing for top Tapatio mustache of the year. He’s a Summer Shandy connoisseur. He’s doing great things down range now that leadership finally allowed him to deploy.

(S)Sgt Ian Lutzenberger

Patient zero. He only smiles when he is nervous, and he smiles all of the time. Has a mustache that automatically puts him on the registry.

SSgt Russ “Copy” Marcelo

He requested not to be in the Boom Signal so we decided to take it easy on him, but before I forget, Rodney Ward called and said Russ still sucks at talking to fighters. “Copy”. Russ just moved offices, and when he did he needed to apply for a ditty to move for all his awards, now if only we can get him to put one of his troops in for an award. He spends more time on Tinder than he does studying for Tech or managing his own schedule. At 1400 the day before his WAPS test he called the scheduling shop to inform them that he can’t fly that day. It’s okay Russ we all work for you; we will re-arrange our schedules to accommodate. He does do some good stuff though; last I heard he got the Strat. That is if Chief Cobb doesn’t take it away. My hat is off to you Russ, since you won’t wear yours in front of the Chiefs.

SrA Dallas Marston

Just had a baby. Just got back from a deployment and is starting Instructor upgrade. He can sleep after CFIC. “That’s a good question. I’ll get back to you on that. Write that down.” (Never gets back to you.)

A1C Adrian Martinez

Super quiet, might be an undercover OSI agent. Agent Martinez just got back from his first deployment and we’re glad to have him back.

A1C Gabriella Martinez

Only A1C in the Air Force with a 16 year old. She is one of the smartest new booms that we have. She came over from Altus winning the DG. We are happy to have her in the 350th.

A1C Tony “Frozone” Mason

We don't have a wife to interrogate, but Tony (like SSgt Lee) is definitely a closet nerd too. After 8 months of MCT (new record), he spends all his time painting his dolls that he has scattered around his dorm room like something out of a horror flick.

SrA Timothy Gradney-McCastle

Told 340 EARS they weren't allowed to come to 350 party, and now he's black listed from the Guard. Crashed stake bed truck into light pole...probably texting. Decided not to immigrate out of country on AE msn, almost got kicked out of country.

SrA Chris “Nesbian” Nesbit

He's new to the unit so I will tell the few things we know about him so far. He's Prior AGE guy who won the lottery and became a boom. He can't see worth a shit, but even if he could he's too short to reach anything. When he inhales a helium balloon and speaks, his voice doesn't change. Never stops talking about his cat, and in the wrong shop to boot. I'm sure we will learn more great things about Nesbit for next year.

A1C Devin Olmedo

Was originally assigned to the sunny island of Okinawa, but pulled enough strings to get it switched to the great winds of Kansas. Uses his video editing skills to make fantastic videos of A/R.

SrA Gabriel Padilla

Following in McCastle's footsteps, also decided not to immigrate out of country on AE msn and almost got kicked out of country. Pooped while on headset. Tried to be a linguist and realized words are hard. Now he is a boom and realized everything else is hard. One of our resident leaders of the E-4 Mafia. May even upgrade to instructor soon.

A1C James Plourde

Drinks white monsters, eats popcorn, and M&Ms for breakfast. Couldn't care less about cargo, “That's okay, Plourde. We'll push this 4000 pound pallet while you watch March Madness.” Our new second favorite Canadian (Better than Beck), but not the fancy French Canadian type, more like the Trailer Park Boys type.

A1C Lahjahnick “Lah” Ramdene

Joined the Big Brothers Big Sisters foundation upon arrival, already making her our most active volunteer. Everything broke on her while trying to get to McConnell including her car and phone. She dropped the cell phone into the toilet, and the Commander is still leaving her messages.

A1C Tanner Redmon

After receiving parental consent from Redman's (also known as Demma) parents we were finally able to fly this 7th grader. He is now deployed, but not before asking if he can bring his emotional support dog.

SSgt Kalif Richardson

Our resident islander. Will he ever PCS? He wears a mustache so people don't think he is skipping school and wearing his dad's uniform. He just had a baby girl this year...all that gym time didn't prepare him for that. Him and his daughter look exactly alike, except she doesn't have a mustache and she is a little bit taller.

SrA Esteban Robles

Robles is roomies with SMSgt Sheff in the desert. He is in bed by 1700 and when he wakes up to pee at 5 in the morning, he always finds Robles in the quad...in the dark...eating his bacon. Don't worry, he's a man.

TSgt Shon “Spell checkk” Shirley

TSgt Shirley recently came to us from the CRW, after 4 years of not flying and not staying in the pubs, Shirley is now about as useful in the jet as a Navigator. We're sending him back to Altus so they can teach him what an airplane is.

SSgt Amanda Skidmore

Recently cross-trained from Air Force Honor Guard. Once took over 6 minutes to make a contact (C17's fault). Currently doing great things on her first deployment. Can't wait to get her back.

MSgt Chelsey Thornhill

That's DOCTOR Thornhill to you. Just got back from her last deployment with hundreds of days of leave planned. Hanging up her flight suit and moving onto the civilian sector.

A1C Krystal Vanhoose

When she's not driving her lime with tires, you can find her in mobility. She just came back from her first deployment on the KC-135, and she already wants to switch to the KC-46.

SrA Charles "Daniel" "Enoch" "Elijah" Whitlatch

Spent most of the year letting people call him a name he doesn't go by because he didn't want to hurt their feelings. If you got a broken process, this is the guy that can fix it. We are still trying to teach him sarcasm, but he has come a long way.

SrA (CMSgt Select) Tyler Young

The prodigal son of the squadron. Gave gas while having the boom sighting window covered with hydro fluid in order to scare the Russian fighter jets, thus, saving America! Boom of the century/carpenter. In summary, scares Russians, builds furniture, and possibly walks on water (not tested yet).

Attached:

MSgt Chris Huber – so busy running SOAR that he cannot maintain his SOAR currency in the jet.

MSgt Bobby Jones – changes vehicles as often as he changes clothes. Making plans to deviate from in our Wing Plans office. Made a plan to NOT hit a flock of Geese...deviated from plan.

TSgt Sam Martinez – spends as much time in the gym as he does in the office. Keeping Group Training afloat.

SSgt Ave Liagia – Definitely was ready for the Advanced Instructor Course, unlike Squibs. Plays the shit out of a ukulele.

SSgt Anthony Hornbuckle – holding down Wing Tactics, taking things that are simple and making them complicated.

Bye Bye:

SSgt Timothy Beck (Outbound)

Everyone's second favorite Canadian (Not to be confused with Tillotson) is off to greener pastures at Edwards AFB to become a test boom. With his passionate demeanor and mustache from the 70s he will fit right in. Hopefully he will take less than 6 hours on his next cargo load.

A1C Juan Boykin (Outbound)

Spent his whole time at McConnell wanting a deployment. We get him signed up for one and he goes and switches to the KC-46. Traitor. Have fun with your flushable toilet, functioning oven and air conditioning. He would have had a going away lunch for him if his supervisor would have told anyone when his last day at work was *cough, cough, Marcelo*.

SrA Kelsey Tillotson (outbound)

Everyone's favorite Canadian (not to be confused with Beck), Kelsey recently separated the Air Force in January. She missed us so much that she came back to be a contractor in Stan/Eval. Most people think she just went on leave and stopped wearing her uniform and are too afraid to say anything. We are glad to have her back.

(S)Sgt Derek “Thick ems” Voller (Outbound)

Locked himself in the bathroom at the softball field over the weekend, had to call the Op Sup to come rescue him.
Deuces active duty, hello Sioux City guard.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

905th ARS

“Raging Rhinos – Horns Up”



Well, another year has come and gone and we are now actually a full up KC-46 squadron! We did the great Boom Draft with the 18th and 924th back in Sept and doubled our booms on 1 Oct. All but two of our booms are KC-46 qualified and admittedly, the new bird is pretty comfortable and easy to fly in. Who knew climate control, a fridge, an oven and a working toilet could be so comforting? Magically, backs and necks stop hurting so much as well. We all look forward to the upcoming year and getting folks promoted and flying more. If ever in the area, stop by the Rhino Pen and/or the Command Section. We always have cold booze at the ready and fresh lies to tell...

CMSgt Ray Lewis(ART): Our fearless leader and squadron superintendent hackin' away at 10,000 flight hours. Ray recently switched over from the ol' war wagon to the KC-46. We know this because his Facebook posts of air refueling have gone quite literally down to 0. However, he indeed does still LOVE HIS JOB!!!

SMSgt Michael Stahl(TR): Stahlie is our highest ranking TR who's dipped his toes in all three squadrons and made himself worthy. But in other news, big brain Mikey has started building his own experimental airplane. So it will probably be the most efficient platform in the sky to date.

MSgt Clay “DCAS” Dotson(AGR): Clay is one of the other AGR's who resides in the Stan/Eval shop but more importantly a Chick-fil-A signature rewards member. We are glad to have him on board, but you can kiss any Texas TDY trips goodbye. This man has a date with every Buccee's within 50 miles of the airfield you're tasking out of.

MSgt Sarajo Danis(ART): A new full time hire for boom training this past year. When she's not sorting out post mission paperwork or watering her personal window sill greenhouse, she can be found cracking a whip on the younger airmen to do various squadron activities. BRB, gotta go count computers for her.

TSgt Dustin Confer(TR): I would introduce him, but he's probably already introduced himself by pushing his metal sign business along with his calling card. Although, I don't think anyone has seen him since he's completed KC-46 MCT. He must have received some new business machinery that's keeping him busy.

TSgt Patrick Bartosavage(TR): Ol' Sling Blade Barto is back with a purpose from -46 school; causing pain and agony for scheduling and training to work around his Omni Air maintenance schedule to get him MCT complete. We might have to offer a yearly supply of wintergreen dip for him to grace us with his presence again.

SSgt Bill “Boneyard” Baker(TR): Another TR who has a full time civilian maintenance gig on the tankers at Altus AFB. We always know when Bill shows up for the UTA because he brings back a slew of needless broken 135 parts that are accumulating in the squadron bar. We are almost up to a full tail-section assembly.

SSgt Sam Aguirre(AGR): We picked up Sam in the great boom draft, then doubled down on our mistake and made him an AGR. Over the last year he has become an additional duties master, with the exception of Air Field Driving. Is it possible to be a program manager if you aren't allowed to drive on the flight line? We expect him to become an instructor in the coming year and probably have another relationship ruined by Giani's terrible dancing. Time will tell.

SrA Robert Richey(TR): A TR transplant from the 924th over to us this year who is trying his best to keep the Ops Coordinator position alive. We were convinced we were getting a stellar airman, but it turns out he's either spending all day making gains in the gym or late for flights due to him grooming his hair for hours before crew show. Great guy though.

SrA Lilly "Famous" Amos(TR): Another one of our 924th transplants who is back to being a full-on TR who just completed -46 MCT. While on orders she has made herself useful doing post mission review or Sarajo's biddings.

SrA Robert Estagin(TR): Descendant of Former 18th boom operator Eddie Estagin. However, we think Eddie may have cloned himself back in the 90's and cryogenically frozen this person at the time. Anyhow, you can find Robert pestering pilots about their incorrect use of TOLD or just how he's downright a better aviator because he flies gliders.

MCCONNELL AFB, KANSAS

924th ARS

“Where it Counts”



What a year, between Covid, “telework”, medical, and new jet issues we have met one challenge after another. But we are here to report that the 924th not only survived but is still growing! If you are ever in town stop in for conversation and a cup of cheer!

CMSgt John Wallman (ART): Chief is now a paid spokesman for Life Alert after falling off the ladder while cleaning his gutters. Tom Selleck talked him into a reverse mortgage so we don’t see how the gutters were his problem. Chief is living it up now that he has a handicap plate, an active AARP membership is and was able to jump to the front of the COVID shot line.

SMSgt Travis “Active Duty” Swinson (TR): Travis has been working hard on IOT&E orders and recently bought a Cessna 150. He’s working on that PPR so he can fly to work (don’t tell him it will be faster to drive from El Dorado). Travis can also be found yelling at the 344th guys for having their hands in their pockets...we just wish he’d put his hands in his pockets.

MSMGT BRYAN “SAMUEL L. JACKSON” FEHRENBACH (ART): BRYAN IS EVERYONE’S NEW BEST FRIEND NOW THAT WE CAN’T FIND AMMO ANYWHERE. WHY IS HE YELLING? HE RUINED A DRUNKEN SING-A-LONG OF SHOUT BECAUSE HE CAN’T DO THE “AND LITTLE BIT SOFTER NOW” PART. WHAT AN A-HOLE!

SMSgt Jerod Norden (TR): Jerrod recently retired from active duty and works in the 344th Stan/Eval shop. He saw how much fun we have down the hall not being dressed like tank drivers and decided to join us. We are working on a KC-46 class date for him but in the meantime he takes a break from looking like the Unabomber one weekend a month, two weeks a year.

MSgt Aaron Meadows (AGR): Do not go hunting with A-Aron! He’s about to join the check of the month club now that he was hired by Flight Safety! He’s been quiet since the hog hunting expedition with Sed and Schubert during the Texas freeze of 2021...we think he was the middle spoon? Just to clarify, this was real hog hunting...not what Walsh does in his spare time.

MSgt Dan McCrillis (TR): Dan converted to the KC-46 and then was an ATD instructor for a bit. He constantly complains about KC-46 operations with “ThAtS NoT HoW tHe aIrLiNeS dO iT,” even though he only has about 3 hours there. We keep him happy with 2 Bud Lights and 80’s rock. Did he mention that he loves Rush? He can rock Tom Sawyer on the air guitar.

MSgt Ben Rausch (TR): Ben is busy “helping” with ATD scheduling. The only problem is that he doesn’t know what he’s doing because we still can’t get him on AO’s. He puts up with Norris’ rugby stories on a daily basis so we promoted him.

TSgt Aaron Cuadra (TR): Aaron is the only guy who advocates cutting pay avenues only to complain about not having pay avenues. He’s coming off KC-46 seasoning orders soon and is looking at possible job options such as man-whoring. We better find him a pay avenue because he may starve. He and Winkler are getting pretty close but are letting a girl come between them.

TSgt Ben Sedlacek (ART): Ben knocked Megan up literally the day he kicked Dan out of his basement. He took the Devil’s insuran...I mean money to teach at the ATD for a while. We need him back! Current over/under bet on baby length is 50in.

SSgt Luke Harshman (TR): Not much has changed, he’s still waiting on AO’s. You’d think it would be easy since he was a former flight attendant or whatever. Maybe he was an airborne systems specialist? I dunno, he was some 1AX job that sucks.

SrA Madison Doherty (TR): Puerto Rican Chum just turned 21 but her liver is going on 40. Malispew is the squadron workhorse and we are happy to have her around. Well, Cuadra isn’t because she uses “his” computer but we prefer it that way.

SrA Nick Ingram (TR): Nick is the guy that carries 5 gallons of water around the squadron like he’s crossing the desert. He used 2 of his 9 lives in 2020 but he’s back and we are looking forward to seeing him around the squadron more. Eh, kinda.

Inbounds:

SSgt Alex Mark: Some nerd with tape on the middle of his glasses transferring in from Seymour to play with 3D printers.

A1C Bryce Forrest: Some legacy hire currently down at Altus. The jury is still out on this one.

Retired:

MSgt Brian Olson: Brian finally retired and is still the fire chef at the Springfield Airport. Best of luck in retirement Olie!

Nine-oh-fifth’ed:

SMSgt Michael Stahl: We are just hoping the economy doesn’t recess like Mike’s hairline! He recently got his PPL and he flies down from Nebraska to UTA’s like a boss!

SrA Rob Richey: We lost Richey when we needed to evenly distribute the noobs. We were sad to see him go, but at least we didn’t get stuck with Estagin!

SrA Lillian Amos: Who?

Plane Operator:

Capt Colby “Telework” Kloepper (ART): Colby has been “working” from home well before it was cool. He is our resident SWAG designer and maybe he schedules on occasion? We think he has a pretty good SWAG side hustle on EBAY too.

MCCONNELL AFB, KS

KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



The Unit did not contribute to the 2020 Signal.

MCGHEE TYSON ANGB, TENNESSE

134th ARW / 151st ARS

“Home of the Tennessee Volunteers”



Tommy “TC” Cole: TC has found himself being promoted at both of his jobs in the last two years which you can obviously tell by the size of his head. You will most likely find him wondering the hallways “Chiefing” people these days whether it is in Ops or at the firehall.

Ronnie “Crash” Dixon: Crash and Denise are still living in Geilenkirchen Germany. Say hello for us next time you swing through if you get a chance. I am certain they planned on spending the last year skiing and enjoying the local cuisine/pubs however COVID had a different plan for them. Rumor is operations are spinning back up as this is typed so maybe he will finally have to go to work.

Tyler “Tater” Ott: Tater is still leading via text message from his hot tub and taking mid-week alert tours from the traditionals but at least he is now also doing actual work. And by actual work, we mean gone on a unit bucket deployment as a staffer and spending his time hiding around corners and popping out to chief people for uniform infractions, improper mask wearing, and violations of the grooming standard. If you see him over there, make sure he sees you and then let that mustache breathe!

Eric “EJ” Jones: EJ is still the NCOIC of Stan Eval. While Tater is currently staffing in the desert on our current bucket deployment, EJ has over taken over the Chief Boom role in the squadron and is busily sharpening his knives to take out any and all comers looking to challenge his bid at the next Chief stripe.

James “Bo” Rogers: As if Bo being an AGR wasn’t enough of a reason for him to somehow always be on leave, he has found himself teleworking since March. All we know is that he has a good side hustle going buying and selling used boats on Facebook Marketplace.

Jody “Trivia Guy” McKee: Jody spends 100% of his free time disproving other people’s theories and slaughtering sacred cows. He has restarted “Philosophy Fridays” where interested parties gather in the scheduling shop and Jody proposes a question of interest and debate is had. These gatherings usually result in the filing of multiple Hurt Feelings Reports. He has abandoned his Idaho cult plans and is now creeping on a sim job in Hawaii.

John “Abe” Whaley: When not making memes and trolling others around the squadron you can still find Abe sitting in scheduling. Honestly, it is the only work he can be trusted to do even though we are starting to question that thought process. He is still a kept man and we are not sure how that happened because he obviously outkicked his coverage. The Whaley’s welcomed Juniper to the world this last year which is honestly the only good thing he accomplished.

Melvin “Burg” Brandenburg: Burg is still a kept man these days as is evident by his continued lesson in how to be the worst Guard Bum ever. When he does come to work you can usually find him telling one of his long stories to another young victim who doesn't know how to just walk away.

Nicholas “Sedan” Pierce: Nick has built his bar (Tri-Hop Brewing) into a veritable empire and now spends all the time he's not at work greedily counting his monies while his employees slave away to enrich him. He is currently the NCOIC of training and enjoys spending his remaining free time going to Rod Runs and riding around in his limo (not kidding).

Terry “Rev” Mull: Rumor is Terry is still in the unit but no one has seen him since Covid hit. Usually we know he is around because of the shenanigans he pulls on the road but our current pace has kept him at home this last year. Once things return to normal I am sure we will have some good stories for the next signal.....provided we are allowed to discuss them.

Christopher “Sponge-Boom” O’Donnell: Sponge didn't take long after coming back from Weapons School to get started on growing the baseball team. Seriously, I think he is up to about 7 or 8 kids now. It is no wonder he somehow never makes it to work with that many people to care for. If you would like to know how Weapons School went I am sure he would be glad to tell you about it if you just ask.

Brian “Brain” Trent: Brian has returned from Instructor School and has put that training to good use teaching impromptu religion classes to other aircrew members ... but only after a minimum of 3 Erdingers.

Amanda “Sunshine” Walls: While we thought Sunshine would be gone by now she has decided to extend her college career for another year so the messy hair, lack of sleep and continued scowl will be remaining until at least 2022. We have been told by the Army that she resembles a Krispy Kreme donut but we can neither confirm nor deny whether this is true.

Zach “Smokey” Dailey: No words yet on his trying to convince the Cherokee Nation to buy his property. In the meantime, we have discovered that he is jealous of his wife's athletic ability. We actually tried to recruit her for the squadron softball team, she declined. Despite the vacancy, a spot on the team was not offered to Zach.

Josh “Lunger” Eidson: While Josh is back flying after his hiatus and taking deployments, most days he can be found somewhere yelling at one of the new guys. Someone had to take over for Keener I guess.

Adam Joachim: While the Guard conversion is not complete yet, we are trying. It is hard to get a guy to change when he is always selling real estate instead of coming to fly.

Logan “Classified” Cross: While Logan's thinning hairline and country accent seemed to survive his year long hiatus in Guam, he is a changed man these days. Supposedly is headed to instructor school soon so he is definitely proof there is hope for everyone.

Briana “Baby Giraffe” Lindquist: So much to talk about we don't know where to start. She had a productive year with the unit, travelled the world, seems to be settling down..... I could go on but by the time this makes the presses it will have all changed so there isn't much point in talking about it.

AJ “Cuz” Rodriguez: There is so much material that I can't in good conscience narrow it down to one or two lines. I feel like the best thing I can say is you need to touch base with him and ask how he got his nickname. It might be one of the best stories I have heard in my entire career. Cuz has also added children to the home since the last update. Let's hope they never find out how he got his nickname.

John “Candy Crush” Pollard: As our resident mailman he has been busy over the last year satisfying the public's newfound Amazon addiction and making Jeff Bezos even richer by delivering packages as part of the Postal Service's sub-contracting gig with the evil empire. He complains constantly about the increased workload for no extra pay - to our great collective amusement.

Gage Seymour: A big year for Gage. He got married, finished the 3rd fire academy of his career, and got hired as a fire fighter for the City of Knoxville. Apparently he failed so miserably in the TN State Fire Academy and the AF Fire Academy that Knoxville required him to attend theirs. On the weekends he can still be found consuming alcohol in suspect ways with his college buddies and sharing his methods to stay awake while driving. When you get a chance you should ask him.

Cory Barton: As promised in last year's signal, Cory has now earned himself a callsign. He blows up the toilet in the tanker every other flight. In light of this inexcusable and disgusting behavior, we have christened him "BOGS" ... Boom's Off Gotta S***. The crew chiefs hate him. His scheduling pucker features Baseball Hall of Famer, Wade Boggs, which is appropriate, as their mustaches match. We know he's a former Marine but if he'd quit eating so many crayons, maybe his guts would settle down.

Noah Seiple: Our Tom Selleck look alike appears to be doing well....at everything. Seriously, someone please give us some dirt on this kid. He can't be this perfect.

Billy Bush: Wes is training complete and hacking the mission in Centcom as of this writing session. Not sure he has slept since arriving thanks to his roommate Dustin or at least that is the story we are hearing. Not sure if it is true or if our newest boom just likes to complain.

Wes Taylor: Billy is training complete and out on the road. He loves the TNANG so much that he bought a house that literally shares a property line with the guard base. He has a lovely view overlooking the chow hall. It's a fixer-upper, like Wes. He could start by adding some length to the hem of his shorts, ceasing the wear of enlisted aviator wings in civvies, and updating his haircut to something not described as "1990's frat boy."

Richard "Chicken" Checchin: We finally had to settle on Chicken since no one has a clue how to pronounce his last name. He just got back from Altus but if early interactions are any indicator, we will have plenty to talk about next year.

Jacob Whitten: Our resident college professor is finally back from Altus. Not much to say yet but we will pass along the dirt as soon as it comes in.

Josh Osborne: UPS appears to have survived Josh's absence this last year as he has set the record for the most amount of quarantines throughout his training. I feel like this guy was trolling the program for more days.

Demoted to Pilot:

2LT Andrew "Lloyd" Weber: Though he is no longer a boom, he hasn't quite been demoted to pilot yet. If it can be believed, he is now even more useless to the squadron than before but is still trying to guard bum. All we could find for him was state active duty sitting at the Health Department helping people fill out COVID forms ... a job suitable only to the lowest form of officer life, the post-OTS, pre-UPT 2LT.

2LT Kevin Crigger: KC is at Altus and hoping to be home soon. All reports say he is doing well. I am sure he would be glad to show his latest tattoo.(Pilot Wings)

Lt Col. Hiram "Shooter" 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. He likely is somewhere with a Guinness in his hand counting all of his cash. Not sure how this guy's career has survived all of his antics through the years but we are glad that it has.

Lt. Col. 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 but he has been on COVID telework for a year so we have missed his languorous monologues on the histories of various ancient cultures.

Maj. Erik Swanson: Erik is still working for NGB. Well, at least that is the rumor. We haven't seen him since COVID kicked off so if you stumble upon him tell him we miss him.

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. His short stint with the Airlines in Florida has ended and he decided to move back to East Tennessee. I am sure he would love to tell you about how he got placed on his most recent deployment so feel free to ask him when you see him.

Capt. Andrew Burress: “Burress County” is our SELO in OGV. Somehow he is still hanging onto this gravy job but I feel like the end has to be near.

Moved On:

Michael Porter: Rumor is Porter is finished training on his new airframe but we can’t confirm this because his new unit hasn’t seen him in months either.

Anthony Flores: Squidward is still hanging out at Seymour Johnson waiting for the KC-46 to become operational. Not sure that is going to work out for him since he is getting a little long in the tooth but at least he convinced his young bride to commission in the Army which should keep the bills paid.

Richard Alan Potts: Still not sure where R.A. is these days but I wouldn’t be surprised if he has fell into another good deal out in the system somewhere.

Bryan Rollins: Peabody left us in 2010 and is now a true space weenie in the 119th. No one really knows what they do and I am sure Peabody doesn’t either.

Mark Allen: Mark is still hanging out and working on our mission planning computers and also working on his 5th pension. Not sure where this guy puts all his money but we hear he has a good size compound up in the Smokies.

Retired in the Local Area :

Brent Seymour	Brian Thomas	JJ Davenport	Blue Price
Freddie Sunderland	Randy Keener	Josh Lane	Jared Morgan
Jeremy Taylor	Wayne Atkins	Liz Ericksson	Randy Keene
Lennie Tipton	Jeff Dyer	Dennis Greenwood	James Quagliana
Nancy Martinek	Greg Waters	Todd Derrick	Joel Lewis
Karen Jansen	Wes Beaver	Kelvin Kuwik	Robert Hampton
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)	

OSAN AB, REPUBLIC OF KOREA

607 Air Operations Center

SABRES

“Fight Tonight”



MSgt Roger Vula (ARCT Chief) – Vula continues to work with his Army and ROKAF counterparts in an effort to further develop peace on the Pen. His efforts continue to further enable ROKAF to master the Art of Air Refueling. Look for Roger to open up a Patch Shop and Makkoli Bar supporting future KC-46 Tanker Task Forces.

PEASE ANGB, NEW HAMPSHIRE

64th ARS / 157th ARW



Still in KC-46 Purgatory, expected to comeback to life in 202#ish.

PEASE ANG, NEW HAMPSHIRE

157th ARW

“Meow”



Don't believe the fake news; the KC-46 is amazing and comfortable. NH has about 60 percent of our force trained and we are always hiring folks that can no longer tolerate the inconveniences of the KC-135 & KC-10. Fire us an email at 157.arw.og.boom.operators.org@us.af.mil and we will see if we can make your dreams come true.

ACEVEDO – We made him color in his 64th ARS red badge with a blue sharpie for his first month on the Guard side, we didn't tell him why, but it was a trial month. He is with the 133rd ARS now, but that's only cuz like the Pandora 30 day trial we couldn't figure out how to opt out, so he's ours now. 2020 was the year of Hector, all good things.

ALCOCER, ROBERT – Have you ever wanted to finish 135 BIQ as a pipeline then immediately go TDY back to Altus for a 46 BTX class? Neither did Alcocer, but we made him do it anyways! Think it can't get any worse? Reported to fundies school after 3:01pm and FSS was closed for in processing, so he and Parker slept on a park bench outside the building until they opened the next morning. Not a joke. SERE warriors.

EVERY – He did so well standing up our Mission Planning Cell that we assigned him to it. He isn't pleased about having no windows now, but it keeps him from getting distracted, and his active CMS cases with finance has finally hit double digits. High score! Still no pay, sorry bud.

BARRON – Another steal from the maintenance side of the house. What is the first thing you do when you become a grandfather? Jason and Nina thought it would be cool to give the grandkid a younger uncle! It made coming into the office a relaxing event, until he got quarantined for a month. AD left us and we replaced 1 Officer and 3 enlisted with Jason for MICT, not sure what he did to deserve that but our stats are the best in the wing!

BELONGIE – A 135 boom from Wisconsin she was part of the two month 46 BTX delay due to no Sims at Altus. It was rumored she was seen in New Zealand, Wisconsin, and maybe Greenland during that time, but all reports are just hearsay and from her Instagram. She still hasn't conceded that Tom Brady is the best QB ever.

BERRY – We told her if she came from FSS to Ops she would get to travel the world... and by that we meant go to San Antonio, Altus, SERE, and back to Altus all for training. Jokes on us, she hasn't complained one bit, apparently FSS is horrible from both sides of the help window!

BERTELL – When he came from the KC-10 he thought it couldn't get any more Gucci... he was correct. The only TDY we have sent him on was to Altus for 4 months. He has better field trips at THE University of New Hampshire studying outdoor education.

BETTCHER – Between teaching pilots how to mission plan and being a boom himself he found time to go to college and be our Airmen of the year for the Group again. Makes the rest of us look bad.

BEAULEU – Our second boom to go to 46 school, he brought back priceless knowledge like how to search the iPad. We don't know why he wanted to go to 46 school so early, but we assume it's because he played a steel-building-contract-quote-scam on Dave Whitney and felt the pressure as Dave narrowed down his list of suspects so he needed to get outta dodge fast. Flight Safety taught him cargo method 1, and after 16 months he is stillllllllllll learning method 2 and 3; who says you can't teach an old boom new tricks!?

BROPHY – The life of Broph, it is good. Turning 60, AGR, doesn't have to learn a new jet, he just keeps showing up at scheduling and we keep paying him. We think it is a glitch in the pay system, but he builds a mean schedule so we keep him around.

CARR – Our resident enforcer has gone soft since becoming an instructor, we expected a hammer hooking booms left and right! Got her working in scheduling muscling crews into flying night lines and on drill weekends. This got her back in the groove, she's now drinking the tears of aircrew instead of coffee in the mornings. No one tells Dee no!

CASTRINGO – Stolen from student flight before they could send him to tech school. We have high hopes.

CULVER – He told the 64th he had applied for a guard job, and they immediately sent him to Korea for six months, classic active duty move. He came to the guard so we sent him to Altus Oklahoma for five months. He won't say which was worse, but that's only cuz we then assigned him to tactics on an airplane that won't be tactical for another 5 years at the earliest and he is afraid of where we are gonna put him next!

DAWLEY – He is our six million dollar boom. Not because of the medical procedures required to heal his broken bones but because as our UTM/UDM he executed more end of year funds than anyone on base. If you can't get OCP's this year that's cuz Matt ordered them all for Pease. Our ARS Airmen of the year he is finally fixed enough for 46 school. He asks a lot of questions and soaks it all in. We made him an aid to our State DO; the good Colonel doesn't let him out of his sight fearing the TAG will steal his Exec.

DERRY – Brandon always heard about these pilot problems, he thought they were a bunch of complainers so he went out to show them. Got a job with General Electric managing the supply chain for the worldwide J-85 engine fleet making the big bucks. He was caught talking about tax brackets last drill, full circle.

DIAZ – Eric retired from the CT FD and then traded in his NH civilian job as a trout trooper, so now he is just down to two jobs. Small town cop and boom operator. Current COTR champion, but that's unofficial because no one gives our forms to Tater so safety thinks we are all perfect booms.

DOYLE – While everyone else with glass bones is going DNIF, Jimmie is proving he is still tough as nails. Miller Lite apparently is better than milk for your bones. Still hacking the mission as a general contractor and when he wants a break he will come in and fly with us. He gets a kick out of cargo and enjoys teaching the young booms. Some millennials count the number of times his reading glasses come out, disrespectful...JD is a legend.

GEORGE – He was fine learning a new airframe, fine leading digital drills, but correcting every single aircrew member on proper AFI 36-2903 wear finally broke Chief Patches-O-Hoolihan enough that he put in retirement papers for November 2021. The mayor of GK called to express his thanks for the many years of financial support, and the 24 Lt Col's that occupy the backrow will now need to fight their own professionalism battles in the wing. Chief has taught them well; I'm sure they will be fine.

GIROUARD – Part of our glass boned booms, his plan to break an ankle and get out of two years of PT testing couldn't have come at a worse time. As always, unwavering dedication to the mission and horrible timing. The Chief's right hand and the jack of all trades rocking a meeting to flight hour ratio of 20 to 1.

GOSSELIN – Her Instagram is finally up to low level influencer status, still no one cares. We think she can compete with Briana Lindquist’s social media presence in a few years. The second best Gosselin on base, so we got that going for us!

GRIBAUKAS – Just hired by us and a past KC-10 boom. Wait until the Gucci Boys hear how comfy the 46 is.

GUERRIER – Beaulieu and Prochaska think he is working in Stan Eval; really we assigned him there to record the carnage when one of those two finally snap and murder someone/something. Honestly, money well spent, it’s gonna go viral. Has a knack for finding free government money and making iPads work.

HAYES – For a man who loves/hates Oklahoma we can’t keep him away from Oklahoma. He had his hand up from day one to go back to Altus, which should be a warning sign, but it is a down economy so we take the help and enthusiasm where we can. Married a pilot’s sister and officer (same person, not polygamy), so please send flowers, thoughts and prayers.

HORNE- A steal from CE and off to school soon. Happy to have him on board.

INGLIS – After 34 years of dual income, new car buying, boat owning, unlimited hunting and hiking time he and the wife are the proud owner of twins, so all the above is over. Anyone want a nearly new boat?

JOHNSON, K –The Pease record holder for most jobs in a year, starting in Scheduling, then to training, a week in safety and finally settling in our Tanker Task Force office. Most people lose their hair, lose a wife, half the custody of the kids after a year like this, but in a turn of events he is growing some hair back, got a new wife and insta-kid! Our COVID Cookout connoisseur this summer, no one beats the meats like KJ!!

KEELER – A steal from Civil engineer squadron, he is currently on our base’s honor guard team while waiting for a boom school slot date, making him the only boom on base whose blues fit that hasn’t had a court martial in the past year. Good on ya ben!

KRAUSE – A crew chief that took the risk of telling his coworkers he’d rather be a boom operator. Great choice! Off to school soon as long as mx doesn’t smash his knee.

LENNON – He enlisted in 1977, and he won’t retire. He got a waiver from a two star general to continue passing gas until his 62nd birthday. If every traditional guardsmen had his attitude we would have won this war years ago.

LONDOFF – Didn’t say a word for six months, we stuck her in TTF with the two loudest pilots and now she is screaming like a retiree at the dog track. 46 complete and still working in the TTF shop.

LUTER – First KC-46 boom operator in the Air National Guard, the entire OG wrote him in for president this November, got more votes than Kanye, yet still got denied chief by our wing. Haters gonna hate, but Luter rises above. Smartest man in the NHNG.

LUX, MARY – Our favorite Lux on base, volunteered to save NH from COVID, got stuck running a call center instead. Stolen from KC-10s to teach us 135 peeps how to actually do cargo, when the jet actually gets FOC then we will get the return on investment we’ve made on all these Gucci bois/gurlz.

MASON – Likes to eat raw sweet potatoes; weird flex but ok. Must promote. Finishing college, 46 qualed and one of our more active DSGs. We think he wears Pit Vipers on his time off, but cannot confirm.

MARIER – He just became a first shirt for maintenance, and it’s weird he hasn’t complained about anything at OPS since. He does have a permanent thousand yard stare going on and shuffles around the hallway muttering about the things he’s seen. We don’t know if that’s because of the 46’s 3D cameras or after spending a few months working with maintainers. Both are equally horrible.

McPHEE – He just went past his 20 years active duty as an AGR; an inspiration to public school kids everywhere. One of our choice top 4 that went to Supplemental Aircrew Production Program training, we had to get an app to

have SIRI read the checklist out loud to him, but jokes on us it works better that way. Daryl is our UDM and can ship reluctant people downrange prepared.

MOORE – He was the guy who called that truck driving school number that Goose saw on TV after our flying hours got cut. Brilliant move, but between him and Bettcher we need these two young booms to show the old guys how an iPad works so he is back working with us.

PARKER – Dave Whitney said if we didn't hire him he would come in like the guy from Billy Madison with the lipstick list and go berserk. We thought about calling his bluff. He is the other half on the sleeps on benches duo when the mission suppression group goes home. Turns out he's a great hire! Well we think. He has more time at Altus than Pease so far, did 135 BIQ, now 46 BIQ. Who knows when he will come back?

PETERSON – The one man solution to any problem the 157th ARW has. Need someone to look good in blues? Brett. PA needs someone to interview? Brett. Need someone to fly tonight? Brett. Need someone to leave your wife for and drive off into the sunset with? Brett. Need someone to fix all of 46 training shop? Brett's currently our guy. Oh wait OGV has need, move Brett now!!! Also Brett won the first Desiree Loy award which is named after one of our booms lost at training. A Well-deserved honor.

PROCHASKA – We put him next to Al and Dave in Stan Evil to see what would happen, and it's been AAAAAAMAZING. I failed chemistry, but imagine Mentos in a coke bottle. He just took over our training shop and will soon be throwing grenades of knowledge to our force. Even are MSgt's are hitting the books hard in case Keith asks them something.

REID, KEITH – One of our top two Reid's, definitely in the top two.

REID, WAYNE – One of our top two Reid's, definitely in the top two.

ROGERS - After we put him in the Mission Planner Cell post 46 school he said, "I wish I was back in fuel cell crawling through a 135 body tank." Which we all agree with his sentiment, but for all the 135 units out there we are still gonna pretend the 46 is the best thing since sliced bread.

RUTTER - A name change and job shift sees her as a drill status guardswoman as well as working as a Title 5 contract oversight person for the Flight Safety Sims on base. She is waiting on 46 school.

SATOW – Hired off the street (golf and ski store really) and heading to school. Sweet discounts here we come.

SENECHAL - Strategically going to 46 school to avoid any possible airline furloughs has paid off well for Dan. He's back on MEST doing MCT until the coast is clear and we all get back to flying the friendly skies with him.

SHATTUCK - Some of you Alaska booms may remember taking him and Britt for a conditioning stint in the minors before shipping off to the majors of Peggy transition school. Not the first time our plans have been thwarted by the glass bones of the boom shop as he was our third broken ankle of the year that bumped him from the starting lineup. Expect to see him back in the starting lineup for your fantasy refueling team draft next year.

SHAUGHNESSY - A steal from AGE at Westover he has just finished 46 school and is back on MEST and briefing up canceled MCT flights like the rest of the squadron.

SCHULTZ – Not a boom anymore, but always a boom in our hearts. Pilot Captain in XP. (Easily misspelled name)

STARKWEATHER - While he is here in spirit and GTIMS training records, his mind and body are the property of NGB down in Washington DC. As our man on the inside he is doing something down there. We all assume its cuz his wife got a big money job and he is just following, living all of our day dreams really of marrying rich.

STORM- he is still a state trooper, so obviously I can't say anything bad about him because he will pull me over on my drive home. Again. Slowly taking over as the voice inside our heads that speaks out to the auditorium with nothing to lose. Maybe we will be ok when Lennon retires, thanks Stormy!

STROUP- As soon as she finished High School and does her chores we will send her to boom school. Hired at 17 and holds track and field (ice covered I would guess) in the great state of Maine.

TARLETON- Went off orders to grow a beard, and it was worth it. Grizzly Adams level, beautiful. Occasionally he graces us with a mustache on Saturday of drill. Makes Abe Whaley's look thin and French. He is one of our last 135 guys, playing the long con on 46 training assuming it will get better the longer he waits... it won't. We got him back in training shop on orders for a bit but we still miss his beard.

TAYLOR, DAN – Quiet, professional, courteous, on time, and dependable. Obviously is OSI, cuz I can't say that about any of our other booms. We are watching in closely, but for OSI he did pretty well at 135 BIQ. 46 BTX next.

WHITE, DAVID - After waiting for two years he got a two week notice to head to boom school, classic air force really. He is at Altus and says its going great, which just proves he can tow the company line no matter how bad it's going with Flight Safety!

The Pentagon, Washington D.C.

Air Force Futures

“Adapt or Die”



Greetings on behalf of the Air Force Futures, aka HAF A5/7, aka the program formerly known as Air Force Warfighting Integration Capability (AFWIC). Air Force Futures (AFF) was created by Secretary Wilson and General Goldfein to look across the Air Force's diverse warfighting portfolio and drive enterprise-wide solutions to complex issues. Guided by the National Defense Strategy, AFF's efforts and initiatives enable the Air and Space Forces to rapidly identify key areas for investment in new capabilities that build the foundation for a Joint Force that is able to conduct true multi-domain operations, even in the most difficult scenarios. Multi-domain operations create multiple and simultaneous dilemmas for adversary forces, overwhelming their ability to respond coherently. To make the Joint Force successful, the Air and Space Forces will create windows of superiority in air, space, and cyberspace, then converge on the most important targets at speed and scale.

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Since this is a new position for the Boom Operator field, I wanted to make sure we were represented in the signal this year. The position is the only boom operator in AFF, and the HAF A5/7. AFF's goal with having a resident boom operator, is to have a functional SME present for all things tanker related. That said, this position will help to guide portfolio investment decisions to our key senior leaders, and impact what our next tanker should be. This is achieved through industry interaction, war games, document research, and output findings from past and future war games.

I am excited to be here at The Pentagon, and working in the building is a humbling experience. Having just come from Air Force Operational Test and Evaluation Center (AFOTEC) working on the KC-46 test, it is quite an abrupt change from flying. Though that was a lot of fun, staff work was on the horizon for me. I arrived to The Pentagon in November of 2020, and immediately got to work learning the ins and outs of requirements development. I get to see how tankers are developed, funded, awarded via contract, and eventually employed. It is a one of a kind job, and I find it to be very interesting so far.

If you are ever in the D.C area and are interested in seeing the inside of The Pentagon, don't hesitate to let me know! Stay safe out there, and continue to do the amazing things we booms do every day!

John W Rickenbach, SMSgt
Superintendent, Mobility FIT
Air Force Futures

PHOENIX ANG, ARIZONA

197 ARS

COPPERHEADS



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

PITTSBURGH IAP, PENNSYLVANIA

171st ARW



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

RAAF BASE AMBERLEY, AUSTRALIA

33 SQN

“ENDURING”



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

RAMSTEIN AB, GERMANY

USAFE-AFAFRICA, A34 AMD

“Wie Gehts?”



For those that don't know, the Air Mobility Division is the "TACC" for the EUCOM/AFRICOM Combatant Commands here at the 603d Air Operations Center. As the tasking authority for the tankers at the 100 ARW in RAF Mildenhall, we work directly with many foreign and U.S. receiver units. There are only three Boom Operators assigned to the 603 AOC at any given time, so keep an eye on AMS for job listings.

MSgt David Thoresen: MSgt Dave "Thor" Thoresen has been with us for 4 years, and the current Flight Chief of the Air Refueling Control Team. He has just come back to the team from working with the Route development and Flight Management teams last year. When he is at work but not really working all he does is talk about going mountain bike riding, which he found a new love for in the last year during lockdown. In the office, he is the salty old man that picks on the NATO guy by denying all his requests. Overall we will miss MSgt Thoresen; he has been a great part of the USAFE-AFAFRICA/A34 team and his replacement will have some big shoes to fill. Best wishes to him and his family who are moving to Scott AFB this summer.

MSgt Andrew Abney: Andrew came to us about a year ago from the garden spot that is Altus AFB, Oklahoma. After serving his time there, he was really in for a treat by moving to Germany during lockdown. In case you were wondering, all of the qualities that may cause you to want to live in a place like Germany have been cancelled until further notice due to COVID19. All except for the Doner Kebab houses, so I guess there's that. Andrew was so sick of waiting in line for one of the 20 spots in the gym, that in his off time you'll find him perusing the Facebook sale pages looking for home gym equipment to add to his collection. After arriving here, getting settled, his wife having a baby, Andrew picked up the job quickly and really has carried his weight ever since. Just try to answer the phone around here, trust me, you won't get to it in time because he will. Andrew will be taking over as the Flight Chief this summer.

Departed (Dead to Us):

MSgt Anthony "Shooter" Erdelac: At the time of this writing, Shooter's terminal leave starts in 7 Days. Which is funny because he already has a beard, nobody has seen him at work in 2 months, and he hasn't put on a uniform for at least 3 months. Yes it's true, Tony is retiring, I guess it had something to do with spending the last 6 months single dad ops, raising 4 kids, doing their homeschooling, and working full time while his wife was deployed and

living it up in the desert kid-free. The void he left will not easily be filled. We wish him the best of luck in his next chapter.

MSgt Russ Hobbs: Russ left last year in July for the greener pastures of McConnell AFB, KS and the KC-46A. Russ left in a hurry after he borrowed my mountain bike while I was TDY and accordion-ed it into a tree. The tree was fine, but Russ was a little bashed up, and the wheel base of the bike had been 'customized' in a bad way. I guess I can only really thank him, because he forced me to search for a non-existent bike to buy during a pandemic. Thanks Russ! In all seriousness, we miss Russ' stupid face, and the breakfasts he would treat us to about once a week.

RICKENBACKER IAP, OHIO

121 ARW/145 ARS

“TAZZ”



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

RICKENBACKER ANGB, OHIO

166 ARS



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

ROLAND R. WRIGHT ANGB, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

191st ARS

Home of SLARCO



Greetings from the boys and girl of SLARCO. Since our last input of the boom signal, we have seen some significant changes within the section. Most of our full-time booms have converted to AGR while our remaining technician position will disappear when that individual retires. SLARCO has also increased its manning document since the last time and we received the rank to go along with it. LTMPA and deployments are keeping us busy as usual, and we are looking forward to getting on the road again as more and more locations open up. Lastly, we have seen some unbelievable booms retire over the past few years however, we have hired some stellar candidates to fill the void.

CMSgt Daniel B. “Ben” Williams – (class 91-10X) – Chief “Benny” Williams as always has been keeping SLARCO humming along. With his leadership and his graduate level understanding of staffing, our section has thrived in not only new hires but also the fight for more rank. When Benny is not at work trying to keep all of us AGRs in line, he can be found at his shop spraying liners on trucks to toilets and everything else in between.

SMSgt Brian K. “Grumpy” Jensen – (class 90-12) – Grumpy is still his usual self, and can be found hibernating at his desk in current operations. Along with trip planning and running the 791 input program, grumpy can be found assisting the WIT through numerous inspection cycles. When not at work Grumpy goes full cowboy and spends his weekends riding horses all over Utah.

SMSgt Charles D. “Hud” Hudson – (class 01-05) – After returning from his stint in GK, Hud has moved on from current operations and has spent his last three years as the NCOIC of training. His daily struggle is real, spending most of his time tracking down instructors for their TAPR inputs and just trying to get GTIMS to work for more than 5 minutes. Dave spends his time off golfing with his old man during the warmer months of the year and riding the mountains Northern Utah during the winter.

MSgt Santiago “J” Avila – (class 00-03) – J is our current OGV boom and part of Utah flight test program. J can be found lurking the halls of ops for an unsuspecting tribute to his no notice program or ruining dreams with his check ride notice emails, but in all seriousness J is one of the best dudes and boom around. When not at work, J is spending his free time with his four children, wife and his toy breed puppy Otis.

MSgt Kurt A. “Kurtz” Armstrong – (class 00-10) – Kurt is our last senior boom around who is not a full-timer. Kurt brings years of experience to the table not only through his time as a boom but also through his accomplishments as a private pilot and employee at Hill AFB. Kurt continues to be our go to night instructor and evaluator since the rest of us are allergic to night missions. Kurt still enjoys riding his side-by-sides at the dunes and driving his Semi-Truck.

MSgt Jason D. “J-Blo” Blood – (class 00-13) – J-Blo is our current scheduler and daily local mission planner. J-Blo is a quiet person, he is rarely the point of conversation but when he says something, we all listen. He is an imposing figure in both stature and personality but we all know he is a teddy bear inside. Jason can be found spending his time away from work building a new house and as for hunting; I am surprised he has left anything alive in Utah’s mountains.

MSgt George A. “Kracker” Kalakis – (class 04-12) – Kalakis for several years has managed our TODO and ePubs programs. Kalakis graduated from AIC last fall and is now the NCOIC of wing plans and with his new expertise, he should be bringing a solid base to his new office. Tony spends his free time with his son and wife and when time permits, he is tinkering on cars and race bikes. I should add Tony loves to laminate stuff, for whatever reason.

MSgt Sean G. “Smitty” Price – (class 10-13) – Sean “Smitty” Price is our current operations NCOIC and part of Utah’s flight test program. When not planning trips he usually is lurking around his coffee pot and enjoying conversation with whoever passes through the office. In the spring of 2019, Sean was awarded the Utah Cross for saving the life of an individual in a car accident. Sean spends his time away from work camping, riding mountain bikes and flying drones.

TSgt Brandon M. “Rook” Molder – (class 12-04) – Brandon has moved on from his position as the long-range scheduler to managing and running the BOSS program and TODO. With this move, he broke up with his longest relationship that we know of, Monday morning C-17s. Brandon has been doing a hell of a job mentoring new booms and as an accomplished instructor; he continues to impress all of us. Outside of work, Brandon loves to camp, watch sports and travel.

TSgt Bradley D. “Baby Huey” Harris – (class 13-02) – Brad is our current long-range scheduler and dealmaker extraordinaire! If we thought Monday morning C-17s were bad, we were wrong. Brad can string together air refueling missions that go back to the dreaded “Nate Nelson Specials” and we usually do not realize our misfortune until brief time. Brad continues to excel at being an instructor and last fall upgraded to evaluator status. When not scheduling 5.0 locals Brad finds the time to volunteer with several organizations within the local community and spends time with his wife and daughters.

TSgt William D. “Mild Bill” Nielson – (class 14-05) – Mild Bill is one of our hardest working DSGs we have in SLARCO. There’s rarely a moment where he is not volunteering or putting his efforts forward when asked. We have identified Bill as our next instructor candidate and our goal is to see if we can take the Mild out of Bill and maybe replace it with Wild.

TSgt Cody S. “E-or” Harper – (class 15-03) – Whether Cody is dishing out crappy one-liners or laughing to himself, he is always ready to go. Cody builds and rebuilds diesels full time but is still willing to offer up some flying and the occasional trip. He has made the rank of TSgt this year and we are trying to convince him to go to instructor school. Cody is also a great person to have out on the road if transportation or the taxi is taking too long. “Cody, put the bus back”.

TSgt Bryan J. “Private” Hall – (class 15-05) – Ah yes, a Private to call our own. Bryan once upon a time thought it would be a great idea to join the Army aviation program after several years as a boom. It seems the Army is not the place to be so Bryan came back to the light and has been a great addition a second time to SLARCO. Bryan has made TSgt and he a great asset to have around the office to fill in for deployed full-timers. Bryan recently got married and now is expecting a little girl.

TSgt Kyle A. Hansen – (class 16-10) – If you mistakenly lit something on fire or need a cat rescued from a tree, call 911 and Kyle might be showing up to your doorstep. When not flying locals or deploying for the section Kyle works for Unified Fire in Salt Lake City as a paramedic and firefighter. We are hoping with all the experience he is acquired in the past few years he will be a candidate for CFIC and help mentor some of our younger booms. Kyle likes to pretend he is a police officer on the weekends, we can all dream right.

TSgt Peter A. “Peter Man” Graf (class 19-07) – After several years of trying to hire maintainers as booms, Peter somehow figured out the magic sauce and made it through the flight physical. Peter brings to the section over 15 years of maintenance experience and it shows with his in-depth knowledge of the aircraft and its systems. Peter is enjoying the guard bum life and is one of our go to booms for trips and LTMPA. Peter enjoys overlanding when he can with his boys and riding the Utah Mountains during the winter months.

TSgt Amy “Black Pearl” Young (class 19-07) – You do not get a name like “Black Pearl” for no reason... Amy started out in Ops in the CSS but her true desire was becoming a boom and flying. Throughout her training and even local flying, Amy has had a rough go with the jets. She might have set a record for most cancellations and code 3 flights during her MCT. Amy brings a lot of experience from her previous AFSC and is the go-to for questions on pay, DTS and anything CSS related.

TSgt Stetson G. “The Vig” Vigil (class 14-08) – Stetson is one of our newer hires that we picked up off active duty and surprisingly his transition to the guard life has been easy. Stetson has brought us a ton of experience right out the gate since he was already a CFIC graduate and instructor at Fairchild AFB. He has been instrumental in helping with the iPad program and continues to be an asset around the office. In his free time, Stetson unfortunately enjoys Busch Light and Folgers but we are working on upping his game!

TSgt Brandon T. “Maggie” MaGee (class 20-08) – If Kyle dreams of being a policeman on the weekends, this former police officer dreams of being a fireman and is now in the Unified Fire Academy. His dreams and realizations of saving cats from trees and putting out dumpster fires will soon be real. We picked up Maggie from the reserves out of Little Rock a few years back. He has adapted well to a “real” flying job, and has buried the stain of being a loadmaster deep into his subconscious. Maggie has been an unbelievable hire and continues to impress all of us. Unfortunately, he also enjoys Busch Light and Folgers, so we have two dudes in remedial training.

TSgt Aaron A. “Rico” Arteaga (class 19-05) The male model... Aaron or also known as Rico is a visage of fitness perfection. During his rigorous training and diet plans, we all take great joy in enjoying real food in front of him while he consumes twigs and berries. Aaron is a go to DSG for trips, LTMPA and deployments. When not rolling his RZR at the dunes he spends his time in the gym lifting and moving heavy things.

SSgt Cody K. “Biebs” Larsen (class 16-09) – You have to meet Biebs in person to understand this booms unique and loud personality. Much like the pilot section in Utah, we have our guy whose presence is heard well before he enters the building. Cody is a great asset for us and continues his undergraduate studies in hopes of one day becoming a pilot with the Guard.

SSgt Zachary F. Tingey (class 17-13) – Tingey is a seasoned younger boom who is in pursuit of his undergraduate degree and dreams of becoming commercial pilot. When not instructing students on the civilian side he is soaking up the good life on LTMPA and trips when they come around. If there is one challenge that Zach has it is not being able to roll up a comm cord correctly. The section has spent numerous nights texting back and forth techniques and self-help videos but have not worked thus far; maybe one day he will conquer the challenge.

SSgt Samuel P. “Pader” Cavia (class 17-12) – Unlike most of us who like to size up in our flight suits, Pader is going for that really sweet looking skin tight fit, it’s not working. Outside of trying to get him into bigger uniforms this guy brings a lot to the table for us. Even as a young boom he has become a go to stand in scheduler while AGRs are deployed and can always be counted on to deploy and take trips.

SrA Ian W. “MIP” Davidson (class 19-06) – Out of all the booms in the section MIP definitely has one of the unique personalities, which requires you to meet in person to understand. Before joining the Guard and becoming a boom Ian was a sandwich artist, his original name was “double meat” but unfortunately, that changed. Ian continues to improve and progress as he goes on trips, fly locals and will deploy for the first time this spring.

A1C Ty C. “Big Willy” Willie (class 20-27) – Ty is the newest addition to the section and has impressed us right from the start. Ty is currently enjoying the guard bum life and trying not to go back to his full-time job while the trough is full of orders and temporary positions. As our section prepares to deploy, Ty is taking a temp AGR and filling in for our crew communications sections, do not mess it up! We are excited to have Ty onboard and look forward to see him progress and learn.

In/awaiting School:

SSgt Michael A. Ryskamp

SrA Zachry T. Atkinson

SSgt Cameron T. Hamer

SrA Branson J. "BayBlo" Blood

RAF MILDENHALL, UNITED KINGDOM

100 ARW, 100 OG, 351 ARS, 100 OSS

“THE BLOODY BOOMER’S ASS....HYB/S”



351 ARS:

SMSgt Jonny “FLUFF” Adams, Sq Supt - The glue of the squadron, he’s slowly morphing into a taller, fatter, hairier Chief Flores, with all the running he’s been doing. His Home Run power is all the way gone at this point, thanks Keto.

MSgt Tony “Lunchbox” Montani, Chief Boom – Tony just got orders to McConnell...waiting to see how many months out his “out-processing” will start. He has been killing the Ops Supt gig for the last year, his office is more of a squadron boom pod with booms hanging out in there 24/7. Tony is up to about 6-9 COVID tests, and may have more days on quarantine than days actually at work this year. How about you put yourself on another good trip....You will be missed brother!

MSgt Chad Holloway, 1st Sgt – Just arrived from Fairchild, and since we have 3,000 MSgts we decided to give him a cush job in the front office. Shaved his head, and the poor guy was mistaken for Montani at least 5 times.

CCE:

TSgt Nelson Germer – Had quite the tumultuous Pre-CFIC, but we got him out the door! Really looking forward to him doing good things as an IB! He gets pink-eye like 4 times a year, lotta farts in his pillow.

DOT:

MSgt Justin “Champagne” Miller – Spent more time as the Chief Boom than the Chief Boom did, according to his EPR. Pinned on MSgt after a LONG wait. He got his joint spouse assignment to McConnell with Montani, they’ll live happily ever after.

TSgt Jameco “SOBB” Edwards – We let him be Chief Boom for a week, and on hour one he moved into the office and put up swag! His wife just got orders to Altus, so his certainly aren’t far behind. He spends more time with Shaun T than he should. Don’t even think he’s working out at this point, just watching Shaun get sweaty.

TSgt Blake “Hatch” Soule – Probably the only reason Training Flt is open for business....It’s been a while since he’s injured himself in dramatic fashion. Got sent to Turkey with his hetero life-mate, B. Smith, and we made him bring back nearly \$4,000 worth of leather jackets. Amex points for days. Sai fuy guy mai!

SrA Anthony Toliver – Our Boom OTY! He needed to have a good year after the hassle it took to get him here.

SrA Brennon “Jailbait” Lacy – B-Lacy 420 has the coolest e-mail of all time. He didn’t get arrested accidentally this year, so we’ll just have to make fun of that dumb face he’s always making. If you know him, you know what we mean. The guy sounds exactly like he looks.

DOS:

SSgt Kadrick “COBB” Barnes – Sanchez here! Thhhaaaat’s crazy! We tried to do his entry with only his catchphrases, but there’s only two. If you have a need for a hot and tasty meme, Kadrick has got what you need baby!

SSgt Bravan Santiago-Ramirez-Morales-El Shocker-Mcdonald-Rojo-Jorge-Santiago-Ramierz – Do we need to write anymore about him? Yes? Ok, he purposely broke his finger in order to pleasure women better. His finger has its own Tinder profile.

SrA David Rodriguez – Still the oldest dude in the Squadron, runs a mediocre fantasy football team.

AWARDS and DECS:

SrA Benjamin “POS” Blake – Was really the first boom to benefit from EGUN getting a BOWST. Honed his instructor skills while practicing his pick-up lines. Both need more work, kid needs to stretch more as well. Has some really great stories.....and PTSD.

DOV:

TSgt Mike “GIT’R” Dunn – About to be a Papa for the second time! Spends a lot of time somewhere that isn’t his office (who knows?). Just got orders to Altus where he will absolutely kill it! Big fan of the number 88.

TSgt Casey “CATS” McConnell – Either grow the mustache or don’t! Casey has killed it as our newest EB this year. He started drinking again after having Volstad assigned to his office. Need a monster?!? Casey has you covered!

SrA Nick “La Dique” McGurk – “Quick question for ya!” It’s never quick, and it’s never just one question, and it’s never quick, he LOVES to talk. Good, hardworking boom, who complained about getting a free TV for his new bachelor pad. If he’s refueling a B-2, you can bet he’s going to let them know that they aren’t stable enough....”Well Sir...if you would stay stable...”

A1C Erik “CD” Volstad – Great boom who likes to coerce Co’s into nearly killing his AC. Spent a lot of time doing paperwork, because he couldn’t fly....for some reason. Always willing to do a tactical sortie and knows the Pilots Approach and Landing checklist better than most co-pilots.

Tactics:

SSgt Brendan Smith – Grew not one, but TWO mullets in the past year. He’s really enjoyed the UK shutting down barbershops. 6th best foosball player in the squadron. Has more days TDY than all the boom combined.

A-Flight:

MSgt Joel Bradley – Not a big fan of masks while outdoors, and he doesn’t care who tells him to put one on. Told us COVID was a hoax, but he was first in line for the vaccine. His wife has been cutting his hair during lockdown, and it’s beginning to look a lot like a certain German dictator’s hair. Not Merkle.

MSgt Dillon Poole – Another new arrival from KSKA, he jumped right into making A-flight run like a finely tuned 1984 Chevy Cavalier.

SSgt Justin Elliott – Came to us from March, and is the only boom living in Cambridge. Lockdown has really put a damper on his tinder plans for that town. Claims to be a baller, we haven't seen any truth to that yet though.

SrA Juan Morales – We had to do 2 MCT waivers for him because we could never find him. Apparently we just needed to look at the gym. Not sure what he does there since he has a Richard Simmons body, but we just know he was there.

A1C Daniel Crump – He's the new old man A1C, and he's from Georgia!

A1C Kacey Dickey – New to the Sq! Drove all over the island trying to buy a car, and then clicked on one of those "find hot girls near you!" ads online, and it worked!

A1C Jordan Carr – He's new, he's from Ohio, he looks like the Commander.

A1C Calaen Beardsley – Yet another new baby boom!

A1C Robert Elsea – Yet another new baby boom!

A1C Jesse Santiago – Yet another new baby boom!

Ann Justice Ryan – Thought that when Senior and the CC came to his dorm to meet him it was an episode of cribs, so he gave them a tour of his dorm while shirtless....the whole time. Got absolutely dusted on the football field by Jameco.

B-Flight:

TSgt Alex "Geico" Govan – Our newest IB, who has been known to make questionable decisions, so we immediately moved him into DOT where he can mentor all of our brand new Airmen on parking procedures at Heathrow (yeah man, we're still dogging you for that). Oh, he also got married this year or something.

A1C (again!) Alex "Shotgun" Bengel – Finally got his license back so he can drive himself to work now! Spends a lot of time looking into the mirror and flexing.

C-Flight:

SSgt Kaylene Larose – Between her one deployment and taking leave to see her boyfriend, we've rarely actually seen her do her job, it usually falls to MSgt's to make sure DRMO gets done.

SrA Shawn Parzych – Can't really say anything negative about Shawn. They guy always has a smile on his face and is on a nickname basis with the CC.

SrA David Liu – Dave has turned our mediocre snack bar into a better than average snack bar over the past year, no thanks to any help from the SNACKO Co's. Still talks a LOT! Single-handedly supplies all of Montani and McConnell's Monster

SrA Khalil Brown – Brown is the quiet type. He's the type to smile uncontrollably while you talk to him. WHATS SO FUNNY BROWN!!? Still has the thickest thighs title.

100 OG

OG SUPT:

CMSgt Cesar "Speedy" Flores – Chief is leaving us for the greener pastures of the 97th AMW this Summer! We'll miss his mentorship, and we hope that the Mississippi Kites don't catch him and feed him to their babies.

OGV:

MSgt Clinton “Lawdog” Laughman – Well known around these parts for forgetting to breathe when he talks, then taking all of the oxygen in a 30 foot radius when he remembers to refill the lungs. Our resident handyman, if you got a nail that needs pounding, LawDog will beat that thing to death.

OGT:

MSgt Grant Ringenberg - Runs a tight ship up in OGT...has all the good ideas to maximize training!! He just extended here for another year and we are happy to keep him!

TSgt Brandon Roberts – This man needs a haircut. He is way too ugly to roll around with that mop on his nugget.

100 OSS:

WING EXECUTION:

MSgt Chris King – The reigning Boom Fantasy Football Champ! He’s currently killing it as a deployed Supt for the EARS.

MSgt Mark “GOOMS” Smith – Finally sent him to a job where he can’t just fly once a week then stay home the rest! He thinks he can give himself a callsign, THAT’s NOT HOW IT WORKS!!

TSgt Juan Upegui – El gato came back from Altus and we deployed him right away to go do Chief Boom things. We finally consider him a 135 Boom.

SSgt Derek “Pickles” Peifer – Just got approved to extend here, again (6 damn years!). He does much better work on the futbol pitch than he does anywhere in the Squadron. Lockdown has really done a number on his rap dreams.

100 ARW:

TSgt F Jervis – NCOIC of DDR! When he’s not being a dungeon master, he can be found slathering beard oil all over his face while watching guys fill the cup.

PCS’d/Separated:

SMSgt Heath Tuma
SSgt Sam Shelton
A1C Luke Pommier

MSgt Jonathan Farmer
SrA Corey Marion
SrA Malachai Epps

TSgt Chris Shelton
SSgt Jordan Gese

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Aircrew Training and Tactics

“Low Hanging Fruit.”



SMSgt Rick Dorsey KC-10: Rick decided in March to start home schooling which was weird and slightly unexpected. The transition to telework provided a great opportunity to spend a bit more time with his family and prepare for his upcoming retirement. Besides managing the robust KC-10 training program, he was able to master TEAMS and occasionally set up a telecon. Rough life being GUCCI. In all seriousness, Rick continues to refine and enable KC-10 training. His presence will be missed as he transitions to the next chapter.

SMSgt Bruce Berglund KC-46ish: We had a bet in the office as to whether Bruce knew how to review waivers. The bet was consider void when we found out he didn't even know what GTIMS was. Another Troops to Teacher recipient, Bruce excelled in all of his kid's classes and we were extremely proud of him when he brought home straight A's. Bruce continues to develop his Mount Olympus physique in preparation for that future triathlon. Date of his upcoming event for those interested is still pending. Bruce's dedication to delivering the highly coveted KC-46 to highly anticipated crews has started once again, the tally is around 4 jets delivered for 2020. At one point we thought he retired and became a civilian contractor due to his well-manicured beard. McConnell is extremely blessed with the long awaited arrival of the Mighty Bruce in 2021, the man is a legend.

MSgt Chris Pedersen KC-135: The old workhorse.

Inbound - Jeremy Pratt & Jessica Stockwell

Outbound – Bruce Berglund & Rick Dorsey

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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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Directorate of Strategy, Plans, Requirements, and Programs



CMSgt (Ret) Daniel Smith A5QT: Dan finally complained enough about being the Lead Requirements Manager on the KC-46 that we brought in a new program lead to help share the workload. Of course, as the resident expert, he's still just as busy answering 53 minute RFIs for his 8 bosses, Bob. Don't let his bald head fool you; there's still a lot of youth in his skates and he's a proud member of the St. Louis Blues Warrior Hockey team.

SMSgt Jacob Dieter / A5QT: Jake who? With COVID telework ops and countless TDY's, he hasn't been in the office much. He might not be present, but he's been working hard on the KC-46 Remote Visual System upgrade and thinks a career in engineering might be his next calling. We just have to remind him that he doesn't work for the SPO and that he needs to help Dan with RFIs and TPS reports.

SMSgt Aaron Leal / A5XP: Where's Leal? Teleworking for the past year has given Aaron a taste of what retirement will someday feel like. He put the AFIT stink on himself this past year and completed a Data Analytics certificate. When he's not entertaining the St Louis area with the Midwest's largest fireworks display, or at the golf course correcting O-6's on their form, he is working long range plans at the "Strategic" level in A5XP and trying to imagine what the command will look like when rockets have replaced airlift. To the moon!

MSgt (Ret) Jonathan Gomez / A8Z: Jonny's tuck behind a vault door wearing civilian clothes as a contractor for A8Z. He could tell you what he's working on, but then he'd have to kill you. Retirement has saved him a lot of money on haircuts and razor blades. Who says man-buns aren't still in style?

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“NUCLEAR OPERATIONS DIVISION”



SMSgt Bartek “Bach” Bachleda – (Boom 11) Bach is our resident KC-46 expert and SEL for the Division. When he is not on the road his hands are in a lot of cookie jars to include assisting the Nuclear Operations Cell. During COVID, he has been a staple for A10N and has kept our processes moving. Between trips all over the country, regular travel to McConnell for flight status and mission essential duties at A10N, he makes time for his family and school. You’re our hero Bach!

MSgt David Drain – (Boom 10) Dave has gone and done it, he is stowing the boom and latching it for the last time. He will be joining the DD214 recipient crowd soon! After giving his wife the choice of where she wanted go, he and his family are South Georgia bound. He will be leaving us soon to start terminal and enjoy life as a civilian. After he is gone, we look forward to blaming him for all the things that didn’t go quite as planned. Thank you for your service Dave! We will miss you!

MSgt Nathan Bahr – (Boom 12) Nate has gotten his teeth cut on a whole bunch of additional duties on top of his position writing Nuclear Policy. He has taken up NSAV planning as a hobby and loves IGEMS-C... though complains about them both... a lot! He is now fully trained, picks up on new tasks very quickly and has been an unbelievable asset to the Division! You can still find him arguing with officers and sharing his wealth of knowledge with tanker units all over the country.

MSgt David Thoresen – (Boom 13) Dave is a new arrival to the Nuclear Operations Division and we are excited to have him join the A10N team. He is anticipated to become the next Nuclear Training and Readiness Manager and can’t wait to see what he will bring to the table. We will be certifying Dave soon after he and his family PCS in from Ramstein and get their move squared away so he can hit the ground running. Won’t be long before he will be traveling the country as a Nuclear expert. Welcome to the team Dave!

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108th ARS

HOME OF THE MID-AMERICA MILITIA



CMSgt Arie Latimer – Finally made Chief, bought a house an hour away, and still wonders why nobody wants to come have drinks at his pool.

SMSgt John Reed - Waited 3 decades to become Chief. Good thing he's a technician in good standing! Now he just needs Latimer to retire and he might make it.

SMSgt Nate Moore – Made SMSgt and still has to stay around for another three years. His wife's O-6 pay won't cover his 7 vehicles, 3 motorcycles, 1 airplane, 3 kids, and nanny.

MSgt Paul Fusek – Makes really good jokes..... Yuuuup.

MSgt Jim Castillo – Makes MSgt and gets tasked for COVID-19 duties to lead all the young Airmen. Also, after hiring his 6th son to the unit we have officially hit our Castillo limit.

TSgt Ashley Bradford – Is Going to be adding a new member to the Bradford family tree in August. Also has been selected to be our newest MSgt.

TSgt Deker Lankford – Ol' man that thinks he can hang with the young guns playing rugby and breaks his pelvis. Wife had to take care of two people that couldn't walk around or feed themselves.

TSgt Richard Bradford – Got him a fancy high paying job at NGA, finally decides to take a month of orders to get recurrent and be a flying boom again.

TSgt Chris Nikonovich- Owns a 2019 Chevy Silverado with 150,000 miles, somehow he still can't find his way to work.

TSgt Nate Smart – Went to the tactics shop and can't be found anymore. Also has the amazing ability to destroy three cars in a week.

TSgt Korbin Hays – Finally decided to tie the knot. Lovely reception but let's work on those dance moves.

SSgt Alex Castillo – Thought he was an MMA fighter and broke his eye socket. As a result, he set the record for the longest MCT with 387 days.

SSgt Eric Acevedo – Comes to work thinking he had strep throat... had COVID-19 and took down 90% of the boom force. Now we can't have boom luncheons... Thanks bro!

SRA Cole Gelfius – Tinder premium extraordinary, goes TDY and always “has something to do” instead of hanging with the crew.

SRA Jarrett Sarver – Standing at 6'2” and weighing a whopping 120lbs soaking wet found a way to collapse a lung after winning a mean game of Dungeons and Dragons with his friends.

A1C Jessica Mathias – Selected to go on a Guam deployment... isn't even old enough to drink. ENJOY being a DD.

Gains:

SSgt Kyle Keasey

A1C Evan Carney

Losses:

SSgt Brandon Merano

SSgt Kevin O'Reilly

MSgt Kate Lowrey

CMSgt Sammy Gerros

MSgt Jameson Liggett

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906th ARS

“SPARTANS, COME TAKE!”



MSgt Sam Converse

Sam arrived last summer from Altus and we are starting to think she is using all of our CFIC candidates as beer Sherpas. Is bootlegging still illegal? Asking for a friend.

TSgt Greg Albers

“New Greg” is also “Old Greg”? It’s confusing...New/Old Greg just showed up to the 906th around Christmas time and has hit the ground running in the training shop. Spends his spare time literally saving puppies, flying GA, and posting selfies on the Gram.

TSgt Nick Eykamp

Ron Swanson and Grumpy Cat had a fun night at Duke’s ~30 years ago and made Nick. Nick has been terrorizing Baby Booms of the Air Force for a while now, so he’s decided to stop making people cry and get a real job at TACC. We will miss you Nick, kind of. But not really. You’re dead to us. (And no you can’t come fly with us)

SSgt Lori Ermel

E-5 Mafia Overlord. Self-proclaimed SSgt for life. Baller at the game of duty station monopoly. Expecting baby #2 this summer, followed up by what we are sure is going to be the most epic and sarcasm-filled requal ever.

SSgt Darian Bourque

She-Bourque’s primary duty is ensuring He-Bourque wakes up on time for work, brushes his teeth, and eats his Wheaties. When she can squeeze it in, she does a great job in training!

SSgt Kaleb Bourque

He-Bourque is currently in 1 of 3 places: 1) Quarantine 2) TDY 3) sleeping in because he didn’t hear his alarm clock...again.

SSgt Marcus Nims

Our most recent CFIC graduate/beer Sherpa for Sam/glue that holds scheduling together. He is leaving us for Fairchild this summer and will be greatly missed. Pretty sure the schedule is going to fall apart, but that’s fine. It’s fine. We aren’t mad. Just go Marcus!

SrA Ed Mensah

Word on the strip is if you get Ed talking about basketball he may actually utter more than 5 words, but we're pretty sure that's just a legend. Ed spends most of his time TDY because he doesn't want to hang out with us.

SrA Cierra Carlan

We recently started a GoFundMe to get a flight-approved mood ring for Cierra. It's really about Co-pilot protection as this point. Poor little guys never saw it coming.

SrA Mark Zajac

Mark is too cool for school. Literally. Spends his time flying... and complaining about flying. And also going TDY...and complaining about going TDY.

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Retired Booms



Retired Booms that are in the Scott AFB surrounding area.

- (CMSgt) Jim Eden
- (CMSgt) Man Mongeon
- (CMSgt) Scott Harris
- (CMSgt) Billie Black
- (CMSgt) Todd Salzman
- (CMSgt) Erskin Glast
- (CMSgt) Lee Winter
- (CMSgt) Jeff Whited
- (SMSgt) Chuck Gurkin
- (SMSgt) Jim Recuero
- (SMSgt) Steve Reef
- (SMSgt) Dave Monk
- (SMSgt) Bricker Martin
- (SMSgt) Greg Conrad
- (TSgt) Fran Nicholson
- (TSgt) Jeff Murphy
- (SMSgt) James Ward
- (SMSgt) Max Morkin
- (SMSgt) Mark Sletten
- (SMSgt) Scott Konecizka
- (MSgt) Tony Nicholson
- (MSgt) Randy Seip
- (MSgt) Jim Wood
- (MSgt) Larry Placide
- (MSgt) Doug Garrett
- (MSgt) Jesse Meagher
- (MSgt) Tina Wallace
- (MSgt) Larry Hudnut
- (MSgt) Rafael Cruz Oyola

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KC-135 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTOR



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SELFRIDGE ANGB, MICHIGAN

127th WG / 171st ARS

“SIX PACK”



GREETINGS FROM MOTOR CITY! If you blinked another new boom was hired. Every drill is now a meet and greet. We are hoping to have many of these new faces ready to go when our next deployment comes around. At Selfridge we have found that flyers fall into a number of very defined roles or birds.

Eagle- Non-stop flyer.

Crow- Flies a lot but makes more noise than anything.

Seagull- They can fly but you have to throw rocks at them to do it.

Snowbird- Here for a bit and then gone.

Penguin- They have wings but can't fly for any number of reasons.

Hatchling- They discovered they have wings but don't know what to do with them yet.

EAGLES:

MSgt Andrew Depew- Andrew got to put on MSgt not too long ago. We have high hopes for him. If he would just stop going AWOL we should see some return on our investment in him.

TSgt Sara Ingle- Sara joined us this year as a pilot hire. She agreed to fly as a boom until she went to school to be a pilot. Very nice of her. However she is from Ohio so she does have some flaws.

TSgt Robert “Puff Puff” Akers (Current Ops)- Rob started the year off in training and now is running the current ops shop. If you are looking for Rob just look for the smoke.

SSgt Jordan “Grub” Kaminski (Tactics/Current Ops/Stan Eval/All Additional Duties)- We were not sure what to do with Jordan so we put him in every office throughout the year. When that didn't work we basically gave him every additional duty we could. When he is not flying he is home raising chickens and collecting maple syrup from his trees.

CROWS:

MSgt Joe “Smokin Joe” LaPinta (Senior Boom)- Somedays it seems Joe spends more time at the doctor's office than the doctor does. Seems happier these days. Guess that happens when you get closer to retirement.

MSgt Max Langford- He is enjoying his new job harassing Canadians as they try to cross the border.

SSgt Shane Cannon (Crew Comm)- Shane has won every award out there just shy of the 12 Outstanding Airman of the Year. I think he plans on winning that next year. Our beloved gym rat keeps changing gyms like he changes his underwear.

SEAGULLS:

SMSgt Johnny “Super Boom” White (Chief Boom)- Our Chief Boom / Ops Superintendent is doing great things. Between naps he’s running a meeting or hiring new people. He was once an Eagle but those days are long gone.

SSgt Amanda “DTS” Smith- Amanda joined us from milpay yet she found her way back to it in the form of DTS. You won’t find a better DTS POC anywhere. She recently got selected for an AGR position. As a reward we are moving her to the Plans shop.

SNOWBIRD:

TSgt David Beyer- Our resident Upper Peninsula boom enjoys living the life of a lumberjack up north. You can catch Dave trying to figure out unfair sports trades when he is not flying.

SrA Jake Crantas- Jake returned from a deployment just to run off and get married unbeknownst to anyone. For a bit he was missing in action but now he is a near weekly night flyer. Hopes to play the part of a young Maverick in the making of Top Gun 3.

A1C Devein Kavanaugh- Just completed his solo flight. Hopes to be a real pilot one day.

PENGUIN:

MSgt Matthew Huff (Training)- Finally after years of being a penguin (a bird that wants to fly but can’t) got approved to fly again. We look forward to abusing him on the schedule as he has years to make up for.

SrA Ken Zidell- We finally got school dates for Ken after a year and a half. He was another longtime member of the penguin club.

SrA Alexander Roth- In the span of two weeks he smashed his face on the curb via a high speed (2 mph) scooter race downtown OK, City to dislocating his shoulder on a flight. As the most recent member of the penguin club we plan on putting him in a plastic bubble for safety reasons.

SrA Cael Brennen- Cael was kicking butt until a motorcycle accident put him on the shelf. Finally he has been able to catch up on all the reruns of Leave it to Beaver. We are hoping for a speedy recovery.

SrA Andre McClain- Andre is still doing his Medcon thing. Every time he takes one step forward he takes two steps backwards. Many of the new booms think he is a myth like “Baba Yaga”.

HATCHLING:

SSgt Collin Roberts- Collin only attended one drill with MX before he was picked up. Since then he has more eye test than anyone can count. I think he is addicted to getting his eyes dilated.

SSgt Braden Cook- Braden is our most recent hire. He joins us from the Army Guard where he got to spend some time in D.C. While there he got to enjoy the infested food. He is as tough as nails.

SrA Kenneth Miller- Kenny joins us from active duty with a multiyear break where he was a cook. Worked a side deal with the recruiter to join us. Nobody knew who he was for a bit.

SrA Jacqueline Pardee- This former DJ joins us from the AFE world. She helped us with cargo loading while we were in St. Croix. We have high hopes for her.

A1C Christopher Faith- Faith just completed his MQT. Can't handle his beer as two put him to sleep.

A1C Joshua Bishop- He just completed BMT and is going to survival school soon. Good times ahead.

AB Donna Mills- Smokin Joe recruited her outside the Apple store. Once she made sure he was not a creeper she decided to give this boom thing a try.

AB Heather Stalnaker- Still in High School. Tried out the Civil Air Patrol thing and thought she would give the real Air Force a try.

AB Maddy Amara- Maddy is the OSS Commanders cousin. Was there some insider trading taking place here? What could go wrong?

RECENT DEPARTURES:

SMSgt George Hall (Stan Eval)- George recently elected to stow the boom and retire. He was our resident counselor who will be sorely missed by all.

RETIREES / DEPARTED THE FIX:

Capt Aaron Balk
CMSgt Hector Martinez
MSgt Mike Weir
MSgt Jeff Sudberry
TSgt Dan Rineer
SSgt Misty Bice
SrA Lars Pyszynski

CMSgt Mike Gay
CMSgt Dickie Burl
MSgt John Karns
MSgt William "Bubba" Hyde
TSgt Dominic Orlando
SSgt Johnnie Ricks
SrA Chadwick Doran

CMSgt Tony Liggins
SMSgt Mike "Butters" Stahl
MSgt Gary Wojichowski
TSgt Toby Snay
SSgt Denad Wade
SSgt Alex VanBuren
AMN Jack Lapinta

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NORTH CAROLINA

77th ARS

"Home of the Totin' Tigers"



A Giant "Hello Y'all" from the Booms here in the 77th, "Home of the Totin' Tigers". We are once again the only Tanker unit at Shady J, the 911th may eventually be back, time will tell. 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. The Boom camaraderie will be different but strong now that we are all one Squadron. KC-46 has arrived on our ramp this past summer, our Boom manning has increased, the hiring will continue until we get our new manning requirements figured out 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 now have a variety of positions available ARTS, AGR & TR's, we will have a large turnover of full time positions over the next few years with many of our senior people retiring. 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 & sweeet tea!

Carolina Blue Skies,
SMSgt Barry Bradley
916 OGV Superintendent

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

Flying History KC-135R 2150.5 Hrs – KC-46A 55.6 Hrs. - Total 2262.8 Hrs.

KC-46 school complete, currently back at SJ working on MQT. He's still at Cherry Point Depot making the F-35's better to fly, he loves a challenge. Hasn't made SMSgt yet but he has his eyes on it, to be continued!! Still loving life on the beach with his ski boat, he thinks, not enough time with 2 kids! He's always looking for friends to ski with, and help watch his kids, so give him a call if you're on the NC coast.

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

Flying History C-130 TBD Hrs. – KC135R TBD Hrs. - KC-46A 0.0 Hrs. – Total TBD Hrs.

A former Pope Loadmaster refugee, he's still one of our go to guys to get all the things done, don't ask questions! He is now sitting in Altus going thru KC-46 training, teaching the school house how to do cargo. He's happy on the farm raising chickens and being the EGG King. I wouldn't be surprised if he doesn't take over the shady J trailer park again when he returns from Altus, new stories to come! Hmm.

TSgt Cody “Haircut” Beverly MB - Mar 15 - Present

Flying History KC-135R 4503.3 Hrs. – KC-46A 29.1 Hrs. – Total 4532.4 Hrs.

He acts so much like Active duty he’s trying to go back, He wants to be a pilot, or RPA pilot, or anything Officer related. He wanted a pilot position in our unit but the whole pandemic put a kink in our AFRC available slots, so he went to Altus for KC-46 Boom training. Now it looks like he’s trying for a Flight Safety instructor job, anywhere. Did I say he’s was AD! He still has a standard GI hair cut but that might have to do with one of his many goals of getting hired as anything. We shall see how good his acting is & if it will pay off. He’s now trying to figure out how to inflate a KC-46 escape slide in the plane, if there’s away he will figure it out. His whole family is still living a tiny house life, yes a tiny house.

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

Flying History C-130E/H 3431.8 Hrs. - KC-10 843.1 Hrs. – KC-135R/T 6738.9 Hrs. - KC-46A 319.1 Hrs. - Total 11332.9 Hrs.

Barry is still our group Stan/Eval “The Hammer” Boom. He was our first fully qualified KC-46 IB/EB/Initial Cadre Boom and still flying a lot. He’s always looking for the next good deal trip, and hoping to deploy in the KC-46 before he retires. He’s still kicking and screaming about how bad GTIMS is & hoping PEX will come back. NOT going to happen. He still procrastinating on buying a new Harley for him & Tammy to travel the world. He started to down size his rental empire but has one still sitting empty stealing his Harley cash. He still has 60 more years in the unit so he’ll be around for a while NOT.

MSgt Rich “Bowl O’ Chili” Bonicelli MB - Oct 04 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 3327.0 Hrs. – Total 3327.0 Hrs.

He’s just about completed all his KC-46 construction projects, so he’s spending more time in Current OP’s/Long Range scheduling or whatever they need. So what will be next on his plate, KC-46 school maybe, retirement maybe not, tune in next year.

TSgt Christopher Davis MB – Aug 14 - Present

Flying History C-5A/B 1048.5 Hrs. - KC-135R 423.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 126.0 Hrs. Total 1598.5 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. He still seems like one of our newest old Baby Booms, I guess starting all over with a new jet keeps him young. He’s goes on a lot of TDY’s and doing every job he can get his hands into. He’s been in Current OP’s, Scheduling, Boom shop, next who knows, Commander? He’s planning on being one of our next fulltime Booms, or Commander, Shhh, be very, very quit, just thinking.

MSgt Keny “Dammit” Fallin MB - Aug 06 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 7010.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 125.5 Hrs. – Total 7136.1 Hrs.

Now complete with KC-46 Boom training. Keny still can’t make up his mind on a job, he’s now the Building Manager in the ALL NEW Readiness Office. It’s a giant office with 2 MSgt’s a TSgt or 2, a random officer with a Capt leading the group of merry man. He’s still the real estate King of Trailer parks. Keny is eyeing his next new mid-engine Corvette, but he’s a married man & the kids are getting older so maybe next in the next decade. Keny still reminds us that in Europe Budweiser is an import!

MSgt Anthony Flores MB – Jun 19 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 1663.4 Hrs. – Total 1663.4 Hrs.

One of our Guard transferee’s from McGhee Tyson. We don’t see him much now that we’ve been in conversion but he does come to UTA’s occasionally. He’s awaiting his turn to go to KC-46 school, we think. Stay tuned to the next Boom Signal to see what happens.

TSgt Dan “FROSTY” Frost IB – Apr 17 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 2725.3 Hrs. – KC-46A 191.6 Hrs. - Total 2920.9 Hrs.

He is one of our 4 KC-46 Initial Cadre Booms. Frosty has just put a big year in a half behind him. He was selected as the first Boom to go to Weapons School Advanced Instructor Course, and got picked up as one of our future Pilot candidates. Most importantly he’s having another baby this spring. He’s currently our Boom Tactics guy & helping to run Training Flight part time since our training flight guy QUIT & became a Flight Safety Boom/TR. If you see him wish him well, if you want his job come see us, we’ll hire you right now.

MSgt Brian Greer IB – Apr 2016

Flying History C-130E/H/J 1883.2 Hrs. - KC-135R 797.7 Hrs. – KC-46A 214.6 Hrs. - Total 2895.5 Hrs.

A Pope Army Air Field “refugee”. Now a KC-46 Boom. He miss’s being in OGV as the iPad person NOT. He still has the shakes from doing iPads & he spouts out some 4 letter words when anyone says “iPad” or as we call them “CRAPPLE”. The Squadron moved him from the frying pan and put him in to the fire as the NCOIC of Training flight as the Initial Cadre Training Boom for the KC-46. Well not so fast he showed up one day and quit the ART job and joined the flight Safety Team as a Boom FTU Sim operator. A big change for him, flexibility, time off, not anymore. Need a job, we have an opening.

SMSgt Flinttrell “Flint” Hamilton MB – Mar 16 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H/J 1883.2 Hrs. - KC-135R 797.7 Hrs. – Total 2928.7 Hrs.

He was one of the Pope, refugees, a prior Engineer, now prior KC-135 Boom Operator. He has been enjoying his new civilian job at Fort Bragg, he’s a building manager at one of the larger buildings. He’s planning on retiring this summer June time frame. We hoped he would stick around awhile but with his new job there’s no time for training. He’ll be missed.

SrA Tim Hohnadel UB – (Joined May 20) TBD – Present

Flying History None

Tim is one of our newest baby booms, completed BBOC, but AETC can’t figure out how to train new Booms on the KC-46. Will he go to KC-135 school, then a month or two turn-around & go to KC-46 school as an experienced KC-135 Boom, time will tell. We are hoping he will be the first to go straight to KC-46 school. He’s currently working in body scheduling office learning the ropes & picking up special projects. His story to be continued.

TSgt Nathan “GOTTA VAPE” Horton MB – Nov 16 - Present

Flying History C-130E/H 818.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 501.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 123.1 Hrs. – Total 1442.2 Hrs.

He was a Pope Loadmaster refugee, now a KC-46 Boomer. He’s a TR but stays busy with us too; with another new baby on the way he’s still burning the candle at all 3 ends. If you know Nate wish him well, congratulate him and say your prayers for his wife, little girl and baby on the way.

MSgt Kristianjon “K2” Kankelfritz MB – Dec 16 - Present

Flying History C-130H 1041.3 Hrs. - KC-135R 905.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 260.4 Hrs. - Total 2207.6 Hrs.

A Pope refugee Loadmaster. Now a KC-46 Boom. He’s one of our first AGR Booms watching ARTS work 16 hour days laughing at us all. He’s assigned to Current OP’s & Scheduling, trying to keep everything running, well that’s what he tells us. He can’t seem to get enough of going to schools. He went to training at Bragg last year, then to KC-46 school, and now he’s heading to IB school this spring. K2 loves going to school, he says you can’t have too much CLASS!! Maybe he can take Frost’s place!

SMSgt Mark “Beerman” McElmurry IB- Apr 97 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 6832.8 Hrs. – KC-46A 240.7 Hrs. - Total 7073.5 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. 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 still have no idea). What we do know is that he’s one of our Initial Cadre Boom instructors. He’s still NOT making beer for the masses. Has since killed off the Bee business too. Maybe he’s has been stung to many times. Now what, we have no idea, seems like a trend.

MSgt Mitchell “Miller Lite” Miller KC-46 MB – (Joined Mar 10) Dec 10 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 1620.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 34.4 Hrs. – Total 1655.0 Hrs.

Now assigned to body scheduling to ensure booms meet all our flying needs. He plans on making sure all of us fly & maintain our currencies to keep the war fighting squadron at the tip of the spear. He has completed KC-46 training, if only we can get him to actually fly, maybe the new scheduler will make him fly more than once a month.

TSgt Patrick Muckey MB Apr 14 – Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 2866.1 Hrs. –KC-46A 107.3 Hrs. – Total 2973.4 Hrs.

He's completed KC-46 training, now he's just flying for dollars. He's trying to drag out training so he doesn't have to go back to work as a forklift mechanic. Besides he's been lifting & carrying the load for the squadron going TDY as much as he can. He's much happier now that he doesn't have to lay down on the job. 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 always ready, but you'll have to make it fast!!

SSgt Alexander Oakes MB - (Joined Oct 15) Nov 17 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 786.0 Hrs. – KC-46A 69.4 – Total 855.4 Hrs.

He's completed KC-46 training, now he's just flying for dollars and time. He was our Baby KC-135 Boom we hired on and he has grown to be a sharp Boom operator. He managed to accomplish two deployments in 2020 before trading in his KC-135 for the KC-46. He works for NCDOT making maps, so if you get lost you know who to call. When not fishing, playing video games or building his empire, he's here flying with us. If you can find us stop by & say Hi.

CMSgt Tony “Frank the Tank” Parris MB - Nov 93 - Dec 03 & Apr 08 - Present

Flying History C-141B 914.6 Hrs. - KC-135R/T 5723.1 Hrs. – KC-46A 52.4 Hrs. – Total 7207.5 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. Chief Parris “THE CHIEF” Boom extraordinaire, Program Manager, knowledge holder, leader of the Booms. Chief is still changing cars more than the car review guy. His latest is buying houses, well he bought a new house, but if it's like his cars there could be more in line-up. Let's see if he buys houses like he buys cars. He has since become a DADDY to a bouncing baby Boy. Stay tuned, we can't wait to see what's next, car, house or Baby.

MSgt Bradley Pike MB – Jul 17 - Present

Flying History C-130H 1083.7 Hrs. KC-135R 769.5 Hrs. – Total 1853.2 Hrs.

A former Pope Refugee Engineer which explains it all if you know Brad. He's riding the AGR train and glad NOT to be like the ARTs, always there. He still commutes hours each day to and from work, but he does it in style, in his Tesla while he sleeps. Spring time is rolling in so as one of our Harley owners it's time to ride instead of driving. He's waiting on KC-46 school this spring so he can be part of the 46 gang. He hasn't been break dancing on fire lately but deployments are just a couple of years away.

MSgt Jeremy “GE” Reynolds MB - Apr 08 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 3304. Hrs. KC-46A 59.8 Hrs. – Total 3364.0 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. GE is barely surviving without him the past year as he completes KC-46 training. He's enjoying all extra the time with the family this year and as always has a smile on his face. He's still making us all look bad on our PT tests because he has been scoring a 150 on all his tests. He's still running more than Forest Gump ever dreamed of.

SSgt Noah “Preacher” Starnes MB – Dec 16 - Present

Flying History C-130 277.3 Hrs. - KC-135R 892.2 Hrs. – Total 1169.5 Hrs.

A prior Loadmaster & Pope Refugee. He's one of our KC-135 TR's & now self-proclaimed SQ Pastor. He's still enjoying his Honeymoon with his wife years later. They are looking to travel the world & make it a better place. In other words “Making the World Great Again”. He has no plans on going to KC-46 school but you never know what plans God has for you. We wish all his endeavors well.

SSgt Joe Stansfield MB – May 18 – Present

Flying History C-130 E/H 332.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 427.5 Hrs. – KC-46A 103.7 Hrs. – Total 863.2 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. He was a Pope Loadmaster, went to KC-135 school and deployed with us on our last unit deployment in 2019. He stays pretty busy with his civilian job but has given us plenty of time to accomplish KC-46 training. Steady Joe has become one of our regular flyers keeping the gas flowing. His favorite receiver is F-15's from SJ. NOT.

TSgt Andrew “Ricky Jug’s” Steuart MB - (Joined Nov 07) Boomer Sep 08-Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 3167.9 Hrs. – KC-46A 54.9 Hrs. – Total 3222.8 Hrs.

Now a KC-46 Boom. But limited availability, life for him is busy. We would tell you more but he has kept a low profile & stays out of trouble unlike the rest of us. We will have to work on or just make up stories in the future. He still has a nice Subaru Rally car and he hasn't blown it up.

TSgt Jemere Todd MB – Oct 17 – Present

Flying History C-130H 147.0 Hrs. - KC-135R 411.2 Hrs. – Total 558.2 Hrs.

He was a Pope Loadmaster, went to KC-135 school and deployed with us on our last unit deployment in 2019. He stayed pretty busy with his civilian Trooper job and trying to keep us all from getting pulled over. He has taken leave from his trooper job and an order for a couple of years to baby sit our cadets awaiting BMT. His next scheduled adventure will be KC-46 training, maybe this fall.

TSgt Derrick Yelverton MB – Sep 14 - Present

Flying History KC-135R/T 508.6 Hrs. – KC-46A 74.1 Hrs. – Total 582.7 Hrs.

He's breezed thru KC-46 training & now getting ready to head back to his civilian job. He's a TR Boom, he's 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. Welcome to the KC-46.

Booms of Yore & the date they were here

Listed by departure year:

2021

SSgt Alex (first name Squared) Mark IB – Sep 12 – Mar 21

Wanted to be a Pilot but didn't want to get a lobotomy, so we kept him around for a while. He's still really good at putting out fires as a civilian firefighter & as an ART (he's got his hands in everything). He has decided to take his family & part of his farm with him to McConnell AFB as a TR. He found his calling and a full time job out there at the Innovation Center where he plans on changing the flying world. We wish him luck.

2020

SSgt Thomas “SQUISH” Smarsh MB – Sep 16 -

He's is still telling all his Army war stories from all the battles he fought in Hawaii. He can't keep a job in the Squadron, from Scheduling to Orders clerk, iPad guru. Now he drank the Pilot's Kool-Aide and so we lost another good Boom. He's already completed OTS & his first flight check. Hopefully he doesn't get brained washed, or comes back with a big head or think he's better than the Enlisted. We shall see how his training goes KC-135 then a couple months later go to KC-46, or just KC-46. Time will tell.

2019

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. SURPRISE! She loves flying but now it will just be in her civilian job, our loss. Now she'll have time to enjoy here new estate.

SSgt Kijuan Amey IB - Apr 15 – Jun 19

He's from Durham NC; now he's writing a new chapter. Just to catch everyone up on Amey, he had a motorcycle accident a few 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. 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.

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, they are 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.

SSgt Sonya “Teacher” Alexander MB – Apr 15 – Jun 18

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, an officer, a Pilot for us...she has gone to that side! She completed her Altus KC-135 Pilot training in early 2020 & then convert to a KC-46 Pilot right after that. She wanted to RULE the Boom world, now it will have be the Pilot world!! Watch out!!

SSgt Ryne Jordan MB – Apr 2016 – Jun 18

He was one of many Pope Refugees, prior Loadmaster. He became a Boom, but that wasn’t enough. He’s was one of our TR’s crossing over to the Pilot side. He completed her Altus KC-135 Pilot training in early 2020 & then convert to a KC-46 Pilot right after that. Hope he loves training. Now back at the Sq.

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 to 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 us.

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 makes double.

Sgt/SMSgt Sean “Bimmer” Martin (EB) – Sep 91-Jun 09- Now a retired CMSgt. He is “The KC-46 Tanker’s Boom Extraordinary” and telling KC-46 Booms how to fly...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.” - went “TWISTER Oklahoma” (Tinker) as a Retiree. Now leaving in Tennessee hoping for better weather to ride his HD or work on his fleet of vehicles. He is creating 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 and doing well.

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.

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. If you see him 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, oh wait he's working fulltime.

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 came to 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! Utah maybe.

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. Unknown.

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. - RIP

1999

SSgt Tom Glosser – Dec 97 – Apr 99 – Retired – Last we heard Civilian Flight Safety at Altus AFB.

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. - RIP

SrA Steve Dolan – Aug 92 – Sep 95 - Unknown

1994

SrA Felicia Anderson – Jul 91 – Jan 94– Went to McGuire. Unknown.

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. Unknown

SSgt Duane Slusher – Sept 92 – Jan 94 – Unknown.

SrA John Mercer – Sep 93 – Oct 94– Went to McGuire – Now at MacDill, Now Retired, now unknown.

SrA Gary Towles – Sept 93 – Oct 94 – Went to McGuire. Unknown.

1993

MSgt Paul Jordan – 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 – Unknown.

SEYMOUR JOHNSON AFB, NORTH CAROLINA

911 ARS

“Red Eagles”



Still in KC-46 Purgatory, expected to comeback to life in 202#ish.

SIOUX CITY ANGB, IOWA

174th ARS / 185th ARW

“THE BATS”



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

465th ARS

“OKIES”



Welcome to the home of the Shit-Hot Okies where our contacts are precise and our “disconnect” or pullout game is always on point. This local band of misfits is still led by none-other than the leader of the Flat top Mafia and the longest running Chief in the history of the Air Force to show us the way. If you’re ever in the area, drop in and we’ll buy you a beer. Enjoy the Signal/Roast.

CMSgt Phil “X-Man” Brand:

Chief brand stays tucked away in the Stan/Eval office dodging deployments and TDYs like they’re Jehovah’s Witnesses. To be honest Chief Brand doesn’t have any good stories because he does his job and goes home.

SMSgt Ben “ROSTER/Napoleon” Brent:

Ben is currently assistant to the Assistant of the Assistant to the Chief Boom. He prefers to be called boss. He will openly boast about being the top NCO in a two man shop, and recently awarded himself a 5,000 hour patch despite only having 3,000 hours. Congrats Ben!!! We knew you could do it! Ben spends most of his working days trading ROKU stock and “firing” receiver units that he feels have wronged him. Due to COVID and natural disasters, Good job buddy! Keep up the hard work. All jokes aside, Ben is a really good guy, well, if you’re female.

TSgt Dave “Morty” Brown:

Dave is one of our most reliable and consistent TRs. When Dave isn’t busy flying the line and messing up gear and flaps, he spends his days volunteering at the twist-n-shout gymnastic academy providing mentorship and life advice to the youngest of children. Dave often talks fondly of future days when he is able to finally have a little girl of his own. All jokes aside, if anyone ever sees Dave rolling up to the Okies in a trench coat, make sure you report it to authorities. Thankfully Dave will be on cloud nine soon since he is about to marry the girl of his dreams.

SRA Thomas “The Human Thumb/Peter Griffin” Carlin:

While he rarely makes his showtime, Carlin never misses an opportunity to “fix the pipes” of the elderly women in his apartment complex. Admirable to some, our Chief Boom is less than thrilled with Carlin’s pipe-laying skills and more concerned with his lap-running skills. Built like a sonic tater tot, Carlin is more concerned with being a pilot than Booming. Carlin used the last of his good standing to get his younger brother hired as a boom this year.

MSgt Chaz “Shatz/Calm Down” Dalton:

Our newest cattle rancher is fresh off of storming the Capital, Chaz has managed to keep his threats to himself and has stumbled into being a captain for Spirit airlines. Chaz spends most of his time at the Okies trying to get current in the jet again and telling everyone that he won’t deploy anymore (although he is absolutely on the next deployment). Chaz recently bought a chunk of land to establish his own little house on the prairie, or his very own QAnon training facility. **Update:** Chaz recently had a heart attack and is now off the deployment. (still alive)

SMSgt Justin “Sparky” Hopkins:

Justin is still fighting to keep his throne as the highest ranking boom to not be an instructor while peddling generators and solar panels to anyone that will make eye contact with him. Justin has been super busy this year capitalizing on recent ice storms and people’s fears of future natural disasters.

MSgt Bobby “Slapass” Jackson:

Bobby is still staying in a decent sized house All. By. Himself. COVID has been the final blow to Bobby’s dating life, so he finds peace with his loyal dog. Bobby has been exiled to current ops where he frequently produces doctors’ notes allowing him to get out of work, although he is currently uninsured after his parents couldn’t continue to carry them on their insurance. When he’s not “buying the dip,” Bobby logs out of his brokerage account and back into his tinder account (8th times a charm!). Despite the money saved from being single, Bobby continues to buy luxury vehicles at a premium and sell at a discount to McGoo (just before the required service, of course). Currently exiled to Current Ops, Bobby is still learning how G2 errors by the SNCO are really his fault and how he should be more careful. All is not lost, as his precocious Golden Retriever, Groot, still manages to keep his quarterly conjugal visits on schedule.

TSgt Shay “C.L./Unc” Ladd:

Shay spends most of his time not at work. Our chief pilot and Shay’s sworn enemy, recently gave him the nickname “Chinese Laundry” because he is “in by nine out by two”. When Shay does somehow manage to find his way in to “work”, he is predictably in workout gear and on his way to the gym. You can find Shay in the locker room trying to capture a “fire” shirtless selfie for the ‘gram @shaydynupe. Shay is also an avid social activist, as he is currently the brain child behind a petition to use the squadron’s end of year money to buy a larger mirror for the gym.

SMSgt Mark “Salt Bae” McGougan:

Allegedly he is still the boom scheduler, although Bif is more than willing to help him out. Mark manages to spend most of his days taking full advantage of the COVID 19 pandemic by “telecommuting”, although he never takes his computer home. Goo daddy is also a master of putting himself on the flying schedule and then jumping off at his first opportunity. He prefers to sit alert and go tdy, only the good TDYs though. Nothing makes McGoo happier than showing up for “work” in the morning and putting himself on a Friday alert while he enjoys a hot Jimmy Deans breakfast bowl, with extra salt of course.

Dalton “The Hammer” Williams:

The only member in the unit to make a grown man’s lip quiver. One of the best men Possum Holler, Oklahoma has to offer. The fittest boom to be out of shape. My man is built like a bath and body works candle. I am guessing crossfit ends with a Braum’s milkshake. When is not changing out his nipple rings, you can find him at Yukon High School helping with the boys cheerleading squad.

Scott “Can I Log IB” Montgomery:

Once Scott realized you don’t get a Senior stripe based on IB time, his enthusiasm for the 781 waned. With his new free time, Scott found his calling organizing Trump Boat parades on the weekends and getting people with “420” credit scores and 4:20 lifestyles the best pre-paid android phone EBT cards can buy. When Scotts not re watching episodes of the Tiger King on Netflix, you can find him at a bar called Charlies, drinking “the good stuff” (Bud Light).

SMSgt Darby “Jose Darbo” Perrin:

Bring us your barflies and Southeast Asian massage therapists, Darby has returned in all his glory to relive his halcyon Boom days. When Darby isn’t involved in shootouts at his Del City residence, he still takes the time to try to paint anything that still identifies as “female”. As Darby waits to regain flying status, he will scamper off to his dimly lit studio from time to time to try to paint something that people will actually pay money for. He is currently slow rolling his in-processing and requal though, in hopes of missing the upcoming deployment... even though he could really use the cash.

CMSgt Steve “Bif” Robinson:

Despite having the body of a 90 year old and the diet of a special needs kid at a pool party, Bif is **STILL** the Chief Boom of the Okies. Perhaps even more impressive, is the fact that he is still trying to hold on to that flat top. He recently realized he isn't immortal after trying to pick up a bag of mulch at Lowe's and throwing his back out (again), so he now enjoys spending his free time projecting his alert tours for the next year and taking himself off of night flights last minute but enforcing everyone else's flying schedule . In an ironic twist, the rest of the booms have managed to pool their alert money together to purchase the marble for his memorial.

TSgt Landon “The Chosen One” Rothe:

Seemingly sent from God, Landon first showed up to the Okies as an avionics troop. After realizing the boom scheduler was married to his aunt, he decided to make the jump to aircrew and quickly began to reap the rewards of having a personal connection to the scheduler. I'm still not sure Landon realizes everyone else, well mostly everyone, has to actually fly to get paid around here.

TSgt Michael “William” Wallace:

Fresh out of MCT, Wallace is well on his way to being a traditional reservist, because he is rarely here and is completely confused every time he does manage to stumble in to ops. While Mike may not have a whole lot going on, his wife recently completed OTS and is a shining example of what hard work and determination can get you, we just hope Mike is paying attention.

SRA Peter “Repeat” Whitfield:

Our resident farmer, who is only really a farmer in smell is the newest boom to join the SH Okies. While his performance in the jet has been underwhelming his saving grace is he has the ability to forget what you just told him. We wish the problems ended there, but our boy Pete's handwriting looks like he has been battling Parkinson's for years. Luckily, Whitfield is set to deploy later this year, so he will be able to either earn a new call sign or solidify one!

DEPARTED THE FIX:

SMSgt Brian “Donkey” Dillion :

NOT ENOUGH SPACE TO SAY ALL THE THINGS WE WANT TO SAY. Closed out his retirement with the GUARD after us and is not the MFIC of the new commercial boom tanker, don't ask he is not allowed to say anything.....2 hours later he still hasn't said anything or taken a breath.

TINKER AFB, OKLAHOMA

10th Flight Test Squadron

“FIGHTIN’ TENTH”



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

6th ARS

“VIS EXTENSA”



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

9th ARS



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TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

60th OSS/FTU

“GATEKEEPERS”



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TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

70th ARS

“HOME OF THE ORCA’S”



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TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

79th ARS

“TOGAs”



GREETINGS FROM THE WEST COAST: In addition to operational changes imposed due to the pandemic, the 79th was given a brown cardboard box, told to vacate its home of 23 years, and get ready for the -46. Our new “temporary home” is meeting the need. Luckily our LTPA makes us warm and fuzzy with daily batches of jalapeno corn. We’ve claimed “squatters’ rights” by marking our new building in ways only befitting to Boom Operators. We will do the same when we co-locate with our Active Duty brethren.

ARTs/AGRs:

CMSgt Matt Fisher: In 1996, Matt’s first Chief Boom told him he was like an accordion: misunderstood. That hasn’t changed. He still lives in the granola crunching, tree hugging town of Davis, California. When not flying a boom (or his desk,) he’s probably with his family doing some weird Davis activity like spinning yak wool for a sweater or fermenting yogurt.

MSgt Jesse Farley: He is the keeper and protector of the “baby booms” coming thru training. Jesse is a shepherd to his flock of newbies and has endless patience with them. You never have to worry about medical or readiness because he’s got you. Next year will be 20 years of being a boom, if you mention it, he sighs and says, “Yup.”

MSgt Christy Jeffreys: Every squadron has a “jack of all trades” and Christy is ours. An examiner that is to the point, by the book, and fair. No matter what she has going on, our booms know that she cares and is going to look out for everyone.

MSgt Jeremy Rigg: Scheduler extraordinaire and probably going gray from it. He is prior medical but we’ve been able to look past that. Extremely nice guy who will drop everything to help out. Little known fact: he was voted most likely to have a beer with you.

Traditional Reservists:

SMSgt Michael Parks: Doing great things in the boom professional world. Newly promoted to SMSgt and about to graduate from nursing school (swing by the 79th for a prostate check.) Most likely to prank you by putting petroleum jelly in the hand sanitizer bottles and laugh hysterically from across the room.

MSgt Justin Hughes: Instructor boom who won’t miss an opportunity to remind you he was a former Marine. Did you know he was a Marine? When he’s not in the squadron he’s making big bucks at the refinery and driving a nicer car than the squadron commander.

MSgt Vince Montojo: Sometimes you meet a dude that's so friendly and easy to talk to that you walk away wondering, "What time is it? Where did my day go?" Vince genuinely cares about you by hijacking your day with great conversation. He's a 79th treasure, but when you around him you probably won't get much work done.

MSgt Scottie Thomason: Sometimes the "Boom Life" is a family tradition. That's true for Scottie. He's got a lot to say and according to him he's "been around way too long."

TSgt Luke Findley: Always killing it at life. Recent bachelors graduate and already working on his master's program. A reliable dude around the squadron (when he's not out jeeping or camping.) Rumor has it he is in the running for "sexiest boom alive."

TSgt Mike Goirl: We haven't been seen him around, but Mike is still the backbone of the squadron's morale. He's a busy guy and we always appreciate when he's got time for us. New dog dad and loving life.

TSgt Bethany "Benny" Marrero: Benny is our own beer Cicerone hosting tastings from a plethora of local breweries. Too bad she doesn't invite anyone from the squadron. She says it's because, "I could give you warm Pabst and you'll be happy!" When not creating magnificent art or saving homeless dogs from shelters, Benny runs the UDM shop for both the 70th and 79th ARS.

TSgt Aaron Spencer: The first impression of Aaron is that he's a nice guy. Bonus is that he listens well. Unbeknownst to many is his creativity and the fact he knows multiple design and art platforms. Best part is that he is the "World's Best Dad," according to his daughter.

TSgt Steve Zorro: We're hoping to see more of Steve in the squadron this year. If you see him on the schedule for a TDY, you know it's going to be a good time. He's got an amazing family and a heart of gold.

SSgt Matt Johnson: A consistent trait of a boom is confidence and Matt is the perfect embodiment of that. He brings up those around him and you'll never see him with his shoulders down. He likes his beer with Blue Mountains and his whiskey on ice.

SSgt Christina Perry: Christina recently got married and is nursing herself back into good health. (No causation between marriage and health!) Hopefully she will be back with us in the near future.

SSgt Abbie Vinson: Abby returned from her first deployment and learned all about "secret squirrel" operations. When not flying, she is a nanny and goes to school.

SSgt Hunter Wells: Hunter recently finished IBO upgrade and remains the 79th's embodiment of Jeff Lebowski. He lets his students know their aggression will not stand, man.

SrA Cody Byrd: If you want to get a tattoo on TDY, Cody is your man. Unlike most booms who can't seem to stop talking, Cody is more of the silent type. Apparently he's an HVAC apprentice on the civilian side. We'll keep him around.

SrA Sam Nolan: Sam is among the 79th's newest cadre of booms. He is a full time student when not participating with the unit. Ever diligent, silly Sam wants to be a pilot. We need break of this intent because he's too good of a boom to lose.

SrA Andy "Big Boy" Lanthier: We have a lot of new booms around here lately, but it felt like we already knew this guy when he showed up. Probably because "Big Boy" Lanthier is the younger brother to one of our pilots. Andy has a quick and engineering brain bucket, too bad it's full of movie quotes.

A1C Kevin Muerle: No one really knows this plebe, but we have big personalities and big expectations around here so he better bring his "A" game.

A1C Abdulai Turay: Abdulai leaves for BMT in two weeks of this writing. With both an undergraduate and graduate degree, we can't help but ask why this guy wants to slum with booms...

Assigned:

SMSgt David Palmer: Recently assigned to OGV, Dave is "the man with all the answers" and we lean heavily on that big brain of his. When not crushing souls, Dave pulls his trailer to camp and spend time with his wife and daughters.

MSgt Steve Garbett: Steve loves additional duties so much he became an AGR with the OST. He also upgraded to EB. When not writing awards & decoration packages, tracking down school orders, or facilitating the OSS's mandatory PT on UTA weekends, Steve flies.

Retired / Retiring/ IRR:

CMSgt Terry Monges: After four generations of booming, Terry decided it was time to get a real job. He officially retired in August of 2020 and now works in the civilian logistic sector.

SMSgt Russ Downie: Flipping switches and monitoring gauges is what Russ is doing now. Why anyone would rather be a Flight Engineer than a Boom Operator makes zero sense to us. Luckily, Russ will still be with the unit (until the -46 arrives.)

MSgt Shawn Simmons: 33+ years later... Shawn decided it was time to retire. Good luck Shawn!

TSgt Monique Nichols: Mo decided that family is her priority and went to the IRR. We miss her, but respect her decision.

TSgt Kevin Gregory: The entrepreneur in Kevin inspired him to build an educational learning center while finishing his MBA. With so many irons in the fire, he opted to take a step back from the Reserve and go to the IRR.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

621st CONTINGENCY RESPONSE WING



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

TRAVIS AFB, CALIFORNIA

KC-10 ATS BOOM INSTRUCTORS



This unit did not contribute to the 2020 Boom Signal.

TYNDALL AFB, FLORIDA

601st AOC / 101st AOG

“AMERICA’S AIR OPERATION CENTER”



Florida Air National Guard:

MSgt Luke Mullins, Ret (AGR): *c. 1999*, I would like to take this opportunity to highlight Luke’s career and his contribution to our craft. In 1999, he was selected as the first KC-10 “Baby Boom” to bypass Altus, and be assigned to the 32 ARS at McGuire. In 2005, he became the first 1A0 to join the Florida Air National Guard and helped establish the now 601st Air Operations Center, Air Mobility Division. During the next 15 years, Luke served as the Air Mobility Division Senior Enlisted Leader and became the first enlisted Tanker Execution Officer for the Continental United States NORAD (North American Aerospace Defense Command) Region. His experience and expertise shaped Homeland Defense tanker employment, and impacted every Operation NOBLE EAGLE sortie flown in the last 15 years. Luke maintained his qualifications in the KC-135, while flying in partnership with the 117 ARW in Birmingham, Alabama. Additionally, he was the Florida ANG Honor Guard Program Manager of the year.

On 1 August 2020, after amassing 21 years, 1 month and 15 days of service Luke retired. During his ceremony we retired Luke while simultaneously commissioning his wife. They were able to share a brief moment of service together and presented one another with initial and final salutes. It was a sweet moment for their family and left the entire AOC on a positive note despite losing a Legend, Warrior, Professional and a Friend. We hope Utah treats you well!

MSgt Austin Arnold (AGR): *c. 2005*, After Luke retired, he became the oneA0 man show. You could say the best “Sweaty” on the team...or only... he stayed busy juggling telework ops and supporting the POTUS Campaign season. He grows a serious mustache, luckily the COVID mask situation saved us. We are not sure what looks worse the mustache or Luke’s post retirement mountain man look!

MSgt Ryan Seifert (DSG): *c. 2004*, Is in the 101 ACOMS as a traditional Guardsman. Stop by and see us when you come in for drill.

Colonel John “Boom Boom” Erickson (AGR): *c. 1992*, He is the Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) for the 601 AOC.

325th Fighter Wing:

Antonio Knowlton (CIV): *c. 1996*; Tony is working in the Airman and Family Readiness Center.



WRIGHT PATTERSON AFB, OHIO

AIR FORCE LIFE CYCLE MANAGEMENT CENTER

“PROVIDING THE WARFIGHTERS EDGE”



Hello from the KC-46 System Program Office (SPO). Yes Boom Operators were sent here to be indoctrinated to love, embrace, and honor the SPOviet culture. We fight day in and day out with our supplier to help deliver improved capability and fix the many deficiencies that the KC-46 possess. We do not win often, but we got a huge win by advocating and negotiating for RVS 2.0! The future does look promising, however, it is going to be a long road ahead.

SMSgt Lonnie “The Boeing Bomber” Moon: Lonnie earned his call sign by effectively blowing up and destroying any Boeing half measures (sometimes not even half) for fixing issues related to Boom operations. He is typically able to get at least one Boeing employee to either yell, cry, or dismiss themselves from the program completely. Despite his best efforts he is 0-5 on getting COVID but he did effectively shut down Boeing for a day just because he went and got tested. Unfortunately, Lonnie is leaving us this summer for browner and smellier pastures at McGuire AFB. Boeing was super excited by this news and we’re pretty sure they offered to the Air Force that they will pay for his move. Lonnie will be seriously missed by the KC-46 Development Team and program as a whole and did a tremendous amount of work to set the program on the right path. Good luck Sir!

(M)Sgt Andy “Ricky” Keiser: Staying true to his call sign he is the relief pitcher for the SPO while Lonnie is off getting his regularly scheduled COVID test. In true Ricky “The Wild Thing” Vonn fashion he single handedly wrecked an Air Force Research Laboratory study by canceling it completely just because he wanted to. Thanks to Ricky the KC-46 program office learned the hard way that a Boom Operator is not easily tamed and is more difficult to break in than a wild mustang. He continues to fight the good fight on behalf of KC-46 Boom Operators on a daily basis and he never misses the chance to insult and berate the RVS program manager. Keep it up Ricky, we’re on the right path.

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!

The History of the iconic Esso Tiger

“Put A Tiger In Your Tank!” Pictured is an Original Esso Tiger Globe Head made from plastic, which would originally have a metal base that would fix to the top of a gas pump, mostly seen in the 1960’s in the UK.

Do you remember or still have one of those fake tiger tails from the early 60’s? Motorists all over the world were tying them to the caps of their gas tanks and sporting bumper stickers that declared: “I’ve got a tiger in my tank.” Some 2.5 million tails were sold in the US alone – and that they’re still in demand – is testimony to the durability of the campaign that convinced drivers that Esso fuel was so powerful that it was the equivalent of having a huge beast in their gas tanks.

“Put a tiger in your tank” was a slogan created in 1959 by Emery Smith, a young Chicago copywriter who had been given the task to produce a newspaper ad to boost sales of Esso Extra. The tiger wasn’t Smith’s invention. He’d first appeared as a mascot for Esso in Norway around the turn of the 20th century. But it wasn’t until the end of the Second World War – and the resumption of petrol advertising – that the tiger made his US debut. “He was a very different character back then. Cute, amiable and in cartoon form, he closely resembled Tigger in Winnie-the-Pooh and was intended to represent a new post-war optimism after years of shortages. He also gave an identifiable face to Esso in a market where brand differentiation has never been easy” It was in 1964 that the character really hit his stride with a campaign developed by McCann Erickson. As Esso sales soared and the advertising became the talk of gasoline advertising, Time magazine declared 1964 to be “The Year of the Tiger along Madison Avenue” The oil crisis of the early 1970’s put a stop to any conspicuous petrol consumption and, with little advertising activity taking place, Esso switched its efforts to promoting its pioneering role in North Sea oil exploration. The task of reflecting this change of emphasis in advertising terms fell to the long-serving McCann senior creative Chester Posey. He chose to represent the new global reality for the newly named Exxon Mobil by swapping the cartoon tiger for a real one and the line: “We’re changing our name, but not our stripes.”

Interesting Facts–

In 1996, Kellogg took legal action against Exxon Mobil, claiming its use of the Exxon tiger to sell food at TigerMart convenience stores infringed its Tony the Tiger trademark created by Leo Burnett. The case went to the US Supreme Court before an undisclosed settlement was reached.

I’ve Got A Tiger By The Tail, the 1964 hit by the US country music band Buck Owens and the Buckaroos, was inspired when Owens saw the “Put a tiger in your tank” slogan at a petrol station.

Heritage –

It could be assumed that the Young Tiger missions, which took the tanker combat support capability to whole new level by bring refueling closer to the fight, may have simply grown its roots from the ESSO Tiger. Adding the legacy of the Bristol Bulldog representing the agile fighters and “BUFFs” requiring a top off to sustain flight, our aviation heritage can find deeper roots with the Royal Airforce.

Hence, the Tiger with the Boom and Bulldog with the jerry can. “Put A Tiger In Your Tank!”

SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT ALBERT L. EVANS



SMSgt Evans was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Evans on 16 September 1933, in Eastely, Nevada. He grew up in Longview, Washington.

SMSgt Evans was truly a legend in his own time within Strategic Air Command due to his skill and expertise as a boom operator. He began his military career as an airborne radio operator on KC-97 aircraft. In 1952 he retrained as a boom operator. He held command and base levels positions as an instructor, evaluator, program manager, as well as a CCTS instructor and CEVG evaluator. SMSgt Evans, or 'Spike,' as he was often called, distinguished himself in dedicated and unselfish service to his fellow boom operator. Described by his comrades as a "Professional NCO," he was a friend to the young boom operator, and was never too busy to lend a hand or provide his much-revered advice. He was gentle when called for, but tough when required, and he always wore a smile.

A devoted family man, he married his wife Irene while serving at Turner AFB, Georgia in 1955. His assignments included Turner AFB, Georgia; MacDill AFB, Florida; Kindey AFB, Bermuda; Loring AFB, Maine; Castle AFB, California; K.I. Sawyer AFB, Michigan and Barksdale AFB, Louisiana.

SMSgt Evans' decorations include the Air Medal, AF Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters; Army Good Conduct Medal with one oak leaf cluster; AF Good Conduct Medal with five oak leaf clusters; Combat Readiness Medal, AF Longevity Award with five oak leaf clusters; National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster; Vietnam Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters; AF Outstanding Unit Citation Ribbon.

SMSgt Evans was fatally injured in a KC-135 mishap at Castle AFB, CA in September, 1979. He was survived by his daughters Pat Fanconi (deceased), Dawn Kinney of Merced, CA, Laurie Evans Smith and Cathy Evans-Jantz of Ceres, CA. Also surviving was his father, Mr. Carl Evans (deceased) of Longview, WA, his brothers Paul Evans from Sacramento, CA, and Richard Evans (deceased) from Longview, WA his eight grandchildren Jamie and Jason Fanconi, Christopher Kinney, Ryan and Tyler Smith, Joshua, Jordan and Chad Evans-Jantz, nine great grandchildren, and 2 great-great grandchildren.

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Albert L. Evans award was originally established in 1980 in memory of SMSgt Albert L. Evans, a pioneer in the history of SAC's air refueling operations. The purpose of the award was to annually recognize, on a rotational basis, the most outstanding boom operator section within the Strategic Air Command based on the collective accomplishments and professional qualities, sustained excellence, contributions, improvements, air refueling safety record, and problems overcome throughout the rating period of 1 January through 31 December each year. When the Air Force re-organized in the early 1990's, many SAC-era awards were discontinued, including the Al Evans award.

In early 2000, the Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force received an e-mail from Mr. Dick Evans, Al's brother. He inquired about the status of the award, and wondered if it was still awarded annually. Sadly, the Al Evans award was no longer being awarded and the Evans family asked if the trophy could be returned to the family, unfortunately the trophy was never located. Boom Operators on the AMC staff understood our rich history and traditions in the boom operator community. The importance of the award was not lost on them so they discussed re-establishing this prestigious award, with the AMC Boom Operator Career Field Manager CMSgt Dan Mongeon leading the charge. After a twelve year absence, the SMSgt Albert L. Evans Award was reinstated in 2001. The SMSgt Albert L. Evans trophy is awarded annually at the Boom Operators Symposium in his honor.

SMSGT ALBERT L. EVANS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1980 -- 920 ARS, 379 BW, Wurtsmith AFB, MI
1981 -- 46 ARS, 410 BW, K.I. Sawyer AFB, MI
1982 -- 906 ARS, 5 BW, Minot AFB, ND
1983 -- 71 ARS, 2 BW, Barksdale AFB, LA
1984 -- 906 ARS, 5 BW, Minot AFB, ND
1985 -- 41 ARS, 416 BW, Griffiss AFB, NY
1986 -- 43 ARS, 92 BW, Fairchild AFB, WA
1987 -- 32 ARS, 2 BW, Barksdale AFB, LA
1988 -- 909 ARS, Kadena AB, Japan
1989 -- 6 ARS, 22 ARW, March AFB, CA
1990 -- 305 ARS, 305 ARW, Grissom AFB, IN
1991 - 2000 -- Award Idle, No Recipients
2001 -- 384 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS
2002 -- 6 ARS, 60 AMW, Travis AFB, CA
2003 -- 9 ARS, 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
2019 -- 344 ARS, 22 ARW, McConnell AFB, KS

Boom Memorial Names

KB-29 SUPERFORTRESS

7-Jul-51 TSGT HENRY H. HILL
7-Jul-51 1LT JACK W. KERN
7-Jul-51 CPL REGINALD F. RUSSELL
7-Jul-51 SSGT SCOTT L. WALLACE
10-Jul-53 SGT WALTER F. OLSEN
26-Dec-56 TSGT THURMAN RANIER
10-Jan-57 TSGT EDWARD C. CLEMONS
10-Jan-57 SSGT MICHAEL B. MCINTOSH
2-Feb-57 MSGT LAWRENCE M. GRIGORY
2-Feb-57 A2C ARTHUR B. KOSIER
2-Feb-57 A3C FRANKLIN D. SCHWEIGERT

KB-50 SUPERFORTRESS

13-Mar-57 A2C ROBERT E. CRAIG
13-Mar-57 A2C BILLY B. ROSE
8-May-57 SSGT THOMAS E. O'CONNOR
8-May-57 A3C DONALD E. COSPER
13-Aug-58 A2C FRANCIS C. HERMANCE, 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. SCSERBAK
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" MACKKEY

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.
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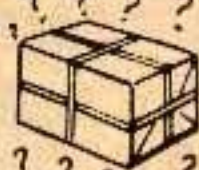
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